

THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. September 25, 2014, 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	Yes	Tim Williams	Yes
Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes	Robert Zoellner	Yes
David Faulkner	Yes		

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

C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the August 7, 2014 board meeting minutes Joe Offolter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

The 2015 Horsemen's Agreements were discussed and the contract committee gave their recommendations to the full board for Will Rogers Downs, Fair Meadows and Remington Park.

On the recommendation of the board Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the 2015 Horsemen Agreements for Will Rogers Downs, Fair Meadows and Remington Park with the recommended changes, Joan Charlton, seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Joe Lucas presented the board with four proposed guidelines for the Retired Thoroughbred Program which were, Retired Thoroughbred Racing Stock (Compromise), Retired Thoroughbred Racing Stock, Retired Thoroughbred Racehorse, and Retired Thoroughbred. Mr. Lucas discussed the differences of wording on each guideline.

Kari Craddock made a motion to approve the proposed guideline for Retired Thoroughbred Racing Stock (Compromise), Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Randy Blair made a motion to "grandfather" any pending applicants under the old Retired Thoroughbred Program guidelines, Robert Zoellner seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Wright discussed the terms and conditions of the on-site medical clinic at Remington Park. Ms. Wright asked for the board's recommendation of a set-amount to be charged against the patient's annual medical benefit of \$2,500.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve an amount of \$60.00 that will be charged against the patients annual medical benefit for each office visit, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the Remington Purse Report, the daily average for OK Bred is up with more winning in open races and field size is up from last year. The WPU is down due to several big jack pot winners. Remington Park handle is up from last year by \$2.4 million.

Danielle Barber distributed the Will Rogers Downs purse report to the TRAO board to show that the average WPU is \$182 at this time last year the WPU was \$213.

Danielle Barber requested a transfer of \$177,300 from the PTF to be transferred to the Fair Meadows OK Bred account.

Danielle Barber gave an update on the current status of RPDC which was up from last year. This is due to the addition of Pocola, Ms. Barber also stated that RPDC has given Sallisaw a 30 day notice of closing caused by handle decreases.

C.R. Trout discussed the current breed back rule and asked the board for a consideration in changing the current OK bred rule to allow breeders to breed out of state every year and extend the stallion bonus from the top 10 to the top 20 stallions by earnings.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to change the current breed back rule to allow breeders the option to breed out of state every year and extend the stallion bonus from the top 10 to 20 and for this to be added to the November Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission agenda for consideration, Ellen Caines seconded, and a roll call vote was taken. The motion passed (8) yes, (2) no and (1) abstention.


Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes	Kari Craddock	Yes
Robert Zoellner	Yes	Tim Williams	Yes
Joe Offolter	Yes	Joan Charlton	Abstain
Randy Oberlander	No	Jobie Caster	No
Randy Blair	Yes	Ellen Caines	Yes
C.R. Trout	Yes		

Danielle Barber asked the TRAO board to increase the total scholarship amount an additional \$3,000 totaling \$12,500 for the year.

Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to approve the increase the total scholarship amount an additional \$3,000 totaling \$12,500 for the year, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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


Dave Faulkner, President


Date