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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. October 30th, 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	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	C.R. Trout	Yes (arrived at 11:37)
Joan Charlton	Yes	Tim Williams	Yes
Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes	Robert Zoellner	Yes (arrived at 11:37)
David Faulkner	Yes		

Also present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright and Joe Lucas.

Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the September 25, 2014 board meeting minutes including the October 4, 2014 phone poll regarding sponsoring TVG's Breeders Cup "The Works" program, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Joe Lucas updated the board on current legislative issues, no issues as of right now.

Danielle Barber discussed the current bylaws and language that needs to be reviewed to reflect the changes of the new benevolence guidelines. This matter was tabled until legal counsel can review the language and Dave Faulkner can appoint a committee.

The Purse Committee met on Friday, October 24, 2014 to review the current purse report at Remington Park and gave their recommendations to the full board. The committee concluded and recommended that any money over the \$342 WPU would be used toward purses in the event there is an overpayment by the end of 2014 calendar year for Oklahoma Bred or purse monies at Remington Park, the shortfall will come out of the PTF, also the Purse Committee reviewed the 2015

Directive and concluded it needed a 20% reduction to the WRD average purse based on 300 races. This is due in part to WRD running 300 races instead of 320 and the average WPU has dropped by 20%.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to accept the Purse Committee recommendations, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the completion of the 2014 Remington Park meet. Ms. Barber stated that Remington Park's handle was up in 2014 compared to 2013.

Danielle Barber distributed the Will Rogers Downs purse report to the TRAO Board to show that the WPU is at \$183 at this time last year the WPU was \$211.

Danielle Barber gave an update to the current status of RPDC which was up from last year, due to the addition of Pocola.


At the September 25, 2014 board meeting, the TRAO Board voted to propose a change of the breed back rule to the OHRC to begin the rule making process therefore, Danielle Barber discussed the two breed back rule bullet points that need to be brought forth to the OHRC before November 6, 2014. The TRAO is requesting to remove the restriction of breeding back to accredited Oklahoma Stallions every other year. And the top 10 stallion bonus will be changed to the top 20 with no changes to ½ the award, starting with the breeding season of 2016 foals of 2017.

Randy Blair made a motion to accept the breeding season of 2016 foals of 2017, and send wording of bullet points to the OHRC before November 6, 2016, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the lack of participation in the 2015 Stallion Stakes and should we continue, this matter was tabled for a later date.

Randy Blair made a motion for the General Membership meeting located at Heritage Place to begin at 9:30 on December 13, 2014, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

C.R. Trout made a motion to adjourn, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.


Dave Faulkner, President

3-18-15
Date