

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15 2018**

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

Chairman Gregg Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Andrews, Randy  
Currie, Joyce  
Janjigian, Armand  
Pereira, Donna  
Rose, Gregg - Chair  
Reagan, Kathleen  
Stone, Ed  
Umbrello, Paul  
Zizza, Anthony

**Absent**

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Catapano, Frank  
Spadea, Anthony

**Guests**

Brown, Arlene -Recording Secretary  
Robbins, Bill - Accountant

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

The secretaries report from July 26, 2018 was read and accepted with amendments.

**Motion to accept report:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Joyce Currie .

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

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

Bill Robbins reported that the wires are not coming in as timely as previously but that he thinks the problem has been resolved. Armand asked if Bill is reporting actual cash received or the expected income for each month. Bill reported that he uses actual figures. Paul Umbrello will send Bill his spreadsheet shows earnings expected. Bill asked to have Finger Lakes payment for the races be in 3 stages instead of a lump sum up front. Anthony Zizza will check with Fred Hutton at Finger lakes.

**Motion to accept report:** Donna Pereira **Second:** Armand Janjigian .

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

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

a. A discussion ensued concerning how to open meetings for members without having sensitive details show up on social media or having meetings get out of control. Donna Pereira suggested having the meetings open from 6:30 on and not allow members to comment or ask questions until the end of the general meeting. Sensitive issues will be discussed in executive session after the general meeting and the general membership will have to leave.

**Motion to amend proceedings:** Donna Pereira **Second:** Gregg Rose .

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

**4.) Old Business**

a.) **MGC meeting Aug 14** Arlene Brown reported that everything went smoothly at MGC meeting. Races were approved for Finger Lakes.

b.) **letter to Fred Hutton** Anthony Zizza will confirm fall races with Fred Hutton and negotiate a new payment schedule.

c.) **Notes from Adel Salim from July 26 meeting** Covered in 3A above.

d.) **review of by-laws to address slander problems** postponed until further notice.

e.) **Election progress** Gregg Rose reported he had 6 nominations so far.

f.) **Review of ch 128 revision** Kathy Reagan reviewed what she and Neil Raphael did concerning the ch 128 revision . The Board made some minor changes and suggestions. Kathy will revise and bring back to September meeting.

## 5.) **New Business**

a.) Randy Andrews is reaching out to the Farm Bureau to try to work together to protect farms and open space. If all interested parties could pool resources for good of all, we'd be a much stronger voice. He will try to set up a meeting with all lobbyist.

b.) Armand objected to charging the one-time \$150 fee to non-members when they earn an award. He believes the fee should be charged every time they earn an award.

A motion was made but did not carry.

## 6.) **Next Meeting**

Date: Sept 19 (Wed) Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

## 7.) **Adjournment** 9:05 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Kathy Reagan **Second** Donna Pereira

**Respectfully submitted**

Arlene B. Brown