

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2022
ZOOM

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from August 18, 2022 was read and accepted.

Motion to accept report: A. Spadea **Second:** K. Reagan

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill reported not much change in report. He requested that we put a disclaimer on our website advising members that awards are due at the end of the month following the month awards were earned. Arlene will add this to the home page.

Motion to accept report: A. Spadea **Second:** K. Reagan

Objection: None **Abstain:** None

3.) Old Business

a.) Upcoming Election: The voting will take place by mail-in-voting. The confidential envelopes will be opened and counted at the General Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022. There are 6 people running for 3 Board positions.

b.) Massbred registration forms: Arlene asked that we develop separate registration forms to register Massbred horses. The information requested by MDAR on their forms has been decreased and does not satisfy our requirements anymore. Arlene will work on developing new forms.

c.) Accredited Massbreds: Paul discussed the accredited Massbred program that we have been trying to implement. He questioned whether we could go ahead and begin the process for accrediting farms to

board these yearlings for 3 to 6 months. He feels that 3 months is adequate and still leaves owners with enough time to get them to training farms. Kathy suggested that we set up the program but pass it by MGC. Paul and Kathy will work on this.

d.) Keystone Project: After a discussion with Todd Grossman several weeks ago , Paul Umbrello reported that Todd was of the opinion that the 8% cap on MTBA funds applied only to simulcast money. Kevin Considine, lawyer for MTBA said he is also of same opinion. This frees up enough money to allow us the ability to hire Keystone Projects to do an advertising campaign for us. The cost per year originally at \$126,000 was re-negotiated to \$94,000.

Motion: P. Umbrello **Second:** K. Reagan
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

e.) By-laws: The By-laws need to be revised to reflect the changes that were approved by mail in voting last month.

4.) New Business

a.) The new racetrack proposal for Hardwick was discussed. Anthony mentioned that the horsemen need to put their differences aside and work to support it. We can't be undermining any effort being made to bring racing back to Massachusetts.

5.) Next Meeting

Date: 10/25/2022 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Gregg's Complex directions to follow.

6.)Adjournment 8:03 **PM**

Motion to adjourn K. Reagan **Second** D. Pereira
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

Respectfully Submitted

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