

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
Aug 14, 2019

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Benson, Karen-Treasurer	Catapano, Frank	Robbins, Bill-Accountant
Brown, Arlene-Secretary	Rose, Gregg	Antonucci, Phlip
Currie, Joyce	Spadea, Anthony	Salim, Adel
Currie, Robert-Srgt at Arms	Umbrello, Paul	Sullivan, Mike
Janjigian, Armand		
Pereira, Donna-Chair		
Reagan, Kathleen- Co Chair		
Zizza, Anthony		

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from June 19 was read and amended.

Motion to accept report: Robert Currie **Second:** Kathy Reagan

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reported that the 3 1/2% of the handle at Suffolk will be coming soon. There won't be the delay that occurred last year. Wires from the MGC have slowed a bit but Alex says it is due to end of year financial reporting. The graphs in financial report look like there is a big drop off but the check for the second half of fall racing in Finger Lakes has been paid as well as all July awards and Suffolk Downs photographer. There are no big expenses for the remainder of the year and wires will still be coming in.

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

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

Donna Pereira reported that our Bill has come out of the Senate Ways & Means Committee and will be up for review and vote by the whole Senate in September. The Committee was not initially in favor of it but Senator Paul Feeney went all out in support of us. He said it will be a harder job on the floor because many Senators want to grab the money for social programs. This will be the time to get very active with the letters to senators.

4.) Old Business

a.) Adel Salim questioned whether the race on Aug 12 was actually written by Mr. Morrissey. It was explained to him that the list submitted to MGC was indeed submitted to Finger Lakes and attached to the contract signed with Finger Lakes but as always the racing secretary has the right to alter the races as he sees fit. MTBA has no ability to change anything once they are submitted to MGC and the contract is signed. The conditions on the Aug 12 race were redundant as all of us agreed but not by our hand.

b.) Arlene reported that only 4 resumes have come in for positions on the MTBA Board of Directors. That will be enough to fill Board positions but we will have no alternates. She will put together the packets to be mailed to the members at least 21 days before General Meeting according to By-laws.

5.) New business

a.) Mr. Salim addressed the fact that Finger Lakes is charging \$400 nomination fees for the Massbred races. This money does get added to purse money and distribute by the same 60%, 20%, 10% etc. formula. However, the horses finishing 5th through 6th place end up without even enough money to pay Jockeys mount as well as the various other fees charged by Finger Lakes. We guarantee \$1000 to all runners but Mr. Salim suggested we increase this to \$1500 to help cover this new cost. The idea was discussed and a motion was made to look at the schedule and see how this will affect expenses. If feasible, we will increase the award to \$1500.

Motion: Kathy Reagan

Second: Anthony Zizza.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

b.) Anthony Zizza mentioned that Chip Bott has most of the Massbred races in digital format from many years. He suggested we ask Chip to put them on disk or thumb drive to retain a history of our program. It was agreed and Anthony will look into this.

c.) Karen Benson brought up the fact that all these awards are to benefit horse owners and breeders but very little is done to encourage farms to hold stalls for foaling mares or other transient horse populations. It was discussed and agreed that we need to look into addressing these concerns.

d.) The date for the General Meeting was set to October 22, the fourth Tuesday in October. It will be held at The Victory Bar and Grill in Dedham as we no longer have access to the facilities at Suffolk Downs.

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 9/18 or 9/25 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

7.) Adjournment 8:35 PM

Motion to adjourn Kathy Reagan **Second** Armand Janjigian

Respectfully Submitted

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