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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. March 12, 2015, held at Will Rogers Downs, by Board President Dave Faulkner.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

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

Also present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas, and Matt Vance Executive Vice President of Remington Park, Jennifer Schroeder and Lynn Sullivan representing Thoroughbred Athletes.

CR Trout made a motion to approve the amended October 30, 2014 board meeting minutes, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Offolter made a motion to go into Executive Session, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Offolter made a motion to come out of Executive Session, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Thoroughbred Athletes President Jennifer Schroeder and Executive Director Lynn Sullivan, discussed funding and findings of the Thoroughbred Athletes spot check by the TRAO.

C.R. Trout made a motion to end discussion with the Thoroughbred Athletes, Kari Craddock seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Thoroughbred Athletes President Jennifer Schroeder and Executive Director Lynn Sullivan left the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Joe Offolter made a motion to start requesting monthly reports starting on April 1, 2015 and revert back to the original funding of \$200 for adoption and \$150 for pension, Boyd Caster seconded, the motion passed.

C.R. Trout opposed motion.

Joe Lucas discussed the revamping of the current bylaws and creating a committee to review and make any changes the board deems necessary.

Dave Faulkner appointed a bylaw committee consisting of, Donnie K. Von Hemel, Robert Zoellner, and C.R. Trout with Danielle Barber and Joe Lucas consulting. Mr. Faulkner would like to have the bylaws established 30 days prior to the new election cycle.

Matt Vance, Executive Vice President of Remington Park discussed the current RPDC report and how well they are doing with the addition of Pocola. Mr. Vance has meet with the General Manager of the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribe in regards to opening an OTB in Clinton, this is a work in progress.

Mr. Vance discussed the Sponsorship with TVG and how great the ROI was and is requesting from the TRAO \$50,000 to keep the campaign going.

C.R. Trout made a motion to continue the TVG sponsorship program and give Remington Park \$50,000 to keep the campaign going, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Financials, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

The 2015 budget and funding of the Oklahoma Classics were discussed and the Executive Committee gave their recommendations to the full board.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the 2015 budgets and the funding for the Oklahoma Classics to come out of the PTF Fund, Ellen Caines seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas updated the board on current legislative issues, none as of right now.

Danielle Barber requested a transfer of \$1mil from the PTF to be transferred to the Will Rogers Downs Purse account.


Kari Craddock made a motion to transfer \$1mil to the Will Rogers Downs Purse account, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the requirement in the bylaws regarding the board to vote for President by secret ballot.


Robert Zoellner made a motion to suspend the requirement in the bylaws regarding voting for the TRAO President by secret ballot, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion, from the floor, to nominate Dave Faulkner as the TRAO President for 2015, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion to adjourn, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.



Dave Faulkner, President



Date