

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at _____ **PM.**

Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene
Catapano, Frank
Currie, Robert-Sgt at Arms
Janjigian, Armand
Pereira, Donna-Chair
Rose, Gregg
Reagan, Kathleen- Co Chair
Spadea, Anthony
Umbrello, Paul

Absent

Andrews, Randy
Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Currie, Joyce
Zizza, Anthony

Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from April 24, 2019 was read and amended.

Motion to accept report as amended: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Kathy Reagan .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins said there was not too much to report. All wires are coming in regularly. All bills and awards are paid to date. There is no financial crisis on the horizon.

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

Objection: None

Abstain: None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

a. Donna Pereira reported that Bob Currie and Arlene Brown testified at the Joint legislative committee sessions in support of our bill. All went well, the joint chairman were the people who had introduce our bill. There were no objections and only a couple of questions.

Since that meeting Andy Hunt called to say our bill came out of committee favorably and the three versions will be merged. When it gets a new number and goes to the Senate, Andy urges all members to call or write their Senators in support.

Arlene will send the bill number in an email to all members of MTBA.

Donna read a letter of resignation from Randy Andrews. The Board voted to reluctantly accept the letter of resignation. Randy has been an active and enthusiastic member of this Board for several years. His presence will be missed.

Motion: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Gregg Rose .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

A motion was made to make Bob Currie a sitting member of the Board to fulfill Randy's term.

Motion: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Frank Catapano .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

4.) Old Business

a.) TOBA Award

After much discussion, the Board decided to nominate Arlene Brown, and Donna Pereira as TOBA recipients. Kathy Reagan will join them in KY. Since the criteria was left wide open from TOBA, it was decided to try to make this a moment to advertise the MA Breeding Program

Motion: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Paul Umbrello .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

5.) New Business

a.) Bonuses at SD – After a brief discussion, it was decided that the purse splits and bonuses should follow the same formula as Suffolk Downs.

Motion: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Gregg Rose .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.) Arlene Discussed the problems with MDAR and foal registrations. They have now denied four legitimate foals from having Massbred status. In addition, they are requiring TB but not SB foals to be inspected on the farm where they are born and before they can leave. Failure to do so will result in those foals also being denied Massbred status. Andy Hunt thinks we should refer this to our lawyer and pursue a lawsuit if necessary.
A motion was made to follow this course of action.

Motion: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Gregg Rose .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

c.) Gregg Rose asked if the Board wanted to continue giving the framed pictures as trophies for the MTBA stake races

Motion to do so : Anthony Spadea **Second:** Kathy Reagan .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

d) Election committee named consisting of Gregg Rose, Arlene Brown and Kathy Reagan

6.) Executive Session

7.) Next Meeting

Date: 6/19 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

8.) Adjournment 8:13 PM

Motion to adjourn Arlene Brown **Second** Donna Pereira

Respectfully submitted

Arlene B. Brown