

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene
Currie, Joyce
Currie, Robert-Sgt at Arms
Pereira, Donna-Chair
Rose, Gregg
Reagan, Kathleen- CoChair
Umbrello, Paul
Zizza, Anthony

Absent

Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Catapano, Frank
Spadea, Anthony

Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Reardon, Paddy
Salim, Adel

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from December 18, 2019 was read and amended.

Motion to accept report as ammended: Donna Pereira **Second:** Robert Currie

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

Minutes from conference call Jan 11, 2020 was read and amended.

Motion to accept report as ammended: Kathy Reagan **Second:** Robert Currie.

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Postponed until next meeting

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

a. MTBA bills

The bill coming out of committee is one submitted by Representative Ferrante. The bill that reflects our current needs is one submitted by Senator Feeney and Representative Chan. We are still waiting information on that bill.

Open meeting Guests were asked for questions and comments. Most of which led to our new business topics. Several suggestions and much positive discussion followed.

4.) Old Business

a.) Breeding Incentive

Incentives to increase investment in breeding horses in MA was discussed. It was felt that offering a \$5000 bonus to a foal dropped in MA could end up with many bonuses going out with not many foals making it to the races 2 or 3 years later. Instead, a suggestion of \$1000 for a foal of a thoroughbred mare and stallion be given for members of MTBA. Another bonus of \$1000 when that foal is registered as a Massbred and a bonus of \$3000 when a registered Massbred foal makes its first start.

Anthony Zizza made a motion that the Board develop the proposal to create the breeder incentive program to encourage breeding of registered Massbreds thru their first start.

Motion as described: Anthony Zizza **Second:** Kathy Reagan

Objection: None

Abstain: None

A motion was then made for a subcommittee to write the language proposal before the next meeting – sooner if possible.

Motion as described: Paul Umbrello **Second:** Anthony Zizza

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

Subcommittee nominated: A. Zizza, P. Umbrello, A. Brown, K. Reagan

b.) Racing proposal 2020

Topic postponed due to insufficient time

c) Supplemental racing

Arlene Brown showed the Board a proposal for supplemental racing which the Gaming Commission asked us to submit to them to educate the MGC on what supplemental racing was all about.

A motion was made to have the proposal reviewed and to take a look at the racing prospects for supplemental and stakes racing in 2020. The same subcommittee above was tasked with the job.

Motion to as described: Kathy Reagan **Second:** Gregg Rose

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

5.) New Business

a.) Contract renewals

Contracts with our service providers was due for renewal in January. As most of them were not at the meeting, the Board voted to renew these contracts and to work out the details individually with these providers.

Motion: Arlene Brown **Second:** Donna Pereira

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.) Other-Membership application & letter.

A generic letter to go out with membership applications will be put together by Arlene. The timing on the membership applications will be changed due to the lateness of them going out.

We will remind members that they are welcome at any of our meetings.

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 3/25/2020 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

7.) Adjournment 8:18 PM

Motion to adjourn Robert Currie **Second** Joyce Currie

Respectively submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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