

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2019

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Board Members Present

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

Absent

Andrews, Randy
Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Catapano, Frank
Rose, Gregg
Spadea, Anthony

Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant
DiRico, Joe
Hunt, Andy
Reardon, Patty
Salim, Adel
Sullivan, Mike

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 3/13/2019 was read and approved as ammended

Motion to accept report: Kathy Reagan Second: Armand Janjigian.

Objection: None Abstain: None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reported that Mr. Morrissey was paid and also the check was sent to Finger Lakes for the races through July 30. He said wires are coming in regularly and that Springfield had an unexpected bump in revenue. We are currently in good standing financially since Suffolk Downs will fund our stake races for the three festival weekends. There was a discussion about the revenue from casinos compared to the revenue from racinos. Paul explained that the revenue from the racino at Plainridge brought in the most money since horse racing only gets 2.5% of the states revenue from the casinos.

Motion to accept report: Arlene Brown Second: Anthony Zizza.

Objection: None Abstain: None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

Donna Pereira reminded anyone who has a yearling that it must be registered with the Department of Agriculture before May 15.

The contract with Finger Lakes has been signed for the spring meet. The MOU with Suffolk Downs was signed and the MGC approved Suffolk Downs request for the festival weekends

4.) Old Business

Mr. Di Rico brought up the argument again that his horse is purposely being excluded from the prep races at Finger Lakes. The arguments and explanations are same but he walked out unsatisfied with responses.

Mr Salim supported him. But the exchange got out of hand and he was asked to leave.

Ms. Reardon wanted to offer a chance for free breedings for members of MTBA to some very nice stallions at Oakton Farm in Florida. The offer will extend into the 2020 breeding season. A list of these stallions will be posted on the website.

She also made some recommendations to improve the ch 128 law.

5.) New Business

- a. Summaries of 2018 racing- Arlene Brown handed out summaries of the purses and awards earned in the 2018 racing season. She had lists sorted by owner, breeder and horse with total amounts earned. The Board must make a recommendation for our TOBA owner and breeder award.
- b. Candidate for TOBA – it was recommended to table this nomination until the Board could get full criteria from TOBA for the awards.
- c. Contribution for Riding Organizations- A discussion about contributing to horse related organizations was conducted. Arlene said that in the past we contributed to retired race horse organizations and to riding affairs that sponsored TIPS classes. We suspended contributing when our split was cut drastically.

Paul Umbrello said he's been talking with Dr Lightbown of the MGC about setting aside a portion of the RHDF for such use. He explained that horses found at killer pens can be rescued for \$750 but the burden of supporting them for the rest of their lives falls on the rescuer.

This item was also tabled for later discussion.

6.) Adjournment 8:20 PM

Motion to adjourn: Arlene Brown Second Kathy Reagan

Respectfully Submitted

Arlene B. Brown