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The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30am, Wednesday, March 20, 2024, by Board President Joe Offolter, located at Will Rogers Downs.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Randy Blair	Yes	Mike Major	Yes <i>(zoom)</i>
Mike Biehler	Yes <i>(zoom)</i>	Raymond Deiter	Yes
Danny Caldwell	No	Joe Offolter	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes <i>(zoom)</i>	C.R. Trout	Yes
Terry Westemeir	Yes	Scott Young	Yes
Bryan Hawk	Yes	Donnie K Von Hemel	Yes <i>(zoom)</i>

Also in attendance, Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright and Joe Lucas.

Bryan Hawk made a motion to approve the December 13, 2023, TRAO board meeting minutes, C.R. Trout seconded, with Raymond Deiter and Donnie K. Von Hemel abstaining, the motion passed.

C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the February 5, 2024, TRAO board meeting minutes, Bryan Hawk seconded, with Raymond Deiter and Donnie K. Von Hemel abstaining, the motion passed.

Danielle Barber introduced the two new appointed TRAO board members, Raymond Deiter and Donnie K. Von Hemel.

Scott Young made a motion to approve the TRAO 2023, 4th Quarter Financials, Bryan Hawk seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas gave an industry update on legislative issues in Oklahoma and the status of the HISA lawsuit in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Danielle Barber discussed the procedures for the 2025 election for Owner and Breeder. The board was given recommendations for the Election Director, Ric Hedges (an independent CPA) and the previous three (3) election committee members consisting of

Joe Alexander, Bill Anderson and Randy Oberlander and an alternate of Kenny Nolen if needed.

Randy Blair made a motion to approve the procedures and three (3) election committee members consisting of Joe Alexander, Bill Anderson, and Randy Oberlander with the alternate being Kenny Nolen and to approve Ric Hedges CPA as the Election Director, Terry Westemeir seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was brought up by several TRAO board members to change the term limits and to have an open discussion at the next board meeting regarding a bylaw change of term limits.

Danielle Barber distributed the 2024 PTF report and discussed sending funding for Will Roger's Downs Oklahoma Bred funding and Purse account.

Unforeseen/Unfinished:

C.R. Trout made a motion from the floor to nominate Joe Offolter as the TRAO Board President for a 2-year term beginning in the current year of 2024 ending in calendar year of 2025. Bryan Hawk seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

President Joe Offolter will distribute the TRAO Committee member appointments.

Danielle Barber distributed Trainer Terry Luneack's board resignation letter to the TRAO Board for discussion.

Bryan Hawk made a motion to appoint J. Alan Williams to fill the Trainer vacancy on the TRAO Board, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Hawk gave the TRAO board an update on the Advisory's Committee last meeting.

Danielle Barber gave the TRAO board an update on the 2023 Audit, which is in the process and should be completed sometime in June for the board to review.

Danielle Barber discussed with the TRAO board the downgrading of the Remington Park Oaks from a Grade III to Listed Stakes.

Danielle Barber distributed the jockey scale payout that was sent to her by their guild rep to the discuss with TRAO board, no action was taken.

C.R. Trout made a motion to adjourn, Scott Young seconded, the motion passed unanimously.



Joe Offolter, President

Date 5-29-24