

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2018

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at _____ **PM**.

Board Members Present

Andrews, Randy
Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Catapano, Frank
Currie, Joyce
Janjigian, Armand
Pereira, Donna
Rose, Gregg
Reagan, Kathleen
Spadea, Anthony
Zizza, Anthony-Treasurer

Absent

Brown, George – Chair
Stone, Ed - alternate
Umbrello, Paul

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
McCarthy, Kevin
Ryan, Tim
Salim, Adel

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 3/15/2018 was read and accepted with changes

Motion to accept report: Kathy Reagan **Second:** Donna Pereira .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Open Session time: 6:56 PM

Tim Ryan asked to have percentage paid to owners running anywhere increased. Anthony Spadea suggested we could pay a \$500 bonus to every starter in open races. These suggestions will be investigated to see if it is within the jurisdiction of MTBA to make these changes.

Adel Salim brought up the claim of Charlie Riffic again. We asked him to bring his concerns to the stewards of the race track in question. It is not within our powers to police claiming races.

Motion to close open session: Joyce Currie **Second:** Karen Benson .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None
Time closed: 7:44

3.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reported that the check had been sent to Finger Lakes for the spring races. We take in an average of 75K per month.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Frank Catapano .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

4.) Chairman's notes and comments

a. New representative on the Hill – Arlene Brown reported that a new Representative has been elected from the Attleboro area. He's a close friend of briar Hill Farm and a big supporter of the horse industry.

5.) Old Business

- a.) TOBA award- The Board reviewed statistics from 2017 and voted to name Joe DiRico breeder of the year.
- b.) FL contract signed and returned to Fred Hutton
- c.) Letter from Mr. Finley, who claimed Greta and sent in \$100 to join MTBA. Said he was looking forward to running his new horse in Massbred races. The horse was claimed her next time out. The Board suggested that we send his dues check back and invite him to join whether he acquires a new horse or not.
- d.) MGC packet and responses sent to MGC- Gregg Rose passed out a packet of 14 letters that were sent to the MGC opposing the Finger Lakes races. Arlene Brown read the responses that she sent to MGC for each of these letters. Most of the letters were from people who never had, trained or ran a Massbred.
- e.) Response to Alan Lockhart – Donna Pereira read a letter to respond to the e-mail that Alan Lockhart sent to the Board. It was approved and will be sent to Alan.

Motion to approve letter: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Frank Catapano .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

6.) New Business

- a.) Kathy Reagan mentioned that the lawyer for HBPA wanted Kathy to work on re-writing ch128 for MTBA. MTBA has legislation pending from 2017. Kathy would take our draft of 2017 and re-write and bring back to board.

Motion: Anthony Zizza **Second:** Randy Andrews .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

7.) Next Meeting

Date: 5/17/2018 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

Motion to adjourn Donna Pereira **Second** Karen Benson

8.) Adjournment 9:10 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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