

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**November 16, 2017**

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

Chairman George Brown called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Brown, George – chairman  
Andrews, Randy  
Benson, Karen-treasurer  
Catapano, Frank  
Currie, Joyce  
Janjigian, Armand  
Pereira, Donna  
Reagan, Kathy  
Rose, Gregg-vice chairman  
Stone, Ed - alternate  
Zizza, Anthony

**Absent**

Spadea, Anthony  
Umbrello, Paul

**Guests**

Brown, Arlene –Recording Secretary  
Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Joe DiRico  
Bob Currie

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

The secretaries report from 10/24/2017 was read and accepted with revisions

**Motion to accept report:** Gregg Rose **Second:** Joyce Currie .

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

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

Bill Robbins - Wires are still coming in. Finances are in pretty good order. 2017 income is trending upward from plan. October awards were put in mail yesterday – on time. We are positioned to be able to pay out November awards. George asked how much has been paid out in Massbreds this year. Bill – \$991,000.

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

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

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

a. George discussed plan to challenge MGC if ruling against us on retroactive split. There is much work to be done by MTBA so that we will be prepared for upcoming Race Horse Committee meeting in December and MGC meeting in January.

**4.) Old Business**

a.) Delaware Race report – Delaware attempted to run the grass race multiple times and changed conditions 3 times. The race still didn't fill and was dropped. George Brown reported that he talked to Delaware racing secretary and was told to start earlier in the season and they would like to card some races for us. There are so few Massbreds at Delaware that discussion focused on running grass races at Mountaineer. This should not be a problem with Finger Lakes since they have no turf course.

b.) Collection of July start and entry fees already paid out \$4900

Start and entry fees for stakes races were returned to owners for the July races. In order to run stakes races, these fees must be charged. The Board voted last month to leave the fees in place. A member questioned whether they would have to return these fees that were already paid out. The Board voted informally not to request refund of fees.

b.) Report from ad hoc Kathy Reagan shared affidavits she prepared and encouraged anyone else to submit information or other exhibits that our lawyer can use to support argument against retroactive split. Matthew Clarke did a great deal of research and provided the Board with a 10 page report comparing standardbred and thoroughbred industries.

### 5.) New Business

a.) Stimulating breeding program in MA -The topic of encouraging breeding in Massachusetts was discussed. Armand encouraged everyone to “think outside the box” to find ways to stimulate the breeding business.

Gregg Rose made a motion to appoint a 3 member committee to brainstorm ideas and bring back to Board for discussion.

**Motion:** Gregg Rose **Second:** Anthony Zizza .

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

A committee consisting of Gregg Rose, Donna Pereira and Frank Catapano was nominated with visiting member Joseph DiRico volunteering to assist.

b.) Other -Gregg Rose suggested that we spend too much time going over things and taking re-votes. Armand Janjigian made a motion to table any matters that have been discussed and voted by the Board for 6 months. They cannot be brought up again in that time period.

**Motion:** Armasnd Janjigian **Second:** Donna Pereira

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

Gregg Rose volunteered to send a subscription of **The Bloodhorse** to the MGC since they have no literature at all in their office on thoroughbreds. There are many magazines on gaming and standardbreds there however.

### 6.) Next Meeting

Date: 12/14/2017 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Victory Bar and Grill

### 7.) Adjournment 8:40 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Donna Pereira **Second** Gregg Rose

Respectfully submitted

Arlene B Brown