



REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2017

QUALIFIED OPINION

The accompanying Financial Statements of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority (the Authority) for the year ended July 31, 2017 have been audited. The Statements as set out on pages 1 to 12 comprise a Statement of Financial Position as at July 31, 2017, a Statement of Comprehensive Income, a Statement of Changes in Reserves/Fund, a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended July 31, 2017, Notes to the Financial Statements referenced A to N including a summary of significant accounting policies and Schedules numbered 1 to 3.

2. In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion below, the Financial Statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority as at July 31, 2017 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for Small and Medium-Size Entities (SMEs).

BASIS FOR QUALIFIED OPINION

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Note B (i) of the Financial Statements states that the Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS for SMEs. These Financial Statements do not fully comply with IFRS for SMEs. Areas of non-compliance are shown below.

Comparative Information

3.1 Comparative figures were not shown for some items in the Notes to the Financial Statements. This contravenes paragraph 3.14 of the IFRS for SMEs.

Cash in Hand and Bank/ Statement of Cash Flows

3.2 Cash in Hand and Bank as per the Statement of Financial Position was not in agreement with the items presented as Cash and Cash Equivalents in the Statement of Cash Flows. The Statement of Cash Flows included prepayments and investments as part of the Cash and Cash Equivalents. The decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents of \$425,868.00 shown on the Statement of Cash Flows differed from the decrease of \$494,891.00 shown as Cash in Hand and Bank as per Statement of Financial Position. This contravenes paragraph 7.20 of the IFRS for SMEs.

Disclosure of accounting policies for financial instruments

3.3 The required disclosures as outlined in paragraph 8.6 of the IFRS for SMEs for financial assets and financial liabilities were not made.

Prior Year Adjustments

3.4 There were no disclosures for prior period adjustments in accordance with paragraph 10.23 of the IFRS for SMEs in the Statement of Changes in Reserve/Fund and Statement of Cash Flows.

Disclosure of Key Management Personnel compensation in total

3.5 Paragraph 33.7 of the IFRS for SMEs requires disclosure for key management personnel compensation in total. Only remuneration to Board members were disclosed.

ACCUMULATED RESERVES**\$880,758**

4. The disparities found in the Jockey Benevolent Fund, Statement of Changes in Reserves/Fund and Statement of Cash Flows resulted in disparities in the Accumulated Reserves. Paragraphs 5 to 7.2 refers.

JOCKEY BENEVOLENT FUND**\$2,236,767**

5. Contrary to Note G, Audit noted that Fines and disbursements were deposited and withdrawn from the Authority's business chequing account and were accounted for under the Statement of Comprehensive Income and not the Jockey Benevolent Fund.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES/FUND

6. The Statement of Changes in Reserves/Fund did not reflect the inflows and outflows of the Fund.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

7.1 The increase of \$69,022.00 in Investments was not shown in the Statement of Cash Flows under Investing Activities.

7.2 There was a difference of \$6,097.00 between the Deficit as per Statement of Cash Flows and as per the Statement of Changes in Reserves/Fund.

8. The audit was conducted in accordance with the principles and concepts of International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). The Auditor General's responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of this report. The Auditor General is independent of the Authority in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the Financial Statements and other ethical responsibilities have been fulfilled in accordance with these requirements. It is my view that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the above qualified opinion.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9. Management of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority (the Authority) is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for Small and Medium-Size Entities (SMEs), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

10. In preparing the Financial Statements, management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

11. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12. The Auditor General's responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on the audit and to report thereon in accordance with section 116 (3) and (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and section 15 (2) of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority Act, Chapter 21:50.

13. The Auditor General's objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes her opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the principles and concepts of ISSAIs, will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregated, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

14. As part of an audit in accordance with principles and concepts of ISSAIs, the Auditor General exercises professional judgment and maintains professional skepticism throughout the audit. The Auditor General also:

- Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for an opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtains an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the Authority.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Concludes on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Authority to continue as a going concern. If the Auditor General concludes that a material uncertainty exists, the Auditor General is required to draw attention in her audit report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify her opinion. The Auditor General's conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of her audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Authority to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluates the overall presentation, structure and content of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtains sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding, the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Authority to express an opinion on the Financial Statements. The Auditor General is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the Authority. The Auditor General remains solely responsible for her audit opinion.

15. The Auditor General communicates with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that were identified during the audit.

REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

16.1 Note G of the Financial Statements states that the Jockey Benevolent Fund composes of Race Day fines however, sections 12 and 23 (6) of the Act did not mention deposits of penalties to the Benevolent Fund.

16.2 There is no evidence that the sum of five hundred dollars for each horse running is collected and deposited into the Jockey Benevolent Fund in accordance with section 23 (6) of the Act .

SUBMISSION OF REPORT

17. This Report is being submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate and the Minister of Finance in accordance with the requirements of sections 116 and 119 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.



6TH MAY, 2025
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY



Financial Statements

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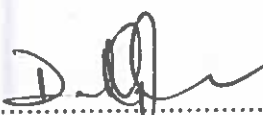
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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
July 31 2017



	NOTES	As At July 31, 2017 \$	As At July 31, 2016 \$
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Non Current Assets			
Fixed Assets	C	70,716	56,453
Investments	D	2,402,637	2,333,615
Total Non-Current Assets		2,473,353	2,390,068
Current Assets			
Cash in Hand & Bank	E	510,738	1,005,629
Prepayments		1,817	1,817
Sundry Debtors	SCH 3	562,816	422,545
Stamps		1,213	1,213
Total Current Assets		1,076,584	1,431,204
Total Assets		3,549,937	3,821,271
<u>RESERVES AND LIABILITIES</u>			
Financed by:			
Accumulated Reserves		880,758	1,136,176
Jockey Benevolent Fund	G	2,236,767	2,168,413
Accumulated Reserves		3,117,525	3,304,589
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors	SCH 3	78,353	103,665
Accruals	SCH 3	323,310	382,267
Stallion Stakes	F	30,750	30,750
Total Current Liabilities		432,413	516,682
Total Reserves & Liabilities		3,549,937	3,821,271

The notes on pages 5 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.


 DR. DAVID KANGALOO
 CHAIRMAN

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 ACCOUNTANT II

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
July 31 2017



	Notes/ Schedule	Year Ended July 31 2017 \$	Year Ended July 31 2016 \$
Income	I	2,843,581	3,559,715
Less: Expenses:			
Personnel Expenditure	2	1,565,112	1,639,171
Goods & Services	2	1,405,342	1,504,857
Current Transfers & Subsidies	2	114,719	154,562
Total Expenses		<u>3,085,173</u>	<u>3,298,590</u>
Operating Deficit/(Surplus) before Depreciation & Finance Costs		(241,592)	261,125
Finance Costs		-	-
Operating Deficit/(Surplus) before Depreciation		<u>-241,592</u>	<u>261,125</u>
Depreciation	C	(30,520)	(17,420)
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus		<u><u>-272,112</u></u>	<u><u>243,705</u></u>

The notes on pages 5 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES / FUND
July 31 2017



	Accumulated Reserves	Jockey Benevolent	Total
	\$	Fund \$	\$
Year ended July 31 2017			
Balance at beginning of year	1,158,967	2,236,767	3,395,734
Deficit/(Surplus)	(278,209)		(278,209)
Balance at the end of year	<u>880,758</u>	<u>2,236,767</u>	<u>3,117,525</u>
Year ended July 31 2016			
Balance at beginning of year	893,302	2,139,245	3,032,547
Surplus	243,705	29,168	272,873
Prior Year Adjustment	(831)	-	(831)
Balance at the end of year	<u>1,136,176</u>	<u>2,168,413</u>	<u>3,304,589</u>

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
July 31 2017



	Year Ended July 31 2017 \$	Year Ended July 31 2016 \$
Operating Activities		
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	(272,112)	243,705
Adjustment to reconcile (deficit)/surplus to net cash (used in)/from operating activities:		
Depreciation	30,520	17,420
Prior Year Adjustment	18,028	7,555
Interest Income	(668)	(214)
Cash Flow before change in operating assets & Liabilities	(224,232)	268,466
Changes in operating assets and Liabilities :		
(Increase)/Decrease in Sundry Debtors	(140,271)	441,657
(Increase)/Decrease in Stamps	-	80
Increase/(Decrease) in Sundry Creditors	(25,312)	8,613
Increase/(Decrease) in Accruals	(58,957)	527
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(448,772)	719,343
Investing Activities		
Purchase of Fixed Assets	(44,782)	3,740
Interest Income	(668)	214
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(45,450)	3,954
Financing Activities		
Increase in Jockey Benevolent Fund	68,354	29,168
Net cash inflow from financing activities	68,354	29,168
(Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(425,868)	752,465
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
At start of year	3,342,273	2,589,808
At end of year	2,916,405	3,342,273
Represented By:		
Investments	2,402,637	2,333,615
Prepayments - Car Insurance	1,817	1,817
Prepayments - Stamps	1,213	1,213
Cash in Bank	510,738	1,005,629
	2,916,405	3,342,273



NOTE A - INCORPORATION AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Authority is incorporated in the Laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago under Act 45 of 1976 and Amended Act 31 of the 1989 now CH:21:50. Its principal activity is the Regulation and Control of the Racing Industry through the registration of race horses, dogs, etc., the issue of licenses and permits, the establishment of training schemes for jockeys, stable lads and other racing personnel, the administration and enforcement of rules and resolution of disputes which arise out of the Rules of Racing.

NOTE B - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(i) Basis of Preparation - These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) for Small and Medium-Size Entities issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB). They are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting and as such, no provision has been made for the effects of inflation or changes in prices.

The preparation of financial statements is in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium- Sized Entities requires the use of certain critical estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies.

(ii) Revenue and Expenses Recognition - These are based on the accruals concept.

(iii) Fixed Assets and Depreciation - Fixed assets are stated at costs less accumulated depreciation on the straight line basis as follows:

Computer and Accessories	25% per annum
Office Equipment	20% per annum
Furniture and Fixtures	20% per annum
Veterinary Equipment	20% per annum
Jockey School Furnishing	20% per annum
Motor Vehicle	20% per annum

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

July 31 2017



NOTE C- FIXED ASSETS

	Computer & Accessories	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fixtures	Veterinary Equipment	Jockey School Furnishings	Motor Vehicle	NBV 2017	NBV 2016
Costs	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
At Beginning of Year	142,932	90,713	128,511	95,755	10,038	47,000	514,949	511,209
Additions	3,300	41,482	-	-	-	-	44,782	3,740
At end of Year	146,232	132,195	128,511	95,755	10,038	47,000	559,731	514,949
Accumulated Depreciation								
At Beginning of Year	125,683	52,065	128,015	95,705	10,038	46,990	458,496	441,076
Current Year Charge	5,113	25,407	-	-	-	-	30,520	17,420
At end of Year	130,796	77,472	128,015	95,705	10,038	46,990	489,016	458,496
Net book value	15,436	54,723	496	50	-	10	70,715	56,453

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS- Continued
July 31 2017



NOTE D - INVESTMENTS

First Citizens' Bank Ltd - Certificate #1110694
T&T Unit Trust Corporation- First Unit Scheme

\$	
	165,870
	2,236,767
\$	<u>2,402,637</u>

NOTE E - CASH IN HAND AND BANK

RBC Royal Bank Limited - Multiplier Account
First Citizens Bank Ltd - Current Account
Petty Cash

	141,496
	367,742
	<u>1,500</u>
\$	<u>510,738</u>

NOTE F - STALLION STAKES

Stallion Nomination Fees and Subscription

	30,750
\$	<u>30,750</u>

NOTE G - JOCKEY BENEVOLENT FUND

This fund composes of the following:

Race Day fines imposed on jockeys, trainers and grooms

Deposits and interest at the T&T Units Trust and First Citizens Bank (Fixed Deposit)

Funds are used for disbursement to jockeys, trainers, grooms and racing industry personnel in the event of accidents and other mishaps.

The inflows and outflows to this fund are not recorded as part of Income and expenditure of the TTRA.



NOTE I - BETTING LEVY BOARD SUBVENTION:

In accordance with section 12 (2) (b) of the Betting Levy Board Act Chapter 21:53, the Betting Levy Board is required to apply part of the monies collected by it to meet the administrative expenses of the Racing Authority under the Racing Authority Act Chapter 21:50 on the basis of a budget prepared by the Authority, in consultation with the Board and where there is a dispute regarding the said budget, an appeal can be made to the Minister.

NOTE J - GOODS AND SERVICES

(i) Consulting and Other contracted services.

Race Days in 2017 decreased to thirty-eight (38) compared to forty four (44) in 2016.

(ii) Training

The Authority despite its limited resources continued with its Apprentice Jockeys' Training Programme on a day school basis and during the course of the last twelve (12) months issued two Apprentice Jockeys Licences.

(iii) Directigen Equine Influenza Test

A swab test introduced in December 2006 used to determine Equine Influenza in horses with the objective of reducing the quarantine period for imported horses from 21 days to 10 days. This exercise is carried out by the Authority in the process of its regulatory function and the cost is met by the Owners of each horse. (No Value added Tax is charged).

(iii) Microchips

Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) or Microchips are an additional means of identification. While it does not replace other conventional means such as markings or photographs, it provides a simple and reliable conforatory method of identification which was done by use of a scanner (Reader). The introduction of Microchips will afford the Industry a quick and reliable means of identifying horses on race days.

(iii) Fees

The Authority was involved in a legal matter which involved a suspended trainer for leave to apply Judicial Review which ruled in The Authority's favour with costs being awarded; Re: CV2009 -4166 - Christopher Prime vs TTRA.

NOTE K - DEPRECIATION

The Board has increased the depreciation percentage of the Fixed Assets of the Authority to ensure that items are depreciated over their useful economic lives.



NOTE L: PENSION

Pension plan for staff of the Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority

The implementation of the pension plan for the Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority commenced on October 1, 1996. Reference is made from Minutes of Meeting of the Betting Levy Board (96.08) held at the Board Room, Santa Rosa Park, Arima, on Tuesday 10 September, 1996 at 3.30 p.m

The Board agreed to the following:

- a) Implementation of pension coverage for each member of staff of the Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority, from the date of inception of employment.
- b) The preferred contractor for placing of the business is Clonolife Life Insurance Company (CLICO).
- c) The pension plan will take the form of Deferred Annuity policies for each individual staff member.
- d) Premiums will be based on eleven (11%) percent of salary; with past service contributions computed on the individual's salary during each year of service.
- e) The plan will be non-contributory to each staff member."

NOTE M: CURRENCY

The currency used in the presentation of the Financial Statements is expressed in Trinidad & Tobago Dollars (TT \$) and rounded off to the nearest TT \$ Dollar.

NOTE N: REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY

The Registered Office of the Trinidad and Tobago Racing Authority is located at Santa Rosa Racing Facility, Churchill Roosevelt Highway, O'Meara Road, Arima. Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY
SCHEDULE - 1
July 31 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Income		
Betting Levy Board Subvention	2,400,000	3,020,579
Fees & Registration	96,470	115,249
Miscellaneous	112,670	174,859
Lasix	142,082	159,670
Endoscopic	800	-
Licences	26,050	24,150
Interest	668	215
DNA Testing	29,441	21,493
Microchips	35,400	43,500
	2,843,581	3,559,715

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE -2

July 31 2017



<u>Expenses</u>	2017	\$
<u>Personnel Expenditure</u>		
Salaries & Cola	958,738	
Allowances	26,900	
Contribution to National Insurance	81,627	
Remuneration to Board Members	497,847.00	
	<u>1,565,112</u>	
<u>Goods & Services</u>		
Travel -Local	10,226	
Travel -Overseas	65,172	
Office Stationery and Supplies	17,904	
Repairs & Maintenance	12,408	
<u>Consulting & Other Contracting Services</u>		
Urine Sample Tests- Horses	498,833	
Veterinary Services	358,850	
Contracted Services	42,334	
Lasix	-	
Microchips	13,650	
DNA	32,572	
Fees & Registration	4,320	
Directigen Equine Inflenza Tests	3,965	954,524
<u>Training</u>		
Apprentice Jockey School	189,809	
Stewards	-	189,809
<u>Expenses</u>		
Advertising	15,600	
Dues & Subscriptions : Racing Confederation	29,697	
Meals & Entertainment	13,766	
Postage & Stamps	300	
Other expense	17,904	
Sponsorship	4,000	
Bank Charges	7,377	
Association of Racing Commissioners	20,398	
Insurance	8,905	
Audit Fees	37,352	
	<u>1,405,342</u>	
<u>Current Transfers and Subsidies</u>		
Pensions	82,719	
Benevolent fund	32,000	
	<u>114,719</u>	

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RACING AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE -3

July 31 2017



SUNDRY DEBTORS

Commissioner Value Added Tax
BLB outstanding subvention
Lasix Fees
Rodney Hasranah
Wade Romero
Return, Lost, W/D Cheques
Prepaid Expenses - Car Insurance
Prepaid Expenses - Stamps

Current	Over 90 Days	Total
		296,816
		200,000
		25,000
		6,500
		33,000
		1,500
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 562,816

SUNDRY CREDITORS

Barbados Turf Club
Apprentice Jockey School (Seabiscuit)
Suspense - Doping
Vat

Current	Over 90 Days	Total
		20,848
		39,862
		28,259
		(10,616)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 78,353

ACCRUALS

Accrued
Lab Fees(June & July)

		264,352
		58,958
\$ -	\$ -	\$ 323,310