

TTA Board of Directors Meeting
June 23, 2018 8:30a.m. Lone Star Park

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called with the following directors present: Adams, Adger, Bryant, Carson, Eoff, Johnsen, Leckinger, Peek, Savage, Schafer, Smith, Tracy and Witt. Directors Deal, Mallet, and Moore participated via conference call. Directors Asmussen, Moulton, Sheffield, Stephens and Vardeman did not participate. TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle participated along with Director of Sales Tim Boyce. Sam Houston Race Park Senior Director of Racing Operations Frank Hopf and Lone Star Park Director of Racing Bart Lang participated for a portion of the meeting.

Director Savage made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27 Board of Directors meeting, the March 28 Racing Committee conference call, and the April 30 Board of Directors conference call. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle presented the financial report for the fiscal year through April 30th. Director Witt made a motion to approve the report; Director Carson seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle also presented updates on ATB breeding statistics, the Sales Futurity, membership, the PAC, Educational Fund and The Paddock Foundation.

Director Johnsen suggested that the Lone Star Racing Club could be a source of new members, and Ruyle will inquire about getting a list of the Club participants to encourage them to join the TTA.

Ruyle discussed the need to make more people aware of the Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund. Director Johnsen suggested that Ruyle talk to Elizabeth Jensen with KEEP for ideas. Hopf suggested posting information in the HR department at Texas racetracks. Ruyle will also send scholarship information to Lynn Reardon at LOPE Texas.

The group then discussed the Texas Stallion Stakes Series and issues with filling the races and providing source funding for purses. Staff was asked to provide projections for different nomination opportunities, including a provision whereby eligible horses selling in the TTA sales could be late nominated.

Lang encouraged the board to develop and publish a plan for nomination and stallion participation fees in the event that a race in the series does not fill.

Other ideas included having a turf race as part of the series and repositioning the races within each meet to maximize participation and handle.

Director Savage made a motion to keep the current TSSS schedule for foals of 2016, with a race for 2-year-olds at Retama Park, and a race for 3-year-olds at Sam Houston Race Park and Lone Star Park. The TSSS schedule for foals of 2017 would be revised to have a 2-year-old race at Lone Star Park, a 2-year-old race at Retama Park and a 3-year-old race at Sam Houston Race Park. Director Adger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Staff will make appropriate changes to informational material, post on social media, and include in the August membership mailer. This change will be noted for any foals of 2017 that are in the Texas Thoroughbred Yearling and Mixed Sale in August. Staff will also prepare recommendations for use of funds for any race in the Series that does not fill.

Hopf and Lang then departed the call.

Director Johnsen discussed the need to increase per-race purses on a daily basis, and suggested that TTA work with TQHA to determine if there is interest in moving Lone Star Park Quarter Horse days and purse funds to Retama Park for 2019. This would enable Lone Star to focus solely on Thoroughbreds and potentially increase purses.

The next agenda item was the election of officers.

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

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

Director Carson nominated George Bryant for the office of 2nd Vice President. Director Witt seconded. Director Smith made a motion to cease nominations and elect Bryant by acclamation. Director Savage seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

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

With three at-large places to fill on the Executive Committee, Director Adger nominated Ken Carson and Director Peek seconded; President Leckinger nominated Corey Johnsen and Director Schafer seconded; Director Carson nominated Brent Savage and Director Witt seconded. Director Peek made a motion to cease nominations and elect Carson, Johnsen and Savage by acclamation. Director Schafer seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Leckinger appointed a Nominating Committee comprising Directors Asmussen, Carson, Mallet, Savage, Tracy, Vardeman, and Witt. He also appointed an Election Committee comprising Directors Carson, Mallet and Witt, with Witt as chairman of both committees.

Director of Sales Tim Boyce joined the call to provide a brief update on the Texas Yearling and Mixed Sale. He expects to have close to 100 head. After meeting with Scott Wells concerning needed repairs to the air conditioning system at the Sale Pavilion, it was decided to replace two

units and repair two units prior to the August sale, with two units to be replaced in 2019. Expenses will be paid from the Capital Account.

Ruyle announced that an Owners Seminar will be conducted on Sunday morning, August 26th with a presale party that evening. Ruyle will contact Rick Bailey with The Jockey Club to see if a representative can attend to explain the process of obtaining and transferring digital foal certificates. If so, the seminar can be videotaped for distribution on social media as a service to our members.

Director Adger made a motion to adopt a formal resolution in memoriam of former TTA director Ed Few, who passed away earlier this year. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Witt made a motion to further honor Few by committing to contribute \$1,000 per year for the next three years to the Ed Few Memorial Scholarship Fund in Jasper, Texas. Director Savage seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Leckinger advised that meetings would soon be taking place for the purpose of discussing and developing an action plan for seeking legislative initiatives in the 2019 session that will be beneficial to horsemen.

Ruyle informed the board of the opportunity to place an advertisement in a special issue of the Daily Racing Form honoring the Triple Crown winners, including Texas-bred Assault. Director Adger made a motion to place a full page ad and order extra copies of the issue to be provided to Texas legislators. President Leckinger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

The next meeting was scheduled for 10:30a.m. on Saturday, August 25 in conjunction with the Texas Yearling and Mixed Sale.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20a.m.