

TTA Board of Directors Meeting
JUNE 19, 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, Asmussen, Carson, Deal, Eoff, Hicks, Johnsen, Leckinger, Mallet, Moulton, Peek, Savage, Schafer, Sheffield, Smith, Winters and Witt. Directors Bryant, Stephens and Tracy were absent. Director Tracy assigned his proxy to director Hicks. Also participating were TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle, Accountant Cheri Grant, Director Sales Tim Boyce, Denis Blake, Daniel Becka, J. Pete Laney, and Kent Slabotsky, Matt Vance, Tim Williams, and Roger Lewis, all of Global Gaming/Lone Star Park.

Lone Star Park representatives provided an update on the current Thoroughbred meet and answered questions.

Daniel Becka and J. Pete Laney reported on industry advocacy projects and activities in preparation for the 2021 legislative session.

Tim Boyce discussed the August Texas Yearling and Horses of Racing Age Sale, possibilities of adding online bidding capability, and broached the subject of a Winter Mixed Sale.

Director Hicks made a motion to get an assessment of the pavilion's infrastructure to accommodate online bidding. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Denis Blake reported that Keeneland Magazine is doing a three-part series entitled Lone Star Legacies. These may be material suitable for distribution to legislator offices in January. The first magazine in the series has already printed and the cost for 250 copies of the actual magazine is \$1,000. TTA could get color PDF's of the second and third installments with the only cost being in-office printing. J. Pete Laney can hand deliver them to legislative offices.

Director Carson made a motion to spend up to \$1,000 for 250 copies of the first magazine and add PDF color pages of the second and third installments. Director Leckinger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Blake then discussed the Texas Equine Online Directory that was originally estimated to cost \$18,000 but has now been reduced. The Directory will list all equine related business and services based in Texas, to include all breeds and disciplines. A request to use HIEA funds for the directory was made to the Texas Racing Commission but was denied. Director Carson made a motion to proceed with the directory to be funded by TTA while seeking partnerships to share costs. Director Asmussen seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Hicks made a motion to approve the minutes from the following conference call meetings: the March 21 Board of Directors, the April 23 Executive Committee, the May 14 Executive Committee, and the June 2 Executive Committee. Directors Carson seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Hicks made a motion to approve the financial report. Director Mallet seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle reported that Glenn Rogers DVM is running in the Republican Primary for HD 60 against a candidate supported by an ultraconservative group, and there is no Democratic opponent.

Director Carson made a motion to support Rogers' campaign with a PAC check in the amount of \$200. Director Mallet seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle reported that with no Thoroughbred racing at Retama Park, purse money has been transferred to Lone Star Park. In keeping with that, she recommended transferring Retama Park ATB Awards funds to Lone Star Park. Director Adams made a motion to transfer ATB Awards funds for 2020 racing at Retama Park to Lone Star Park. Director Peek seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle reported on the number of TTA members taking advantage of the 3-year membership promotion, paying for two years and getting the third year free, due to expire June 30th.

Director Sheffield made a motion to extend the membership promotion through December 31, 2020. Director Peek seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Adams reported on discussions with Bill Miller of Hillco Partners regarding potentially hiring him to provide lobby services from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Director Johnsen made a motion to commit funding to retain Miller while immediately starting fundraising efforts. Director Asmussen seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

The next order of business was the election of officers. Director Adger made a motion to nominate Phil Adams for President, which was seconded by Director Tracy. Director Sheffield made a motion that nominations cease and Adams be elected by acclamation. Director Adger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Adams made a motion to nominate Tracy Sheffield as First Vice President, which was seconded by Director Adger. Director Adams made a motion that nominations cease and Sheffield be elected by acclamation. Director Peek seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Adams made a motion to re-elect those currently serving as officers, which was seconded by Director Adger. The motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Adams made a motion to re-elect those currently serving on the Executive Committee, which was seconded by Director Leckinger. The motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Adams appointed Directors Tracy, Hicks, Winters, Carson, Peek, Adger and Stephens to serve on the Nominating Committee with Tracy as Chairman and Directors Carson, Sheffield and Witt to service on the Election Committee with Carson as Chairman.

Adams appointed Directors Asmussen, Bryant, Carson, Johnsen and Tracy to a Committee to review and discuss the ATB Programs and TTA Stakes.

With the TTA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner being cancelled in March and the uncertainty of rescheduling, President Adams made a motion to officially cancel it for 2020. Director Adger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting. Ruyle will issue refunds for pre-paid tickets and ship all awards and videos to the honorees.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for 3pm on Sunday, August 23rd in conjunction with the Texas Summer Yearling and HORA Sale at Lone Star Park.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.