

TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2013 8:00 A.M.

President Carson called the meeting to order and the roll was called with the following directors participating: Adger, Carson, Cook, Jordan, Leckinger, Lovell, Maikranz, Martinez, Rich, Stephens, Wiggins and Witt, as well as TTA Executive Director Mary Ruyle. Directors Allen, Asmussen, Bradfield, Farris, Few, Hartis, Hessee, Milligan and Shifflett were unable to participate. Directors Farris, Few and Shifflett had given their proxy to President Carson.

The board discussed the issue of breed splits for purses generated from simulcasting, as well as the issue of breed splits on ATB incentive funds.

The differences between the two were discussed, including the criteria delineated in Texas Racing Commission rules and the parties involved in each negotiation process.

The process for determining breed splits for purses generated from simulcasting requires that each racetrack submit their recommendations for the splits along with supporting data. As the officially recognized horsemen's representative, the Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred divisions of the HBPA are primarily responsible for negotiating with the racetracks on their recommendations, with the goal of reaching an agreement to be presented to the Texas Racing Commission. If there is no agreement, the matter will be decided by the Commission. The role of the breed registries is indirect in this issue, mainly expressed through support for the appropriate division of the HBPA.

The process for determining breed splits for the ATB incentive fund are similar, with any negotiations to involve the various state breed registries instead of the HBPA. For the past several years, the breed associations have submitted an agreement to the Commission for approval. Since 2008, the agreed-upon splits have been Arabian 2%, Paint 1%, Quarter Horse 32.33% and Thoroughbred 64.67% at the Class 1 tracks and Arabian 2%, Paint 1%, Quarter Horse 64.67% and Thoroughbred at 32.33% at Gillespie County Fair Grounds and Manor Downs.

In order to be on the agenda for the October TRC meeting, Sammy Jackson had encouraged submission to the Commission by September 23 of any agreement on breed splits for the ATB incentive fund. It is not likely that purse breed splits will be on the October agenda. The other breed registries had indicated their receptivity to renewing the present ATB split agreement for another year.

Director Wiggins made a motion to support the Texas Thoroughbred HBPA in negotiations for breed splits for purse money from simulcasting and to provide a letter stating that support to Jan Haynes. Director Adger seconded. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously among those participating and voting. Ruyle will consult with Ms. Haynes to determine appropriate language for the letter of support.

Director Rich made a motion to renew the ATB incentive fund breed splits for calendar year 2014. Director Martinez seconded. With a roll call vote, the motion carried among those

participating and voting. Director Cook opposed the motion, stating that he was against renewing the agreement at this time, preferring to wait and see if this agreement could be used as leverage in negotiations for breed splits on purses.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.