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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., May 16, 2017 at Will Rogers Downs, by Board President Dave Faulkner.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

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

Also present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas and Mark Ramsey, Attorney for the Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma.

C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the March 28, 2017 board meeting minutes, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2017 1st Quarter Financials with the board.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to approve the 2017 1st Quarter Financials, Danny Caldwell 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 issues and discussed and OHRC adopting the ARCI's guidelines for thresholds, except Lasix and Bute will take a rule change.

C.R. Trout made a motion for the TRAO to support OHRC adopting the ARCI's guidelines for thresholds, Robert Zoellner seconded with Boyd Caster abstaining, the motion passed.

Danielle Barber distributed the current Will Rogers Downs Purse Report showing the daily average WPU for April being up from \$208 in 2016 to \$217 in 2017.

Danielle Barber discussed the 2017 Will Rogers Downs Handle Report with the board.

Danielle Barber reviewed the 2017 Remington Park amended race dates and discussed amending the current 2017 Horsemen's Agreement regarding extras and scratching down to less than a 10 horse field. Ms. Barber will have the amended wording together for the 2017 Horsemen's Agreement and will present it at the August board meeting.

Danielle Barber discussed the upcoming 2017 Remington Park Stakes Schedule with the changes to the Remington Spring Board Mile going from \$300,000 to \$400,000 and lowering the David M. Vance from \$150,000 to \$150,000.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to accept the changes to the Remington Spring Board Mile to \$400,000 but keep the David M. Vance at \$150,000, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle reviewed the current 2017 Remington Park Purse Structure with the board.

Randy Blair made a motion to accept the current 2017 Remington Park Purse Structure, Boyd Caster seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to go into executive session to include Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright and Mark Ramsey, Kenny Nolen seconded, the motion passed unanimously. Joe Lucas exited the meeting.

Robert Zoellner made a motion to come out of executive session, Randy Blair seconded, the motion passed unanimously.


Danielle Barber updated the board on the April 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 \$2.8 million as of April.

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



Dave Faulkner, President



Date