

TTA Board of Directors Meeting
October 2, 2019 5:30pm Conference Call

The meeting was called to order and the roll was called with the following directors participating: Adams, Adger, Asmussen, Deal, Eoff, Hicks, Johnsen, Mallet, Moulton, Peek, Savage, Sheffield, Stephens and Tracy. Director Schafer joined the call in progress. Directors Bryant, Carson, Leckinger, Smith, Vardeman and Witt did not participate. TTA Accreditation/Racing Manager Jennifer Gibbs and Executive Director Mary Ruyle also participated. Director Carson designated Director Johnsen as his proxy.

Ruyle then discussed the slate of candidates to run for three year terms on the TTA Board of Directors as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Director Stephens made a motion to approve a slate of at-large candidates comprising incumbents Asmussen, Carson, Sheffield, Tracy and Witt, along with Heidi Bailey, Susan Bedwell, Mike Burlison, Betty Knox, and Rick Penn. Since no opponent is available to run against incumbent Phil Adams to represent the North Central Region, there will be no North Central Region election. Since no opponent is available to run against candidate Bill Dee Winters to represent the West Region, there will be no West Region election. Director Adger seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Mary Ruyle gave an overview of the proposed budget for the FYE August 31, 2020. Director Hicks made a motion to approve the budget. Director Tracy seconded and the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting.

Director Johnsen reported on discussions with racetrack management, breed registries and the Texas Horsemen's Partnership regarding allocation of new purse money available as a result of House Bill 2463. He reported that Sam Houston Race Park is drafting a condition book, which should be available by end of the month.

Johnsen also reported on an industry meeting earlier that day with Daniel Becka regarding a proposal for retaining an industry advocate.

Ruyle discussed procedure for requesting funds available to breed registries as a result of House Bill 2463.

A date for the next regular meeting will be determined and appropriate notice given.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.