

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**April 21, 2016**

**Victory Bar and Grill, Dedham, MA**

**Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Absent**

Catapano, Frank  
Ricciardi, Archie - alternate  
Spadea, Anthony

**Guests**

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary  
Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Sullivan, Michael  
Kareh, Jackie  
Umbrello, Paul  
Andrews, Randy  
Ryan, Tim  
Seifert, Janet  
Reardon, Paddy

**1.) Secretary's Report:**

The secretaries report from March 31, 2016 was read and accepted

**Motion to accept report:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Donna Pereira .

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

**2.) Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Robbins reported that the funds are coming in on a steady basis and that the 2016 funds are a little above the projections. He is currently preparing a reply to the audit committee which just sent out its report.

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

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

**3.) Chairman's notes and comments**

a. George Brown thanked those who have responded to the request for comments on the split between standardbreds and thoroughbreds and requested that those who haven't, please take the time to do so. This affects everyone who races in MA.

**4.) Old Business**

a.) By- Laws – still a work in progress.

b.) Newsletter - Anthony Zizza is working with Lynn Snierson to prepare a template based on the Maryland newsletter for about \$500. Once this template is done, it will be a simple matter to produce future newsletters. A discussion as

to whether this newsletter should be monthly or quarterly was left as a future discussion after we produce the first issue. The final copies of the newsletter will be sent to Arlene Brown who will mail them out.

**Motion to produce one:** Lee Loebelenz **Second:** Armand Janjigian .

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

c.) **Stakes races** – Nine stakes races were scheduled for Boston with the addition of a MA Stallion Stakes, holding the 2 year old race for later in the year to be run at Finger Lakes. It was felt that September 5 would be too early to run a 2 year old race.

| Date                       | Race  |
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| Saturday July 9, 2016      | African Prince Stakes 3YO 6F                      |
| Sunday July 10, 2016       | Rise Jim Stakes 3YO and Up 6F                     |
| Sunday July 10, 2016       | Isadorable Stakes 3YO and up F & M 6 F            |
| Saturday August 6, 2016    | Louise Kimball Stakes 3YO, Fillies 6 F            |
| Sunday August 7, 2016      | First Episode Stakes 3YO & Up F & M<br>1M & 70Yd  |
| Sunday August 7, 2016      | Last Dance Stakes 3YO 1M & 70Yd                   |
| Saturday September 3, 2016 | John Kirby Stakes 3YO 1M & 70Yd                   |
| Sunday September 4, 2016   | MA Stallion Stakes 3 YO 6F                        |
| Sunday September 4, 2016   | Thomas F. Moran Stakes 3YO and up Turf<br>7 1/2 F |

**Motion to accept above schedule:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Robert Currie .  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

**5.) New Business**

a.) **Adel Salim** – requested to run races at Laurel as Finger Lakes does not have a turf course. Arlene had already called Delaware to see if they would run a grass race for restricted Massbreds. The racing secretary said it would have to

be cleared with the Delaware Horsemen’s Association and the state racing authority. He will check with them and get back to her. The Laurel racing secretary could not be reached yet.

b.) **other new** – member Paddy Reardon requested time to talk about H154 and Brocton Racing. She informed the Board that the MTHA has just signed a purse agreement with the Carneys and that construction would start immediately

on the track at Brocton. She feels that this is the only option for not losing the Race Horse Development Fund altogether. She feels that the proposed horse park is not a viable option. She also feels that H154 is a threat to racing in MA.

Paul Umbrello said that H154 is a dead issue. It will never come out of the House Ways and Means Committee. He also talked about the proposed horse park and the momentum and support it has gained.

**6.) Next Meeting**

Date: 5/19/2016 Time: 6:30PM Place: Victory Bar and Grill

**7.) Adjournment** 8:25 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Lee Loebelenz **Second** Armand Janjigian

Respectfully submitted  
Arlene B. Brown