

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2019

Victory Bar & Grill, Dedham, MA

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

<u>Board Members Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Benson, Karen-Treasurer	Catapano, Frank	Robbins, Bill-Accountant
Brown, Arlene-Secretary		
Currie, Joyce		
Currie, <u>Robert</u> -Srgt at Arms		
Janjigian, Armand		
Pereira, Donna-Chair		
Reagan, Kathleen- Co Chair		
Rose, Gregg		
Spadea, Anthony		
Umbrello, Paul		
Zizza, Anthony		

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 10/22/19 was read and amended.

Motion to accept report as ammended: A.Spadea **Second:** Paul Umbrello

Objection: None

Abstain: None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill reported that all money from Suffolk Downs and the Gaming Commission has been received and is up to date.

Motion to accept report: K. Benson **Second:** K. Reagan .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

3.) Chairman's notes and comments

a.. Nothing new to discuss

4.) Old Business

a.) Election of officers: Anthony Spadea made a motion to keep same officers from 2019.

Motion : A. Spadea **Second:** G. Rose .

Objection: None

Abstain: None

b.) Committee Appointments: Tabled to next meeting

c.) Filling of open seat on Board:

Based on the by-laws of the MTBA, the seat should be held open until the general election in 2020 as long as we have a quorum.

5.) New business

a.) Proposal of fixed split:

Paul Umbrello presented a proposal to fix the split for the breeders and HBPA’s Health & Welfare program. He presented some numbers to show the affect of fixing the split so that our income would not depend on the ever changing split between Thoroughbreds and Standardbreds. The split for Breeders and H&W would remain at the 50/50 split numbers. He indicated he had spoken with Standardbred breeders and they seemed to favor the arrangement. He’s not sure that the feeling is the same now that they think they may be entitled to 100% of the money in the fund.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____ .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.) 2020 racing season:

Due to the difficulties of running a restricted program and the declining numbers in the Massbred program, Arlene Brown proposed a schedule for the 2020 racing season. The proposal would offer supplemental purses paid by MTBA to horses running in open races at any track. This would avoid the need to sign binding contracts with one race track. Massbreds would be encouraged to run at their own competitive level. Some restricted races could be added in once we have a better idea of possibilities for next year.

Kathy Reagan suggested that Arlene formalize a proposal and e-mail it to Board for a vote. If approved, this proposal will be presented to Commissioner Cameron for consideration.

Motion: K. Reagan **Second:** A. Zizza .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

c.) other new

Gregg Rose has been sending a copy of the BloodHorse to the Gaming Commission for the last two years as they have many magazines in the lobby on Gaming and Standardbred racing but nothing on Thoroughbreds. He requested permission to continue.

Motion: G. Rose **Second:** A. Brown .

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 12/11/2019 Time: 6:30 PM Place: VB&G _____

7.) Adjournment 8:42 PM

Motion to adjourn _____ **R. Currie** **Second** J. Currie _____

Respectfully Submitted

Arlene B. Brown

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