

TTA Board of Directors Meeting
JULY 31, 2020 10:00am Conference Call

The meeting was called to order by President Phil Adams and the roll was called with the following directors participating: Adams, Adger, Carson, Eoff, Johnsen, Mallet, Sheffield, Smith, Winters and Witt. Director Peek joined the call in progress. Directors Asmussen, Bryant, Deal, Hicks, Leckinger, Moulton, Savage, Schafer, Stephens and Tracy were absent. Directors Hicks and Stephens gave their proxy to Director Carson. TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle also participated.

Ruyle presented a proposal by Texas A&M University to conduct a survey to assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on equine-related businesses in Texas, at a cost of \$20,000. Survey results will be used to help keep Horse Industry Escrow Account funding in place during the 2021 legislative session and for future sessions. The survey will be completed by November, in time for distribution to legislative staff prior to the session.

Director Carson made a motion to approve the survey proposal with a fee not to exceed \$20,000. Director Johnsen seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle reported that Exacta Systems has offered to assist in the retention of lobbyist Bill Miller for the 2021 legislative session. It is not anticipated that any gaming issues will be considered in the session and Mr. Miller's sole focus will be on educating legislators and efforts to keep Horse Industry Escrow Accounting Funding (as per HB 2463) in place.

Director Adger made a motion to accept the offer. Director Carson seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35am.