

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. May 7th 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	Yes	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 and Joe Lucas.

Joan Charlton made a motion to approve the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 board meeting minutes, Randy Blair seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reconciled financials prepared by Ric Hedges CPA., C.R. Trout seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The 2013 Will Rogers Downs purse report and the day to day simulcast comparison report was given to the board. The daily average for Okie Breds were up \$5,800, the Overnight Purses are down by \$43,345. In comparison to last year we are down a total 7 races and down 3 Okie bred races. Ms. Barber also stated the TRAO will have to PTF funds to the Will Rogers Downs Okie Bred account.

The Remington Park Stakes Schedule was discussed. Danielle Barber stated the overnight purse structure was not cut but the stakes schedule had to be cut back approximately \$500,000 to avoid an overpayment at the end of the year and to reach the contractual agreement of 17% for stakes. No Classics Stakes races were cut but the TRAO will have to absorb the extra money so no OK Bred Stakes would be cut from the program. The TRAO will be absorb approximately \$76,000 more than last year.

The Advisory Committee discussed the Stallion Stakes to the full board. Their recommendation was to change the name of the Te Ata and Tishomingo Stakes and rename them "Stallion Stakes," which would mean that all of the nominated stallion's progeny would be eligible. They would start with 3 year olds.

Randy Blair made a motion for the Advisory Committee to reevaluate the Stallion Stakes and contingent upon Fair Meadows filing for their 2014 Racing application/dates come back to the board for approval, Ellen Caines seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

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

C.R. Trout made a motion to come out of executive session, Dave Faulkner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

John Smicklas reported for the Retired TB Committee that they would like the TRAO to commit up to \$75,000 to the Retired TB Fund.

Joe Offolter made a motion to match what Remington and Will Rogers Downs contribute and for TRAO not to exceed \$75,000, Wilson Brown seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made motion to take the funds for the Retired TB Program out of RPDC Joan Charlton seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The check signers for the Retired TB Program will be Danielle Barber, Wilson Brown and John Smicklas.

The TRAO Board was given two quotes from CPA's listed in Oklahoma City for their review to conduct the 2012 audit.

Joe Offolter made a motion for Danielle Barber to interview both auditors for the 2012 audit and to hire who she deems necessary, C.R. Trout seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The TRAO Annual Awards Banquet was discussed. The board was given a memo that included the Skirven and the Cowboy Hall of Fame quote. The prospective date for the event will be August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Wilson Brown makes a motion to adjourn, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

  
Bill Anderson, President

8-13-13  
Date