

# THOROUGHBRED RACING ASSOCIATION OF OKLAHOMA

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Wednesday, October 11, 2023

The TRAO Board Meeting was called to order at 11:30am, Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 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>	Mike Major	Yes
Mike Biehler	Yes	Kenny Nolen	No
Danny Caldwell	Yes	Joe Offolter	Yes
Boyd Caster	Yes	C.R. Trout	Yes
Terry Westemeir	Yes	Scott Young	Yes
Bryan Hawk	Yes	Robert Zoellner	No
Theresa Luneack	No		

Also in attendance Danielle Barber, Tammy Wright, Joe Lucas, John Chancy, Executive Director of the OHRC via zoom, Kelly Cathey, RP Racing Secretary, David Moore, OHRC Steward, Glen Murphy, OHRC Steward and Victor Escobar OHRC Steward.

**Terry Westemeir made a motion to approve the August 8, 2023, TRAO board meeting minutes, Scott Young seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

John Chancy, Executive Director of the OHRC and the OHRC stewards had an open discussion with the TRAO board regarding the Category 1 Rule and the effects on this year's 2023 TB meet. Mr. Chancy requested the TRAO board to support leaving the Category 1 rule in place and to revisit the rule prior to the 2024 Remington Park Meet.

John Chancy, David Moore, Glen Murphy, Victor Escobar and Kelly Cathey left the meeting at 12:15p.m.

**Danny Caldwell made a motion to support leaving the Category 1 Rule in effect and to revisit the rule prior to the 2024 Remington Park TB Meet, Mike Biehler seconded the motion passed unanimously.**

Joe Lucas gave an industry update on legislation issues in Oklahoma and what the current status of the HISA lawsuit in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit court. He also discussed the new federal legislation introduced by the National HBPA called RHSA that the industry hopes will repeal and replace HISA legislation and what the Center for American Rights has done in the fight against HISA pro bono.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to send a donation of \$10,000 to Center for American Rights out of the Breeder's administration account, Boyd Caster seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

The Contract Committee presented the 2024 Remington Park, Will Rogers Downs and Fair Meadows Horsemen's Agreement's to the TRAO Board.

Bryan Hawk made a motion to accept the 2024 Remington Park Horsemen's Agreement as presented, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Terry Westemeir made a motion to accept the 2024 Will Rogers Downs Horsemen's Agreement as presented, Danny Caldwell seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Scott Young made a motion to accept the 2024 Fair Meadows Horsemen's Agreement as presented, Mike Major seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

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Danielle Barber discussed losing jock mount with the TRAO Board.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to table losing jock mount at this time, Mike Biehler seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

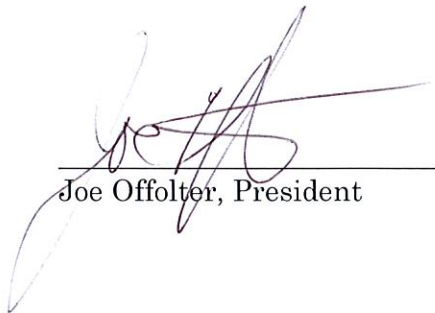
Danielle Barber discussed with the TRAO Board in regards to a phone conversation she had with the Board President of the TTA, Terry Sheffield involving races of Accredited Texas Bred vs. Oklahoma Breds. She will look into this matter further to see what the pros and cons would be.

Danielle Barber discussed the TRAO scholarship program with the TRAO Board.

Boyd Caster made a motion to increase the scholarship from \$1,500 to \$2,000 starting immediately, Scott Young seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Bryan Hawk discussed having a meeting with the TRAO Bred Advisory Committee to have an open discussion in regards to broodmare's receiving 100% of the broodmare award and how to better promote the Oklahoma Bred Program. A meeting will be set up in the following weeks.

Danny Caldwell made a motion to adjourn, Terry Westemeir seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

  
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Joe Offolter, President

Date 12-13-23