

TTA Board of Directors Meeting  
June 24, 2017 10:30a.m. Lone Star Park

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called with the following directors present: Adams, Adger, Carson, Eoff, Keene, Leckinger, Mallet, Peek, Savage, Sheffield, Tracy and Witt. Directors Few, Melcher, Moore, Taylor and Vardeman participated via conference call. Directors Asmussen, Bradfield, and Deal did not participate. TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle and Accreditation/Racing Manager Jennifer Gibbs participated along with Director of Sales Tim Boyce.

Boyce provided an update on the Texas Summer Yearling and Mixed Sale.

Director Savage made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3 Board of Directors Meeting. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Taylor presented the Secretary/Treasurer report for the fiscal year through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Director Eoff reported that he had been told Retama Park was considering either a purse cut or a reduction in the number of days for the 2017 Thoroughbred meet. Directors discussed possible restructuring of the Texas Stallion Stakes race dates and locations. President Leckinger appointed directors Adams and Adger to a committee to meet with Jan Haynes and Dr. Tommy Hays for further discussion.

Director Sheffield provided an update for the Roses to Ribbons Old Fashioned Horse Fair to be held at Lone Star Park on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Director Tracy made a motion to allow attendees at any Roses to Ribbons event to join the TTA as a new member at a special rate of \$30. Director Sheffield seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Taylor gave a report for the Marketing/Sponsorship Committee, and Director Sheffield discussed a blog she has started on The Paddock Foundation website to talk about the retraining of a horse she purchased through a Roses to Ribbons event. Ruyle mentioned that Numenor Farms would also be a good source of blog material, with help from Mary Cage.

Directors asked about selling TTA and/or Paddock Foundation logo items on the websites or Facebook.

Director Sheffield discussed future plans for The Paddock Foundation, including shows, clinics, maintaining an "honor roll" of participants who have purchased horses, and presenting them with certificates, stall plaques, etc.

Ruyle presented a request by the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium (RMTC) for a \$1,000 donation from Texas Thoroughbred Association Sales to help sponsor a meeting of its Scientific Advisory Committee on June 28 in San Diego, California. Director Tracy made a motion to do so; Director Keene seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Adams led a discussion about creating a Texas Derby and Oaks. President Leckinger appointed Directors Adams, Adger, Carson, Keene, Mallet and Taylor to pursue the idea.

The next agenda item was the election of officers.

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

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

Director Keene nominated Bill Tracy for the office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Director Savage seconded. Director Keene made a motion to cease nominations and elect Tracy by acclamation. Director Adger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

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

With three at-large places to fill on the Executive Committee, President Leckinger nominated Henry Witt; Director Adams nominated Danny Keene, and also nominated Director Carson. Director Adams made a motion to cease nominations and elect Witt, Keene and Carson by acclamation. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Leckinger appointed an Election Committee comprising Directors Carson, Sheffield and Tracy, with Tracy as chairman.

Leckinger appointed a Nominating Committee comprising Directors Adger (East Region), Witt (Central Region), Stephens (North Central Region), Peek (Northeast), Vardeman (West Region), Asmussen (South Region) and Eoff (at-large), with Adger as chairman.

Ruyle discussed a problem with getting candidates to run for Regional seats on the board of directors.

President Leckinger discussed the 2017 legislative session and work to be done prior to the 2019 session.

The next board meeting was sent for Saturday, August 19 at 10:00a.m. via conference call.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45p.m.

NOTE: The August 19 conference call was postponed.