

TTA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting
June 18, 2016 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called with the following directors present or participating via conference call: Adams, Adger, Asmussen, Carson, Eoff, Few, Harris, Huntsinger, Keene, Savage, Stephens, Taylor, Tracy, Vardeman, Wiggins and Witt. Directors Bradfield, Deal, Leckinger, Melcher, and Moore were unable to participate. Executive Director Mary Ruyle participated as well. Ruyle announced that Directors Leckinger and Wiggins had assigned their proxy to Ken Carson.

Director Adger made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2016 Board of Directors meeting. Director Taylor seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Wiggins took the opportunity to thank the entire board for working with him over the past year as he served as president. He also expressed his opinion that the decisions to conduct the April 2-Year-Old In Training Sale and the upcoming Summer Yearling Sale were good for consignors and buyers.

Ruyle provided an update on entries for the Summer Yearling Sale, discussed eligibility requirements to be considered for the 2017 Texas Thoroughbred (Sales) Futurity, and options for dates to run the 2016 Texas Stallion Stakes races at Retama Park. She recapped a conversation she had with Chris Begala of Begala Consulting in Houston, regarding possible pursuit of initiatives beneficial to the horse industry during the 2017 legislative session. She also reported on the May meeting of the Texas Racing Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Finance and the June 14 meeting of the TRC.

Director Taylor presented the financial report. Director Adams made a motion to accept the report. Director Keene seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting. Ruyle was asked to prepare a report on the number of undeliverable/unpayable awards that were actually paid during the past few years.

The board then discussed eligibility requirements for the 2017 Texas Thoroughbred (Sales) Futurity. Sales director Tim Boyce would prefer that race eligibility be a marketing tool used to encourage participation in both sales. However, purses may not be sufficient if only sale graduates are eligible for the races, Director Few made a motion that, in addition to each foal of 2015 that is a graduate of the 2016 Texas Summer Yearling Sale or the 2017 Texas Two-Year-Old In Training Sale being eligible for the 2017 Futurity, each consignor and buyer of a horse that goes through the ring in the 2016 Texas Summer Yearling Sale shall receive a non-transferrable berth to be filled by December 31, 2016 with an Accredited Texas-bred foal of 2015 that did not pass through the ring at the Texas Summer Yearling Sale. Director Carson seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle gave a brief report for the ATB Breeding Committee, and an overview of the evening's awards banquet.

Director Tracy provided updates for the Educational Fund and Paddock Foundation.

Director Stephens nominated Phil Leckinger for the office of President. Director Adams seconded. Director Witt made a motion to cease nominations and elect Leckinger by acclamation. Director Adger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Adger nominated Phil Adams for the office of 1st Vice President. Director Tracy seconded. Director Witt made a motion to cease nominations and elect Adams by acclamation. Director Fewr seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Few nominated Bill Tracy for the office of 2nd Vice President. Director Witt seconded. Director Carson made a motion to cease nominations and elect Tracy by acclamation. Director Keene seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Carson nominated Fred Taylor for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Director Witt seconded. Director Adger made a motion to cease nominations and elect Taylor by acclamation. Director Savage seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

As immediate past president, Director Wiggins holds a seat on the Executive Committee, along with the newly elected officers and two at-large members.

Director Carson nominated Henry Witt for an at-large position on the Executive Committee, and Director Few seconded. Director Adger nominated Danny Keene for an at-large position on the Executive Committee, and Director Wiggins seconded.

Director Few made a motion to cease nominations and elect Witt and Keene by acclamation. Director Savage seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Since newly elected President Phil Leckinger was not in attendance, appointment of the Nomination and Election Committees was postponed.

The next meeting was set for Sunday, August 28 at Lone Star Park, with time to be announced.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.