

THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. July 30, 2015, by Board President Dave Faulkner.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Kari Craddock	No	Randy Oberlander	Yes
Randy Blair	Yes	Joe Offolter	Yes
Ellen Caines	Yes	John Smicklas	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	C.R. Trout	Yes
Joan Charlton	Yes	Tim Williams	Yes
Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes	Robert Zoellner	No
Dave Faulkner	Yes		

Also present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas and Dennis Gaylon and Boyd Music representing Engelbach Roberts & Co., PLLC.

Dennis Gaylon and Boyd Music with Engelbach Roberts & Co. PLLC made a thorough presentation regarding the 2014 TRAO audit. Mr. Engelbach discussed every page of the audit, and stated the audit presented was fair.

Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to approve the 2014 annual audit, Joan Charlton seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the May 19, 2015 board meeting minutes, Ellen Caines seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Financials, Donnie K. Von Hemel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber and Joe Lucas presented the board with the proposed bylaws from the bylaw committee.

Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to approve the amended bylaws as presented effective July 30, 2015, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber gave an update on the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission Retired Thoroughbred Program, the TRAO is waiting on a letter stating all funds have been exhausted.

Joe Lucas updated the board on Oklahoma legislative issues, in particular the interim study for internet gaming.

Discussion also took place regarding the OHRC Rule 325:25-1-10 Horses Ineligible to Start in a Race, sub paragraph (7) rule states: Such horse is owned in whole or in part or trained by any person who is suspended or ineligible for a license or ineligible to participate under the rules of any Turf Governing Authority or Stud Book Registry.

C.R. Trout made a motion for the TRAO board to support Joe Lucas to change the language regarding OHRC Rule 325:25-1-10 sub paragraph (7), Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas updated the board on the Federal Anti-doping legislation (H.R.3804).

Joe Offolter made a motion for the TRAO board to oppose the Anti-doping's current language, Joan Charlton seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed a prospective purse increase at Remington Park and distributed a work sheet outlining the points of either a 10% or 5 % increase across the board including maiden and allowance races.

Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to increase purses at Remington Park in the amount of 10% above what's in the condition book and the TRAO will take the money for OK Classics out of the operating account, instead of transferring the money from the PTF, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.


Unforeseen Business:

Danielle Barber discussed a request from Joe Alexander regarding the Equine Special Olympics donation.

Joan Charlton made a motion to donate \$5,000 to the Equine Special Olympics, Donnie K. Von Hemel seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion to adjourn, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.


Dave Faulkner, President


Date