

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2018**

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

Chairman Gregg Rose called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM.

**Board Members Present**

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

**Absent**

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Catapano, Frank

**Guests**

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary  
Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Currie, Robert  
DiRico, Joseph  
Hunt, Andy  
Salim, Adel

**1. OPEN SESSION**

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

The secretaries report from August 15, 2018 was read and

**Motion to accept report:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Armand Janjigian.

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

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

Bill Robbins reported the wires from the MGC have finally arrived and are current.. He is currently renewing the Board of Directors liability insurance. A discussion concerning check processing fee versus membership followed. A check processing fee of \$150 assessed to every awards check instead of just once is being considered.

\$17,000 was deposited into the Race Horse Development fund for 1 week from Springfield. (This is not MTBA share).

Bill feels comfortable staying with the 85K plan for fall Finger laks races. He has no backup money.

**Motion to accept report:** Donna Pereira **Second:** Paul Umbrello.

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

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

It was suggested that we add a comment on the web page and facebook to thank people who ran a Massbred in the Massbred races.

**4.) Open session**

Joe DiRico is upset there is no race for Dr. Blarney in the fall program at Finger lakes. Armand Janjigian agrees. Problem with getting horses to run against him and problems with race track since the betting pool is affected negatively.

Anthony Spadea suggested that we have an outside person write the races. He suggested calling J. Morrisey. Adel Salim and Anthony Spadea suggested give a start bonus for every horse that starts in a race possibly \$1000 with a cap of \$2000 in a month.

Paul Umbrello suggested giving incentives to encourage breeding in MA such as a bonus for every foal dropped here.

**5.) Old Business**

a.) Election – The nomination papers for Ken Posco were discussed but because he was several days late with his nomination, the and we have held to the rule in other years, the Board voted to deny his nomination.

**Motion:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_.

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

b.) Farm Bureau (coordinating lobbyist) Randy Andrews urged us to join forces with the Farm Bureau to work on legislation affecting both organizations. Sports betting is one area. Randy will set up a meeting with them to see if there is common ground.

**6.) New Business**

Paul Umbrello wants us to consider sharing expense for another lobbyist to work on legislation for sports betting. It would cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month.

Since the two year old race was not run a Suffolk in September, Bill had not sent the \$50,000 purse money over. The Board discussed giving the \$50,000 anyway to help cover the cost of the two \$40,000 restricted Massbred races that were run.

**Motion to pay \$50,000 to HBPA:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Donna Pereira .

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

**5.) Next Meeting: General Meeting**

Date: 10/23 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Topsider Lounge

**6.) Adjournment open session 9:40 PM**

**Motion to adjourn** Anthony Spadea **Second** Paul Umbrello

Respectfully submitted

*Arlene B Brown*

**2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CANCELED DUE TO TIME**