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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 10:10 p.m. February 5th 2013, by President Donnie K. Von Hemel.

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 (arrived at 10:20)
Joan Charlton	Yes	Robert Zoellner	Yes
David Faulkner	Yes		

TRAO staff members present: Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas.
Also in attendance Matt Vance with Remington Park, Marty Howerton with Howerton Financial.

Joe Offolter made a motion to approve the November 16th, 2012 minutes, Bill Anderson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Matt Vance with Remington Park proposed a TVG Sponsorship Program for the 2013 RP Thoroughbred Meet. His proposal wants to drive handle and awareness. Remington Parks Budget is already in place so they are asking TRAO to do this as a joint venture in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Vance is asking for a 90 day lead time. Remington Park wants to push Wednesday and Thursday nights. Danielle will follow-up with Mr. Vance on questions the board has before the next Board meeting.

Marty Howerton discussed the 2011 audit report.

Randy Oberlander made a motion to approve the 2011 audit, Bill Anderson seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Ric Hedges CPA submitted the reconciled 4th Quarter Financials.

Joan Charlton made a motion to approve 4th Quarter Financials, seconded by Robert Zoellner, motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Liaison Report, Joe Lucas updated the board on the upcoming Legislative Issues, will have more details at the next board meeting. Mr. Lucas also discussed the importance of the Economic Impact Study.

Mr. Lucas stated RPDC will be opening a new location at Newcastle Gaming Center the estimated date will be at the end of March.

Discussion of the Conflict of Interest policy for Officers and Directors of TRAO Retired Horse Fund and Conflict of Interest for the Benevolence Fund.

Motion made by C.R. Trout to approve the both Conflict of Interest policies, seconded by David Faulkner motion passed unanimously.

Joe Offolter made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Bill Anderson

Motion made by Joe Offolter to come out of executive session, seconded by Robert Zoellner, motion passed unanimously

Joe Offolter made a motion to transfer \$1 million from the PTF over to WRD Purse Account before the meet starts, Joan Charlton seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Anderson asked the Board to extend their great thanks for Donnie K. Von Hemel who has been with the board for 20 years and acting board president for 3 years.

Wilson Brown nominated Bill Anderson for TRAO Board President.

C.R. Trout made the motion that Bill Anderson be voted in by acclamation, seconded by Bob Listen, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion for proposed board meeting dates, the board agreed to move forward with all proposed dates, March 5th at WRD, May 7th at WRD, August 13th at Remington Park, October 10th at Remington Park and December 5th at Remington Park.

All TRAO Board members were asked to select which committee they would like to serve on, Benevolence, Contract, Executive, Purse, and Advisory Committees.

Joan Charlton made a motion to adjourn, C.R. Trout seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Bill Anderson, President

Date