

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2021
ZOOM

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Benson, Karen-Treasurer	Catapano, Frank(prox	Robbins, Bill-Accountant
Brown, Arlene-Secretary	Currie, Joyce	Sliney, Tyler
Pereira, Donna-Chair	Currie, Robert-Srgt at Arms	Hunt, Andy
Reagan, Kathleen- Co Chair	DiRico, Joseph	
Rose, Gregg	Spadea, Anthony	
Umbrello, Paul		
Zizza, Anthony		

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from Dec 1 & Dec 13 was read and approved.

Motion to accept report: Gregg Rose **Second:** Paul Umbrello

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill reported that revenues are way off. Due to pandemic, closure and restrictions at Casino's and Racino. Uncertainty about future of racing also.

Motion to accept report: Gregg Rose **Second:** Paul Umbrello

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

Andy Hunt joined the meeting to address the Board and explain the process of passing a Bill and where the Breeder's bill stood in that process. Paul asked if we should attach it to the Sports Betting Bill. Andy said he thinks the Sports Betting Bill will be taken up in this legislative session but will not have an easy road. Andy thinks we have a better shot on our own. Tacky Chan has already introduced our Bill.

- a. A discussion on approving minutes and getting them posted with members trying to come up with a best practice procedure.
- b. Arlene said Dr. Alex Lightbown requested the summary of the 2020 races. Along with the summary, the proposed incentives for racing/breeding developed by the subcommittee (Arlene Brown, Gregg Rose, and Kathy Reagan) will be included.
- c. Tyler Sliney made some suggestions for breeding incentives which will be taken into consideration.
- d. Donna brought up the fact that we are still not recognizing the issue of farms. They do the work of staying up nights to foal out mares and covering mares. The proposal would recognize their efforts and help support the farm. At present all these farm owners get is board on the length of time the mare is at their farm which sometimes is less than 2 months
- e. Bill Robbins expressed concern about committing to a program when we don't know what the future holds for us financially. He would be more comfortable with a year to year commitment for now. This proposal could be instituted for foals of 2021 with the incentive to be reviewed yearly. Arlene reminded everyone that we still have a cap of \$5000 on awards. These proposed incentives don't represent a lot of money.
- f. Arlene will summarize these incentives, check them out with Bill and send along to Alex with the statement that these are things we are considering but cannot finalize until we know what the future will hold.

6.) Next Meeting Date: Feb 3, 2021 Time: 7:00PM Place: ZOOM

7.) Motion to adjourn Arlene Brown Second: Donna Pereira Meeting adjourned: 8:15PM

Respectfully Submitted

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