

Minutes 3/25/2021 ZOOM

Present: Donna, Arlene, Paul, Kathy, Bob, Joyce, Karen, Bill

No Treasurer or Secretary reports

Paul discussed the thinking behind negotiating with the Standardbred organization for separating breeder and health and welfare money from the rest of the racehorse development funds. The decision to freeze the breeder funds at 75- SB/25-TB for 2 years would help breeders maintain a program of sorts and would keep funding somewhat stable.

Arlene made a motion that a supplemental purse structure be considered for 2021. This is not an award but added purse money to be given for any race that a registered Massbred was running in anywhere. This would be in lieu of stakes races which we would not be able to fill this year. The \$10,000 would be split in the traditional 60%, 20%, 10%, 5%, 3%, 2% to first 6 places. Only the Massbred would receive that part of the supplemental purse for the position in which he finished. The supplemental purse structure would be made retroactive to Jan 1, 2021.

The motion was seconded by Kathy Reagan. Motion passed unanimously.

The Breeding Incentive was presented to the MGC and discussed with the Commissioners. They would not offer an immediate opinion but would get back to us. This item is tabled until MGC gets back to us. Arlene asked if and when these ideas can be implemented, would it be out of line to make them retroactive to Jan 1.

Andy Hunt sent a sample letter that he asked us to read, edit and eventually send to Senator Moran who will be chairing the committee that takes up our bill. Paul suggested that instead of sending one letter, that we all tweak it to make it a personal and send several letters to her.

Kevin Considine is contacting MDAR to set up meeting with Mr. Cahill, himself and Arlene to try to explain our needs and work out a better system of sharing the data.

Maria Vorhauer expressed a desire to talk with the Board about incentives. It was decided that instead of a Board meeting, we hold an informal Zoom discussion with her and any Board member who wishes to hear her ideas. Arlene will set this up.

Paul mentioned a very nice article that was in the Taunton Gazette on Briar Hill Farm and the MTBA ad in The Trainor magazine. Both were nicely done.

Minutes 4/22 ZOOM

Present: Gregg, Donna, Arlene, Kathy, Paul, Bill, Bob, Joyce, Anthony Z.

A discussion about placing more ads in other venues started the meeting.

Paul feels we should check out prices and determine a plan for well placed ads. He also said that our bill which has been attached to budget does conform to our original budget. He also brought up Instatrack's summary which is full of inaccuracies. We will check with Andy Hunt.

Paul also was in favor of pursuing the ideas that M. Vorhauer brought up. He feels we can implement some of them within the current ch 128 bill that controls us. Arlene will check with Kevin.