

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2017
Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at 6:50PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, George – Chair
Andrews, Randy
Benson, Karen
Catapano, Frank-alternate
Currie, Bob-alternate
Currie, Joyce
Janjigian, Armand
Loebelenz, Lee
Pereira, Donna
Rose, Gregg
Salim, Adel
Zizza, Anthony-treasurer

Absent

Spadea, Anthony *
Umbrello, Paul*

- Participated via
Conference call

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Stone, Ed

1.) Secretary's Report:

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

Motion to accept report: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Lee Loebelenz .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

a.) Donation applications

Two applications for the rescue donation were received by the deadline. One was received 2 weeks late. The Board voted to reject the late applicant. Adel and Bob will visit the farms and make a proposal.

Motion to reject application: Donna Pereira **Second:** Armand Janjigian .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins has filed all lobbyist disclosure forms and has sent out all 1099's. He also got word that the wires will start coming again the first week of February. The state auditors are now requiring a follow up in 3 to 6 months after the final audit report to check and see how we are following up on recommendations made in the audit .

Bill also reported that we should be OK for a similar race program in 2017 but 2018 could be problematic.

Motion to accept report: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Lee Loebelenz .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

a. Legislators meeting – Jan 18, 2017

George Brown reported that at the legislators meeting, Andy Hunt proposed that a paragraph be added to the new ch128 (a) bill being filed by the MGC that would place a specific 12% split of the money going into the RHDF be designated for Thoroughbred breeders so that regardless of the split between Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds our money would be relatively stable. 12% represents 16% of 75% which is the amount of money we were getting before the split revision.

Motion to accept recommendation: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Joyce Currie _____.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

Changes to ch 128 (g) were discussed as follows

- 11th line down be changed to – (i) the stallion is registered with the DOA and MTBA by Feb 1st and stands the entire breeding season in Massachusetts and not be registered to stand that calendar year in any other state.
- 2nd paragraph, 5th line – add ...state racing commission and to pay cash incentives to encourage breeding in Massachusetts.
- Section (2) – The foal of a thoroughbred mare who resides in the commonwealth for at least 90 days which includes the foaling shall be a Massachusetts bred. This change sunsets on December 31, 2020 and reverts back to original wording.
- (3) add at end – shall be registered with DOA and MTBA
- (4) add at end – shall be registered with DOA and MTBA
- In last paragraph change – eight to twelve percent

Motion to accept changes: Adel Salim _____ **Second:** Gregg Rose _____.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

4.) Old Business

- a.) By-laws postponed until future meeting

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 2/16/2017 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Victory Bar & Grill _____

7.) Adjournment 9:00 PM

Motion to adjourn: Gregg Rose **Second** Donna Pereira _____

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene b. Brown