

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. May 29, 2014, by Board President Dave Faulkner. This was an unscheduled meeting, due to the lack of a quorum for the May 1, 2014 scheduled meeting.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

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

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

Also in attendance, Danny Caldwell, Steve Dupy. Also in attendance, Spence Kidney of Heritage Place.

Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Dupy discussed the current purse structure, both remained for the board meeting.

Spence Kidney, with Heritage Place presented the board with a proposal to partner with the TRAO on having a 2 year old sale futurity designed specifically for consigners and buyers. TRAO will take this matter under advisement and will reconvene at a later date. Mr. Kidney left the meeting at 12:53.

**John Smicklas made a motion to approve the March 7, 2014 board meeting minutes, C. R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Randy Blair made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financials, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Joe Lucas discussed the upcoming special on HRTV regarding the Oklahoma Equine Disaster Relief. Mr. Lucas, also updated the board on the status of 2014 Fair Meadows Meet.

Danielle Barber discussed the Purse Committee's recommendations for the Ladies on the Lawn to stay at \$50,000 and be on "probation" for two years (will not be black type status), changing the name of the Oklahoma Classics Turf to OK Classics Turf, switching the distance of the Debartalo 1-1/16 and the Remington Green to 1-1/8, and add \$100,000 to the Stakes Schedule, for 3 year old and up fillies and mares, "She's All In Stakes", going 1 mile 70 yards at the end of the Remington Park Race Meet.

**C.R. Trout made a motion to accept the Purse Committee recommendations, John Smicklas seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber discussed the 2014 Will Rogers Down Meet.

**Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to PTF \$524,338 to Will Rogers Downs Oklahoma Bred Account, Boyd Caster seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber, discussed the Benevolence Committee recommendations.

**Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion, for a TRAO member to have 10 starts the prior calendar year or 5 starts in the current calendar year to become eligible for benevolence, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Under Unforeseen Business:

Ms. Barber discussed the issues with check signing.

**C.R. Trout made a motion to allow Danielle Barber and Tammy Wright to be check signers, with a limit of \$2500, if the amount exceeds the limit this will required an electronic approval from two (2) board members on the Finance Committee, John Smicklas seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Barber discussed the Retired TB Horse Fund and the criteria the TRAO currently has.

**Randy Blair made a motion to have Danielle Barber and Joe Lucas review the criteria and come back with recommendations of changes to be presented at the next board meeting, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

**CR. Trout made a motion to adjourn, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

  
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Dave Faulkner, President

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