

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2016

Victory Bar and Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at _____ **PM.**

Board Members Present

Brown, George – Chair
Benson, Karen - alternate
Catapano, Frank
Currie, Bob-treasurer
Currie, Joyce
Janjigian, Armand
Loebelenz, Lee
Pereira, Donna
Ricciardi, Archie - alternate
Rose, Gregg
Salim, Adel
Spadea, Anthony
Stone, Ed
Zizza, Anthony

Absent

Guests

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary
Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Andrews, Randy
Clark, Susan
Dullea, Shirley
Kareh, Jackie
Reardon, Paddy
Ryan, Tim
Umbrello, Karen
Umbrello, Paul
Welch, Lisa

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 6/16/16 was read and accepted

Motion to accept report: Bob Currie **Second:** Lee Loebelenz .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reported we should be able to finish out the year as planned in spite of recent developments. In a breakdown of the decision by the MG, it should not affect our ability to run the planned race program at Finger Lakes although it could be tight depending on what other awards have to be paid out.

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

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

MGC this morning shot down our bid to keep the new split from being retroactive to Jan. 1st. MGC bill thru out all our lawyers arguments and said they wouldn't take the money back that they had already approved for us but instead not make any more payments to MTBA until all that money was paid back. Bill calculates that we would not receive another payment until the middle of February. MTBA lawyer is reviewing the conclusions of the MGC and planning further action.

4.) Old Business

a.) Ballots & Voting procedures

Gregg Rose presented samples of the absentee voting ballot. Bob Currie suggested adding a line under the signature line to request the name in printed form. Motion made to accept ballots with addition stated.

Motion: Joyce Currie **Second:** Anthony Zizza .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.)2016 nominees

Several people submitted nomination papers to run for the Board of Directors. Arlene read the by-laws eligibility rules and Gregg Rose had written these in the letters soliciting nominations. Several nominations had discrepancies. Arlene will go back and check the dates of membership for all nominees and get back to the nomination committee.

c.) added money/ start fees

Arlene explained that SD owes us the entry and start fees for which they have a check cut to be mailed to Bill. Should MTBA pay \$300 to finishers 1-6 and \$1000 to finishers 7-last to do the same as SD did for the other races? This added money would be sent in a lump sum to Suffolk to be deposited in the account of the owners and distributed by SD bookkeeper.

Motion made to this effect.

Motion: Lee Loebelenz **Second:** Anthony Zizza.

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

d.) trainer bonuses

Should MTBA pay \$200 to each trainer listed in the Massbred stakes races as we did last year?

Motion made to this effect

Motion: George Brown **Second:** Bob Currie .

In favor: Seven **Opposed:** Five

Motion carried

5.) New Business

a.) fall races

Anthony Zizza presented 3 possible sets of race conditions to be presented to FL.

Discussion about fall race program to include 1 grass race at Laurel. We should seek permission from FL to run 4 - \$35,000 races and 1-\$75,000 or possibly 5 - \$35,000 and 1 - \$75,000 depending on the outcome from Laurel. The number 4 or 5 race on Anthony's list would be substituted with the turf race.

The Board reviewed and

made a motion to accept the first set of races presented.

Motion: Anthony Zizza **Second:** Frank Catapano .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

Further discussion indicated concern that FL might be upset about running 1 race out of town. Procedure would be to :

1. Call FL and discuss the options
2. Call Laurel to try to set up a grass race at a mile or more for \$35,000
3. Seek MGC blessing

Motion: Lee Loebelenz **Second:** Gregg Rose .

Objection: Anthony Zizza **Abstain:** None

Motion carried

b. stable ownership

Adel decided to table this for another meeting.

c.) Impartiality

Adel believes there is a conflict of interest with some Board members serving on the Board of other horse related organizations. Discussion followed. Donna Pereira mentioned in the event of conflicts, other organizations allow

that person to recuse himself or herself from the vote. A motion was made to have our lawyer look into our by-laws and rule on whether conflict of interest was reason for denying membership. Bill Robins asked if this was a good way to spend MTBA money seeing that we are short of funds now and knowing what lawyers charge.

Motion: Adel Salim **Second:** Lee Loebelenz .

In Favor: Two **Abstain:** None

Motion not carried

d.) Future Outlook

Adel brought up the fact that we may be short of Massbred for a couple years if people don't start breeding again. He suggested looking into a dual registration for Massbreds/Delawarebreds. If a foal is born in MA and resides in Delaware for 3 months it can be declared a Delawarebred as well as a Massbred and vice versa. Discussion followed on how to increase the crop of Massbreds. Arlene reminded the Board that the definition of a Massbred is stated in Ch128 section 2 and since it is defined by state law, we cannot arbitrarily change it.

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 9/15/2016 Time: 6:30PM Place: Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham

Annual Meeting

Date: 10/25/2016 Time: 6:30PM Place: Suffolk Downs

7.) Adjournment 8:45 PM

Motion to adjourn Gregg Rose **Second** Lee Loebelenz

Respectfully submitted

Arlene B. Brown

ADDENDUM

Item 5a in the minutes was challenged by a member of the board and some of the members were polled to see if a different outcome would be reached. Seven members voted to oppose running the race at Laurel in favor of running all races at Finger Lakes. After a lengthy discussion with some members, the chairman of MTBA agreed to run 6 races at Finger Lakes and take up the possibility of running a turf race elsewhere after a review of finances could be made. He wishes to emphasize that we represent all Breeders and should not be involved in the difficulties in other organizations.