

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 2019**

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

Co-Chairman Kathy Reagan called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Brown, Arlene-Secretary  
Catapano, Frank  
Currie, Joyce  
Currie, Robert-SAA  
Janjigian, Armand  
Rose, Gregg  
Reagan, Kathleen-Co chair  
Spadea, Anthony  
Umbrello, Paul

**Absent**

Pereira, Donna-Chair  
Zizza, Anthony

**Guests**

Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Anntonacci, P.  
DiRico, J.  
Sullivan, M.

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

The secretaries report from 8/14/2019 was read and accepted

**Motion to accept report:** Frank Catapano **Second:** Bob Currie .

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

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

Bill Robbins reported that the money from Suffolk Downs has all been resolved. The annual unclaimed report has been filed. Numbers in the financial report reflect the new split of 65/35 in the projections. He feels that the additional income from Encore will balance out the loss from the new split. Paul Umbrello feels the the Standardbred organization will again be going after 100% of the Race Horse Development Fund in January.

**Motion to accept report:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Bob Currie .

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

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

a. Kathy Reagan delivered the chairman's notes. She had testified at the committee hearing on House Bill 4070 this morning in support of changing a category 1 casino license to a category 2 in Region C. She reported that committee members had a genuine interest in her testimony. It was emphasized that we support the change in license categories but not any one proposal for a new racetrack.

She then reviewed the three proposals that are on the table right now. 1. The NOTOS group proposal for Wareham, 2. The Sterling Suffolk proposal for Great Barrington and 3. The Rowley Group proposal for Rowley.

Armand Janjigian then addressed the Board and announced a proposal that his group is pursuing. Because of his involvement in this project, he will resign from his position on the MTBA Board of Directors.

**4.) Old Business**

**a.) Election of Board of Directors**

As the election was uncontested, the incumbents were all re-instated.

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

## 5.) New Business

### a.) Questions, input from members

There were no member questions.

### b.) Other New Business

- Due to many scheduled Massbred races at Finger Lakes not being run for one or more reasons, Arlene suggested that some of that extra money be used to pay a bonus award for owners. Only breeders and stallion owners earn awards in these races and since it's the owners who pay to winter their horses, she suggested paying owners a stipend per start in Massbred races. The current number of starts is 134. The amount and final number would have to be determined at the end of the year. The Board asked to have this tabled until the November meeting.
- Anthony Zizza had called in a request to have the last 5 years of Massbred stake races at Suffolk Downs archived in digital format at the cost of \$25 per race.. As funds allow, we could continue to archive our history.

**Motion to archive 5 years:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Frank Catapano .

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

- Arlene also brought up the difficulty of running Massbred restricted races with the current population. She suggested that we consider supplementing open races. Horses could run at their level of competition and receive an additional purse percentage from an MTBA supplement purse amount. The supplement purse could be payed at any track, thus giving horses stabled outside of Finger lakes the opportunity to earn extra without having to travel. The Board asked to have this tabled until the November meeting.

## 6.) Next Meeting

Date: Nov 20, 2019 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G

## 7.) Adjournment 8:16 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Bob Currie **Second** Karen Benson

Respectfully submitted,

*Arlene B. Brown*

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