

# MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

10/25/2022 Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

### Board Members Present

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Brown, Arlene  
Currie, Joyce  
Currie, Robert-Sgt at Arms  
Pereira, Donna - Chair  
Reagan, Kathleen- CoChair  
Rose, Gregg  
Spadea, Anthony  
Umbrello, Paul

### Absent

Catapano, Frank  
DiRico, Joe  
Zizza, Anthony

### Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Daly, Julie  
Janjigian, Armand

### 1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from September 21, 2022 was read and amended.  
A discussion over the process of accrediting Massbreds followed.

Motion to accept report as ammended: A. Spadea Second: R. Currie

Objection: None

Abstain: None

### 2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reported nothing new. The deviations on the chart for income reflect when Sterling Suffolk sends in their deposit.

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

Objection: None

Abstain: None

### 3.) Voting Business

a. Error on Ballot- The miss spelled name on the ballot was discussed. The person affected was contacted and said she was not concerned. It was suggested that for future voting issues, we use smaller return envelopes so that they would fit inside the larger envelope without folding.

A motion was made to accept the ballots as written.

Motion: K. Reagan Second: A. Spadea.

Objection: One

Abstain: Two

### b.) Vote Tally

Bill Robbins and Julie Daly opened and counted the ballots.

Results: A. Janjigian, P. Umbrello and K. Benson were elected to the Board

First Alternate: R. Currie

Second Alternate: C. Casella

### c.) officers

A motion was made to retain the current officers.

Motion: K. Reagan Second: A. Spadea.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

#### 4.) OLD/New Business

##### a.) Life members

A suggestion was made at a previous meeting that the lifetime members from the original Articles of Incorporation be included in current activities of the Board. It was suggested that we contact Sue Walsh who was a member at that time to see if she knew who they were. Anthony Spadea will find a phone number for Sue and give it to Arlene to pursue.

##### b.) Update farm info on website

The list of farms on the website needs to be updated. Also a process for accrediting farms that will be taking foals for accrediting as Massbreds needs to be established.

A request to use the MTBA logo in advertisements was approved as long as the logo is credited to MTBA

##### c.) ZOOM vs Live meetings

Zoom meetings with people off camera make it extremely difficult to take minutes. The conversation is constantly interrupted when secretary has to ask who is speaking. Also noise and back feed when participants don't mute themselves.

Gregg Rose suggested we go to live meetings and use Zoom meetings for inclement weather or other inconveniences. He suggested forming a committee to look into options. He and Karen Benson will check on places in their area. Armand Janjigian will check with the Lafayette House.

##### d.) MTBA Registration Forms (late fees/info relevant to MTBA)

Since the MDAR left off all farm information from their registration forms, it was suggested that we design and require our own forms for foal, mare, stallion and farm registrations to be sent to us for eligibility into program. We can charge fees and late fees.

We need to research how other states accredit farms. Armand will check with Delaware and New York to get information on the process.

#### 5.) Next Meeting

Date: November 17, 2022 Time: 6:30 PM Place: TBA

#### 6.) Adjournment 8:22 PM

Motion to adjourn K. Reagan Second A. Spadea

Respectfully submitted

*Arlene B. Brown*

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