

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
July 26, 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
Currie, Joyce
Janjigian, Armand
Pereira, Donna
Rose, Gregg-co chair
Reagan, Kathleen
Spadea, Anthony
Umbrello, Paul
Zizza, Anthony

Absent

Brown, George – Chair
Catapano, Frank
Stone, Ed - alternate

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Hunt, Andy
Salim, Adel

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 5/24/2018 was read and accepted with changes

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Joyce Currie .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Open Session time: 7:10

Mr. Adel Salim addressed the Board. He had issue with the "letters" sent in reply to those of several individuals to the MGC. (Only one letter was sent addressing each complaint.) He stated that his lawyer was going to obtain copies of these "letters" and would be in touch with the Board. He also objected to the open sessions of the Board of directors. He would like the entire meeting open to all members. The present format was adopted after physical altercations with some belligerent members. Mr Salim presented his list of complaints and threatened some legal actions after which he left the meeting.

3.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins suggested with the anticipated revenue for the remainder of the year, we could safely spend \$150,000 on races for Suffolk and Finger Lakes for the fall season.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Zizza **Second:** Donna Pereira .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

4.) Chairman's notes and comments

H.1978 was rejected but horsemen live to fight on. The bill would have cut racing days to 0 which would have hurt all horsemen. Several people are in the process of trying to find a place for a racetrack due to the sports betting law.

5.) Old Business

a.) ch 128 – Kathy Reagan has been working on a complete revision of ch 128. It will allow the Board flexibility and more control over awards and incentives. Arlene will e-mail a copy of the suggested revisions to the Board for discussion at next meeting.

6.) New Business

a.) **Election Progress-** Gregg Rose suggested Arlene Brown be a temporary replacement on the Board since Ed Stone (who is the alternate) has not been at the last few meetings. Arlene Brown also dropped off the nomination committee.

Motion Gregg Rose **Second:** Karen Benson
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.) **Ride Service** – Gregg Rose reported that the ride service would be quite costly since his friend no longer does it who might have given us a discount.

c.) **Fall Races** – Arlene Brown will send a letter to MGC requesting that we be put on the agenda to approve fall races at Finger Lakes and possibly Suffolk Downs in September.

e.) **Other** – Andy Hunt is urging us to have membership address their congressmen to push our program forward. We lost a lot of supporters in the Senate.

7.) Next Meeting

Date: 8/15/18 Wed Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

Motion to adjourn Donna Pereira **Second :** Joyce Curie

8.) Adjournment 9:12 PM

Respectively Submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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