

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

July 2020: Conference Call

Report on the July 2, MGC meeting ruling that the MGC does not have legislative authority to approve MTBA races.

Motion: Shipping to Fort Erie from Finger Lakes be paid by MTBA on van hired by MTBA to ship up to 10 horses. From other tracks to Fort Erie, \$250 each way.

Motion Arlene Brown, Second Anthony Spadea, All in Favor

It was suggested that we have regular zoom meetings with sessions open to members.

Conference call not good. Need way to regulate who has the floor. Very difficult meeting.

August 24, 2020: Conference call meeting

Present: Arlene, Donna, Bill, Anthony Z, Kathy, Paul, Donna, Gregg, Karen

- Discussion: Should we write letter to the MGC in response to Ms. Reardon's appearance at the MGC meeting. NO decision.
- Bill reported no money coming in yet from casinos.
- Discussion: Letter received from MDAR accusing us of never seeking meetings with them to discuss percentages for awards. (We have never sought to change to percentages).

It also suggested that we look for alternate ways to support breeding program.

- Discussion: Placing ads in magazines such as Bloodhorse, Horsemen's Journal, Boston Globe etc. To encourage people to get involved with breeding a race horse. Arlene suggested it might be better to wait until our legislation is passed so that we have something to promote. Encourage members to come up with other ideas to promote breeding.
- Election: Post on website and send letters to members seeking nominees to run for the Board of Directors. Probably not able to have General Meeting in October if things don't change with Covid.
- Election should probably be with mail in ballots only.
- Bill will send updated membership list to Arlene
- Paul requested set of current by-laws be sent to him.

Again conference meeting still difficult. I'm sure I may have missed some attendees.

August 27, 2020: Zoom meeting with Kevin Consadine

Present: Arlene, Kevin, Andy, Donna,

- Response to MDAR letter-We are to send all correspondence between MDAR and MTBA to Kathy to organize and forward to Kevin for him to compose a letter to MDAR.

- Emphasizing loss of Massbred foals being registered due to MDAR imposing deadline with no recourse. There are now 6 rejected and possibly 7.
- In response to Paddy Reardon at MGC meeting. Minutes show she attended 2/12/2020 meeting and in discussion after adjournment, she said she could arrange places to run this spring. She was told to go ahead and have those tracks contact us. To date, none have contacted us.

September 8, 2020: Zoom meeting

Present: Arlene, Donna, Bill, Anthony Z., Kathy, Gregg, Karen (Joyce and Bob on phone)

- Minutes from 2/20 meeting had been e-mailed to the Board. They were approved.
- Brought up again for discussion – advertising. Other venues suggested such as Fasig-Tipton sales catalogue. This would be a great place to advertise if legislation was in place.
- Kathy stated, court extended deadlines on just about everything due to covid. Kathy made motion to extend our election until we have a plan for dealing with General Meeting etc. Donna second. All in favor.
- Arlene sent out letters to members seeking nominations.
- July 31 race had only 3 horses running, Board voted to distribute money 60%. 25% and 15%
- Arlene will send letter to Mountaineer requesting ability to run races there in fall.
- A meeting with Richard Fields, Armand Janjigian and Board members is scheduled for Sep 27 at Briar Hill Farm.
- Donna reported on her call to Alex regarding the July 31 race.

Again extremely difficult to recognize voices when some coming through computer, and some from phone-ins.

September 27, 2020: Zoom meeting

- Very short meeting to discuss and accept nominees.
- Nominees for positions on the Board of Directors were approved.
- Arlene sent letters to Mountaineer Manager of Racing Operations, Director of Racing and Racing Secretary to ask about sponsoring some Massbred races. Not one response was received.
- General meeting will be Dec 1 but probably a zoom meeting with voting by mail in ballots only.

Respectfully submitted

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