

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**June 19, 2019**

**Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA**

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:53 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Brown, Arlene-Secretary  
Catapano, Frank  
Currie, Robert  
Janjigian, Armand  
Pereira, Donna-Chair  
Rose, Gregg  
Reagan, Kathleen- Co Chair  
Spadea, Anthony  
Umbrello, Paul  
Zizza, Anthony

**Absent**

Currie, Joyce

**Guests**

Robbins, Bill-Accountant

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

The secretaries report from May 15, 2019 was read and amended.

**Motion to accept report as ammended:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Karen Benson.  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

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

Bill Robbins reported the wires from RHDF and wires from SD have been coming in on time so financial picture looks good. He approves addition of two more races for Finger Lakes fall schedule. John Morrissey was contacted and offered suggestions for the two additional races

**Motion to accept report:** Robert Currie **Second:** Anthony Spadea.  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

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

a.. Donna Pereira reported that MTBA Bill is now in Senate Ways and Means Committee and urged everyone to get letters sent to the Committee members urging support of the Bill. Arlene Brown distributed lists of Committee members with e-mail addresses and districts for each Senator on the Committee. She also mailed out list to all members of MTBA. Arlene Brown and Donna Pereira sent their own letters to every member of the Committee.

It was brought to our attention that two people sent derogatory letters to a member of the MGC. Gregg Rose suggested that we send our own letters in support of the program, noting the positive impact of program.

**4.) New Business**

a.) Lynn Snierson has contacted MTBA to ask if she could help with promotional matter. It was suggested that she write a piece highlighting the accomplishments of the better horse in the MTBA program.

b.) Skype attendance for meetings Arlene Brown asked about video conferencing the meetings to encourage people from long distances to run for the Board of Directors. Skype and various methods of phone conferencing were discussed. The Board decided to table this idea because they felt Board members should attend

meetings. It was then suggested that we hold Board meetings at more distant locations to accomodate these people.

c.) A past member sent information about a horse she wishes to give away as a broodmare prospect. The Board recommended posting on our website.

### 5.) Old Business

a.) Races for FL The two additional races and the original proposal from John Morrissey were discussed along with his revisions to include the new races.

The motion was made to accept Mr. Morrissey's suggested schedule with the understanding that the racing secretary at Finger Lakes has the final say.

**Motion:** Gregg Rose **Second:** Frank Catapano.

**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

b.) Toba award Arlene Brown asked if instead of naming her and Donna Pereira as TOBA award winners this year that the award be given to Georg Brown posthumously. The Board was in agreement.

c.) **New or Old** Other Paul Umbrello asked for a volunteer to serve on the HRC (horse racing committee) with the MGC. Currently there is no representative for the thoroughbred breeders. Gregg Rose volunteered.

### 6.) Next Meeting

Date: 8/14 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

### 7.) Adjournment 8:51 PM

**Motion to adjourn:** Gregg Rose **Second** Anthony Spadea

**Respectfully Submitted**

*Arlene B. Brown*

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