

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2017

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, George – Chair
Andrews, Randy
Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Catapano, Frank
Currie, Joyce
Pereira, Donna
Reagan, Kathy
Rose, Gregg-Vice Chair
Spadea, Anthony
Stone, Ed - alternate
Umbrello, Paul
Zizza, Anthony

Absent

Janjigian, Armand

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Currie, Bob
Considine, Kevin
Hunt, Andy
DiRico, Joseph
Salim, Adel
Ryan, Tim

Mr. DiRico left before the meeting got under way

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 11/16/17 was read and accepted with revisions.

Motion to accept report: Paul Umbrello **Second:** Donna Pereira .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Chairman's notes and comments

George Brown mentioned the decision of the MGC to make the split 60-40 in favor of the Standardbreds and to make the split retroactive to Jan 1, 2017. The Board then went into executive session to discuss options with lawyers and Andy Hunt.

Mr. Salim and Mr. Ryan entered but were asked to leave until executive session was over.

3. Executive Session

4. New Business

a) Mr. Salim read a list of issues (see attached) that he has with Finger Lakes including the dropping of 2 Massbred races in favor of running New York races on the last 2 days of the meet. He presented a list of reasons why we should run the races in Delaware. He was not open to discussing points and left the meeting very upset, threatening action against MTBA.

b) Mr Ryan was also in support of running the Massbred races at Delaware. He also suggested that we change the breeding/foaling rule that requires mares to be in state by Oct. 15. It was explained to Mr. Ryan that this is a legislative rule that we have already addressed. The change has been added as an amendment to current legislation and is awaiting votes.

He also suggested that we drop all restricted races and increase breeder and owner awards and let horses run anywhere in the country.

He'd also like to see dual registrations with other states.

c) The Board discussed behavior of visitors. A motion was made that anyone guilty of unsportsmanlike behavior be removed from the meeting and not be allowed to return for 1 year. Paul Umbrello said the HBPA has language in their by-laws addressing this issue. Bob Currie said he believes the MTBA already has language also. The by-laws will be checked.

Motion to remove: Karen Benson **Second:** Frank Catapano .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

4.) Next Meeting

Date: TBA Time: _____ PM Place: _____

7.) Adjournment 8:36 PM

Motion to adjourn Joyce Currie **Second** Karen Benson