

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA

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Wednesday, September 25, 2024

The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30am, Wednesday, September 25 by Board President Joe Offolter, located at TRAO building.

Roll was called and a quorum was determined.

TRAO Board members present:

Randy Blair	Yes ( <i>zoom</i> )	Joe Offolter	Yes
Mike Biehler	Yes( <i>zoom</i> )	C.R. Trout	Yes
Danny Caldwell	Yes( <i>zoom</i> )	Scott Young	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	Donnie K. Von Hemel	Yes( <i>zoom</i> )
Raymond Deiter	Yes	Terry Westemeir	Yes( <i>zoom</i> )
Bryan Hawk	Yes	J. Alan Williams	Yes
Mike Major	Yes		

Also in attendance, Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas, and Dennis D. Gaylon with Engelbach Roberts & Co. PLLC.

Scott Young made a motion to approve the August 9, 2024, TRAO board meeting minutes, C.R. Trout seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Dennis D. Gaylon of Engleback Roberts & Co., Plc., presented the TRAO Board with the findings of the 2023 TRAO audit and stated the audit was fair for all 4 companies: The Oklahoma HBPA Inc., Trust account, Retired Horse account and the Breeders account.

C.R. Trout made a motion to accept the 2023 TRAO audit, Bryan Hawk seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Lucas gave an industry update on legislation issues in Oklahoma and what the status of the HISA lawsuit in the 5<sup>th</sup> circuit court is and the next process. He also discussed what the Center of American Rights has done and what they will continue to do in the fight against HISA pro bono.

C.R. Trout made a motion to donate \$20,000 to the Center of America Rights, Bryan Hawk seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber discussed the TRAO resolution to the TRAO Board members in regard to amending the bylaws to change the term limit for board members from a three-year, to four-year term starting in 2025 for review.

C.R. Trout made a motion to approve the TRAO resolution to amend the bylaws that will change the term limits from three-year to four-year term starting in 2025, Scott Young seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Danielle Barber updated the board on the tornado damage at Will Rogers Downs and the progress on the barns. Will Rogers Downs lower barns are slated for demolition and reconstruction; however, specifics await confirmation from Belfor Insurance Company. She will periodically brief the board as new information arises.

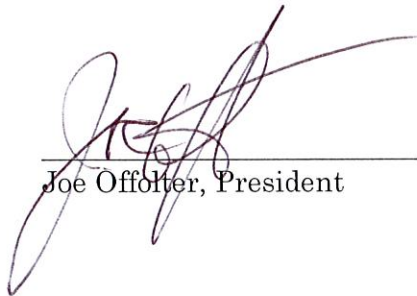
Terry Westemeir requests the TRAO Board to initiate discussions with the OHRC regarding a potential revision to the selection process for the Oklahoma Bred Champions year awards.

President Joe Offolter will put together a committee to discuss the potential revision on the selection process for the Oklahoma Bred Champions year end awards and they can present their findings at the next TRAO Board meeting for review.

Danielle Barber let the TRAO Board know the approved 2025 TRAO Horsemen's Agreements were signed by each perspective track and sent to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission.

Danielle Barber disbursed to the TRAO Board the 2025 Approved Race dates for each perspective tracks.

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

  
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Joe Offolter, President

Date 11-13-24