

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION of OKLAHOMA

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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., March 28, 2017, by Board President Dave Faulkner.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Randy Blair	Yes	Wilson Brown	Yes
Danny Caldwell	<i>via phone</i>	Veronica Griggs	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	David Faulkner	Yes
Kenny Nolen	Yes	Joe Offolter	Yes
C.R. Trout	<i>via phone</i>	Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes
Michele Williams	Yes	Tim Williams	Yes
Robert Zoellner	No		

Also present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas and Matt Vance, Vice President of Remington Park.

**Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 board meeting minutes, Michelle Williams seconded, with Kenny Nolen and Veronica Griggs abstaining, the motion passed.**

Donnie K. Von Hemel excused himself from the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Matt Vance, Vice President of Remington Park gave a presentation regarding the life size Clever Trevor Statue that will be placed in the Remington Park paddock area. Mr. Vance is asking for the TRAO to give a platinum donation of \$10,000. (Matt Vance left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

**Wilson Brown made a motion to give Remington Park a platinum donation of \$10,000 to Remington Park for the Clever Trevor Statue, Michele Williams seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Donnie K. Von Hemel entered the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials with the board.

**C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the 2016 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber gave the board an update on the 2016 TRAO financial audit, should be complete by June.

Joe Lucas updated the board on legislative issue as well as an update on the National HBPA convention outlining that the National HBPA is wanting to partner with the NTRA.

**Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion for the TRAO not to support the NTRA through the National HBPA and for the TRAO to address a change in the number of duties that Mr. Leroy Gessman has at the next Executive Committee meeting held in June, Joe Offolter seconded the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber distributed the current Will Rogers Downs Purse Report showing the daily average is down from 2016, with the average WPU for February being up from \$205 in 2016 to \$208 in 2017.

Danielle Barber discussed payments into the Stallion Stakes, Breeding Season of 2017.

**Donnie K. Von Hemel, made a motion to not accept payments that do not meet the criteria of the Stallion Stakes deadline of April 15 2017, Tim Williams seconded, the motion passed with Randy Blair abstaining.**

Danielle Barber reviewed with the board the 2017 Remington Park amended race dates and addressed amending the current 2017 horsemen's agreement regarding extras and scratching down to less than a 10 horse field. After much discussion, Ms. Barber will have the amended wording together and will present it at the May board meeting.

Danielle Barber update the board on the RPDC report which is down, however Newcastle OTB opened on March 8, 2017, which should slowly increase handle.

Danielle Barber reviewed the PTF spreadsheet with the board showing the balance of \$2.5 million. The TRAO will be sending over \$1million to Remington Park prior to the 2017 TB meet.

Danielle Barber gave an update on the upcoming 2017 Fair Meadow's TB meet and all stating that all stall applications will be online starting this year.

As required by the TRAO bylaws, A President is elected annually and this was the first board meeting for 2017. Joe Offolter nominated Dave Faulkner.

**Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to accept Dave Faulkner's nomination by acclimation, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Joe Offolter made a motion to go into executive session and to ask that Joe Lucas leave the meeting, Michele Williams seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

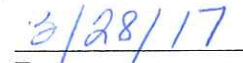
**Randy Blair made a motion to come out of executive session, Joe Offolter seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

Danielle Barber discussed the current 2017 operating budget and asked the board to amend the legal fees current budget from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Donnie K. Von Hemel made a motion to amend the 2017 operating budget for legal fees from \$10,000 to \$20,000, Wilson Brown seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Offolter made a motion to adjourn, Kenny Nolen seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

  
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Dave Faulkner, President

  
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