

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2018

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Co-Chairman Gregg Rose called the meeting to order at 7:05 **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

Absent

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

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Sullivan, Mike

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 4/26/2018 was read and accepted with changes

Motion to accept report: Anthony Zizza **Second:** Anthony Spadea

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Open Session time: NONE

3.) Treasurer's Report:

The purse money for June 9 & 10 will be delivered to Suffolk Downs this week. Cash flow is a little better this month.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Armand Janjigian .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

4.) Chairman's notes and comments

Great Barrington Anthony Spadea discussed the press release concerning the leasing of Great Barrington Fairgrounds. He emphasized that it is important to help keep positive news to help keep the MGC from reducing the split even further.

5.) Old Business

a.) Ryan letter – K. Reagan decided not to send Tim Ryan a letter of response.

Lockhart letter – Donna Pereira reported the response letter was sent to Alan Lockhart but no further correspondence has been received.

b.) CH 128 – Several changes have been suggested but the changes we asked for in Jan 2017 have just come out of committee favorably and Andy Hunt will pursue trying to get them passed before the 2018 legislative session ends.

6.) New Business

a.) **Slander problems** – Kathy Reagan suggested amending the by-laws to address this situation.

Motion to amend by-laws: Gregg Rose **Second:** Armand Janjigian .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.) **Location of MTBA meetings**

Motion made to keep meetings at VB&G: Frank Catapano **Second:** Donna Pereira .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

c.) **Ride Service:** Gregg Rose suggested that MTBA offer to pay for a ride service to bring Ed Stone to and from meetings. Gregg will look into cost of providing this service.

d.) **Foal registrations:** Arlene Brown discussed the problems with the DOA and registering foals. It was suggested that we make Dr. Richard Sheehan an honorary member of the MTBA Board of Directors since he seems to be the only one who can reason with the director of DOA. Arlene will run this by him.

e.) **Nomination Committee:** Gregg Rose, Arlene Brown and Kathy Reagan will make up nominating committee.

7.) Next Meeti

Date: 6/21/2018 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G
Motion to adjourn Joyce Currie **Second** Anthony Zizza .

8.) Adjournment 9:08 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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