

TTA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting
March 11, 2013 Noon

The meeting was called to order by President Gearald Farris and the roll was called with the following directors participating: Carson, Cook, Farris, Few, Hartis, Maikranz, Martinez, Rich, Shifflett and Witt. Directors Adger, Allen, Asmussen, Bradfield, Hesse, Jordan, Leckinger, Lovell, Milligan, Stephens and Wiggins were absent. Executive Director Mary Ruyle also participated.

President Farris reported that March 8 had been the deadline to file bills for the current legislative session and asked Dr. Rich to provide information on bills filed that could affect the Texas horse industry.

Dr. Rich reported that Senator Chuy Hinojosa has filed SB 789 and SJR 36, which are identical to bills filed in the 2011 legislative session by Beverly Woolley. Representative Raydan has filed identical companion bills HB 2729 and HJR 121.

Representative Raymond has also filed HB 2375 to provide for racetrack simulcast extensions.

Senator Seliger also filed SB 1340 which is similarly titled to HB 2375 but simply extends the amount of time that a racetrack may conduct pre-opening simulcasting from 2 years to 10 years.

Senator Hinojosa also filed SB 1450 and SB 1494, which affect the Texas Racing Commission.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 P.M.