

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:10 p.m. December 19, 2013, by President Bill Anderson.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Bill Anderson	Yes	Bob Listen	Yes
Wilson Brown	Yes	Randy Oberlander	Yes
Randy Blair	NO	Joe Offolter	Yes
Ellen Caines	Yes	John Smicklas	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	C.R. Trout	Yes
Joan Charlton	Yes	Robert Zoellner	Yes
David Faulkner	Yes		

TRAO staff members present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas

John Smicklas made a motion to approve the October 10, 2013 newly amended board meeting minutes, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Dennis D. Galyon of Engelbach Roberts & CO. PPLC discussed the 2012 Audit, suggestions were made on having the check signers initial the paid invoices to

Joan Charlton made a motion to approve the 2012 Audit, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

John Smicklas made a motion to accept Dennis D. Galyon of Engelbach Roberts & CO. PPLC for the 2014 Audit Ellen Caines seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Bryan with Racing Free discussed the incentives of the program. This program is for Thoroughbred and Quarter horse Owners.

John Smicklas made a motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financials, Robert Zoellner seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook as presented, Joan Charlton seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Bob Listen made a motion to go into Executive Session, Wilson Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Ellen Caines seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas discussed the status of the 2014 Fair Meadows meet which will run one more year. Mr. Lucas discussed that each Race Track has to send in a list of management for the upcoming year of 2014 and Mr. Ron Shotts is not on the list. Joe Lucas would like to see the 400 races moved to Will Rogers Downs for 2014, or Fair Meadows to hold the race meet and they outsource their staff. Mr. Lucas would like to see Fair Meadows and the Cherokees build a relationship. Fair Meadows is good through 2014, but has to submit their new application for 2015 by June 30.

Joe Lucas discussed the Political and Industry Sponsorship the TRAO needs to be prepared for this upcoming election year. The TRAO should sponsor dinners for the governor and various statewide offices. Joe Lucas wants up to \$15,000.

Joe Offolter made a motion to spend up to \$15,000 for sponsorships for the upcoming election year for our Representatives, Dave Faulkner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas gave updates on medication, Compounding will be going Congress. Before the commission finalizes any medication going to zero tolerance the TRAO needs to figure out their stance on all medication. Joe Lucas wants to be the voice of the horsemen, but he needs the Trainers to get educated on where medication is headed.

Joe Lucas discussed Gary Huddleston's 2014 contract.

David Faulkner made a motion to approve Gary Huddleston's 2014 contract, Joan Charlton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the Remington Park Purse Report, we cut 12 races from last year, only ran 600, and our overpayment for 2013 should be around \$113, 000.

Danielle Barber discussed the 2013 Remington Park Handle Report, we were \$164,000 under live what we did last year, export is 5.6mil to the good. Only ran 66 days.



The TRAO held 2 General Membership meetings on December 5<sup>th</sup> in the track kitchen and December 14<sup>th</sup> at heritage place. PowerPoint Presentation will be available on the website.

Discussion regarding the dental program, raising the dental program from \$500 per member up to \$1000 per member.

Boyd Caster made a motion to increase the dental program from \$500 per member to \$1000 per member, Joan Charlton seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber requested to PTF \$1 million to the Will Rogers Purse Account before the beginning of the meet.

John Smicklas made a motion to PTF Will Rogers Downs \$1million to the Purse Account, Robert Zoellner seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Stallion Stakes deadline was December 1<sup>st</sup>, we have received two late nominations.

John Smicklas made a motion that due to inclement weather and short notice we are accepting two late stallion nominations to the Stallion Stakes IV, John Charlton seconded, roll vote taken, motion did not carry.

Ellen	No
Boyd	Yes
Joan	Yes
Dave	Yes
Bob	NO
Randy	NO
Joe	NO
John	NO
Robert	NO

John Smicklas made a motion to hold the 2014 National HBPA Summer Convention spending up to \$20,000, Ellen Caines seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn John Smicklas made a motion to adjourn, Ellen Caines seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

  
Bill Anderson, President

5.30.14  
Date