

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2017**

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

**Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.**

**Board Members Present**

Brown, George – Chair  
Benson, Karen  
Currie, Bob-alternate  
Currie, Joyce  
Janjigian, Armand  
Pereira, Donna  
Rose, Gregg  
Salim, Adel  
Spadea, Anthony  
Umbrello, Paul  
Zizza, Anthony-Treasurer

**Absent**

Andrews, Randy  
Catapano, Frank-alternate  
Loebelenz, Lee

**Guests**

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary  
Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
DiRico, Joseph  
Reagan, Kathy  
Stone, Ed

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

The secretaries report from 8/10/2017 was read and accepted

**Motion to accept report:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Paul Umbrello .

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

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

Bill Robbins Reports not much change in outlook. The cash report shows actually slightly above “the plan.

**Motion to accept report:** Donna Pereira **Second:** Adel Salim .

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

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

a.) Conference call: Anthony Zizza reported on a conference call held with attorney for MGC, C. Bell, Dr. Alex Lightbown, Andy Hunt, George Brown, and himself. The discussion focused on races at Boston for 9/30-10/1 weekend and Finger Lakes. The MGC would like to see all our races run at Boston. The reality is - Finger Lakes is very much opposed to it and we have to depend on them again for next year to be able to run any races if there is nothing viable in Massachusetts. The discussion focused on explaining our position to try to keep our options open. We will run the Thomas Moran stakes at Boston but no other restricted races for Massbreds.

b.) Chan meeting: Anthony also reported on a private meeting with Tackey Chan, Andy Hunt and himself. He was very impressed with Representative Chan's knowledge of and interest in horse racing. They discussed the MGC bill asking for total control of the Race Horse Development Fund and what protection the Breeder's would have if this happened.

**4.) Old Business**

a.) **Revised foal, broodmare forms** Resident broodmare forms must be sent in to the DOA by Oct 15. Links to the form can be found on our website.

The foal registration form presented at the last meeting was revised to include one bit of information that was missing. This form was then forwarded to the DOA for their consideration since their form was totally inadequate

not to mention illegal in some instances. They are going to come up with a new foal registration form to try and address the needs of DOA and MTBA.

b.) **Return entry, start fees in stakes races:** Arlene explained the circuitous handling of start and entry fees for stakes races and recommended the fees just be dropped. The board voted to ask to have them dropped. Anthony Spadea said he would speak to the Suffolk Downs bookkeeper and have her drop them.

**Motion:** Anthony Zizza **Second:** Anthony Spadea .  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

c.) **Handling of ship, trainer and participation fees:** Arlene also explained that we are currently paying shipping money, participation bonuses and trainer bonuses to owners and trainers and very often SD has paid some of these fees or the owners are not reimbursing the shippers. Arlene proposed that we send the all fees for the stakes races to the SD bookkeeper and have her pay it out as appropriate. It would be less bookkeeping on our end and SD wouldn't get stuck with negative balances in some of the accounts.

**Motion:** Anthony Zizza **Second:** Anthony Spadea .  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

d.) **Election process:** Donna Pereira reported on the status of the election process. Letter to announce General Meeting ready except for place of meeting, procedure and forms are ready for ballot process. Letters of intent for the six people running for the board were passed out for approval. A discussion about the appropriateness of the content in one letter was discussed. A motion was made to give the candidate time to revise this letter. The letters and resumes will go out by Monday, 9/25/17.

**Motion:** Anthony Zizza **Second:** Karen Benson .  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

## 5.) New Business

a.) **Finger Lakes races, contract:** We have in hand a contract with Finger lakes with a list of eight races to be run in the fall. The contract cannot be returned until after the meeting with MGC on September 28, 2017 which requests their approval.

b.) **MGC bill support:** discussed in 3b

c.) **Sept 28 MGC meeting:** Andy Hunt, George Brown and Gregg Rose will attend the meeting in Springfield

d.) **Revisit Delaware Races:**

A motion was made to add a \$30,000 allowance race at Finger lakes for the better Massbreds.

**Motion:** Anthony Zizza **Second:** Anthony Spadea  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

A motion was made to run a \$20,000 race at a Mid Atlantic track. The motion left open conditions for the race. A party from the interested track would have to get all the appropriate approvals from HBPA, racing secretary and management. Obtain a written contract to be signed by track officials and MTBA and write the conditions, promote the race and do all the necessary legwork.

**Motion:** Anthony Zizza **Second:** Donna Pereira.  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

A motion was made to change the purse for the MCL (#4) at FL from \$15,000 to \$20,000

**Motion:** Paul Umbrello **Second:** Anthony Zizza  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

**e.) Revisit Owner awards for HBPA funded races (additional cost \$39,425):**  
Request to table this item.

**6.) Next Meeting**

Date 10/24/2017 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Suffolk Downs

**7.) Adjournment 9:17 PM**

**Motion to adjourn** Anthony Spadea **Second** Gregg Rose

Respectfully submitted  
*Arlene Brown*  
Arlene B. Brown