

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
March, 16 2017

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

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
Umbrello, Paul
Zizza, Anthony-treasurer

Absent

Spadea, Anthony

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
DiRico, Joseph
Sullivan, Mike

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from February 16, 2017 was read and approved.

Motion to accept report: Lee Loebelenz **Second:** Anthony Zizza .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins inquired about passing out the Treasurer's report. It was decided that this should be given only to the 12 Board members, alternates and honorary member.

Motion to distribute: Anthony Zizza **Second:** Paul Umbrello .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

Bill reported that the funds from the slots parlor are coming in regularly but our income is down about 1/3 from last year as expected due to the split. He feels that our race schedule is too aggressive. If we run the fall races as outlined, we will have no carry over into 2018 so the 2018 program will have to be cut drastically. George Brown mentioned that if there is no money in the fund for fall, we may only be able to run the 2 yo stakes race.

Motion to accept report: Joyce Currie **Second:** Lee Loebelenz .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

a. MGC meeting 3/16/2017 – George Brown reported that the Gaming commission approved the race schedule for Finger Lakes and Suffolk Downs. Anthony Zizza felt the meeting with the Gaming commission went well. There were many positive comments and he feels they would really like to help us. George also explained that we are trying to work out a plan to separate the breeder money from the rest of the money in the Race Horse Development fund so that the money that the breeders get does not depend on the split. In this way we can maintain a more stable schedule of races from year to year. The Gaming Commission suggested that we get together with the Standardbred people and try to work out an acceptable %.

4.) Old Business

a.) Award for rescue farm. This will have to be put off for a month as one of the inspectors had an illness in the family and the other is consumed with a new project at work.
Robert and Joyce Currie will tend to this before the next meeting.

b.) Report on Horse Park: Paul Umbrello gave an update on the new Equine Horse Park. He stated that there are sever parcels of land available for consideration. The Spencer site at present seems the most adaptable. The feasibility study has been concluded, the financing is in the process and the engineers have been retained. He will be meeting with the Standardbred people to see if there is any interest in joining the project. All is going along rather quickly now.

5.) New Business

a.) No other new business

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 4/27/2017 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Victory Bar & Grill

7.) Adjournment 8:10 PM

Motion to adjourn Joyce Currie Second Paul Umbrello

Respectively submitted

Arlene B. Brown