

TTA Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2019 11:00am Sulphur Springs, Texas

Larry Hirsch welcomed everyone to Highlander Training Center and introduced Scooter Dodwell and Jeff Hooper, who provided information on the facility and staff.

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called with the following directors present: Adams, Adger, Carson, Deal, Hicks, Johnsen, Leckinger, Schafer, Sheffield, Stephens and Tracy. Directors Asmussen, Bryant, Eoff, Mallet, Moulton and Savage participated via conference call. Directors Deal, Peek, Smith, Vardeman and Witt were absent. TTA Sales Director Tim Boyce, Accreditation & Racing Manager Jennifer Gibbs and Executive Director Mary Ruyle were also in attendance.

Director Sheffield made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2019 Board of Directors meeting. Director Carson seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle presented financial statements for the fiscal year through April 30, 2019.

The board then reviewed agenda item information regarding the annual number of Texas foals, number of stallions standing in Texas and reports of mares bred in comparison to Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma and purse projections for the Texas Thoroughbred (Sales) Futurity and Texas Stallion Stakes.

Jennifer Gibb reported on changes in black-type status of several Texas stakes.

Director Johnsen recommended obtaining 3-year minimum contracts with each of the host racetracks for all races in the Texas Stallion Stakes Series, beginning with races of 2020.

Ruyle presented the financial statement for the PAC, and Boyce discussed a financial comparison of the 2018 and 2019 Texas 2-Year-Old Sales.

Director Sheffield updated the board on efforts to secure a sponsor for a contest to develop a signature cocktail for Texas racing.

Boyce discussed recruitment prospects for the 2019 Summer Yearling and Mixed Sale.

Director Tracy reported on the financial status of the Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund and the need to promote it as a scholarship source for accredited trade schools and professional programs.

Director Sheffield reviewed plans for the next Roses to Ribbons event to be conducted at Lone Star Park on July 13.

The board also discussed the need to develop a list of alternatives for those seeking homes for off-track Thoroughbreds, to be available to all TTA members and promoted on social media. Director Johnsen recommended formation of a committee on aftercare, and encouraged seeking partnership with racetrack owners on beneficial measures.

Hooper gave a brief presentation on the status of industry bills in the recently concluded legislative session.

Directors discussed possible formation of a committee to work on safety and medication issues with other stakeholders.

The next agenda item was the election of officers.

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

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

Director Carson nominated Chris Hicks for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Director Adams seconded. Director Stephens made a motion to cease nominations and elect Hicks by acclamation. Director Leckinger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

To fill slots on the Executive Committee, Director Leckinger nominated Ken Carson and Director Stephens seconded; Director Carson nominated Corey Johnsen and Director Adams seconded; Director Carson nominated John Adger and Director Stephens seconded. Director Sheffield nominated Bill Tracy and Director Adams seconded. Director Stephens made a motion to cease nominations and elect Carson, Johnsen, Adger and Tracy by acclamation. Director Carson seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

President Adams presented Director Leckinger with a gift on behalf of the board in appreciation for his service in the office of President for the past 3 years.

Adams announced that he will appoint the Nominating and Election Committees within the next week.

The next board meeting was scheduled for 4pm on Sunday, August 25th in conjunction with the Texas Yearling and Mixed Sale.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25pm.