

TTA Board of Directors Conference Call Meeting
March 14, 2014 12:00 noon

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Carson and the roll was called with the following directors participating: Adger, Asmussen, Carson, Hartis, Huntsinger, Leckinger, Maikranz, Martinez, Penn, Shifflett, Stephens, Tracy, Wiggins and Witt, as well as TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle, Accreditation/Racing Manager Jennifer Gibbs and Fasig-Tipton Texas Sale Director Tim Boyce. Directors Adams, Bradfield, Few, Hesse, Milligan, Rich and Vardeman were absent. A quorum was participating.

Tim Boyce discussed movement of the Summer Yearling Sale from the end of August to either October 12 or 13th with the addition of a mixed breeding stock session in order to escape brutal Texas heat and to hopefully attract additional consignments and potential purchasers.

Since the Quarter Horse race meet will be ongoing in October, additional security measures will be necessary, including the addition of 3 – 5 security guards, the use of temporary fencing and sectioning off parking lots, at an estimated cost of \$3500.

Consignors will be asked to submit the names and identification numbers in order to obtain a multi-day pass for workers who do not have a TRC license, and there will be a dedicated viewing time on Sunday for those persons who do not have a TRC license.

Barns E3 – E7 will be designated for sale horses.

TTA will receive the normal percentage of gross price through the ring on both sales and buybacks, and it will be appreciated if Pavilion partners share in the additional expenses.

Director Adger made a motion to support the change in sale date along with the addition of a mixed breeding stock session. Director Shifflett seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Ruyle will submit a formal letter to the Texas Racing Commission, seeking their approval of the date change and working with TRC and track personnel to resolve security issues.

Ruyle reported that Rainey Brookfield with Lone Star Park had called seeking assistance with the cost of trophies for the Texas Stallion Stakes, Sales Futurity and Lanes End Stallion Scholarship Stakes, due to budget reductions.

Director Tracy stated that the Texas Thoroughbred Educational Fund is already planning to sponsor saddle towels for all entrants along with a floral garland and cooler for the winner of the Lanes End Stallion Scholarship Stakes and can provide funding for the trophy.

Director Martinez volunteered to ask Tim Boyce if Fasig-Tipton Texas will sponsor trophies for the TTA Sales Futurity.

President Carson will speak with LSP GM Scott Wells about trophies for the Texas Stallion Stakes and report back to Mary Ruyle.

Director Martinez discussed the idea of renaming the Texas Stallion Stakes as the Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Texas Stallion Stakes Series in memory of Mr. Scharbauer and in recognition of his commitment to Texas breeding and racing. Director Martinez then made that motion, which was seconded by Director Tracy. The motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting. Each division will still carry their individual historical name.

President Carson reported ongoing discussions between representatives of the Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse HBPA relative to breed splits on revenues from simulcasting and possible new sources. The TRC Committee on Rules is scheduled to meet within the next 10 days and the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA has submitted Proposals to Amend Rule 321.505, Allocation of Purses and Funds for Texas-bred Incentive Programs and Rule 321.509, Escrowed Purse Account. These proposals would eliminate the negotiation process and effectively give the Thoroughbreds a much larger share of purse revenue, while severely cutting the Quarter Horse purse share.

Believing that the proposals will impede efforts to come to an agreement on splits of new forms of revenue, Director Stephens made a motion to authorize President Carson to speak with Jan Haynes and ask her to withdraw these rule amendment proposals from the TRC agenda for a period of six months. Director Shifflett seconded and with a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.