

**MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Director's Business Meeting Minutes**  
**September 21, 2023**

**25 Commercial St., Braintree, MA**

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

**Board Members Present**

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Brown, Arlene-Secretary  
Currie, Joyce  
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Janjigian, Armand  
Pereira, Donna-Chair  
Rose, Gregg  
Spadea, Anthony  
Umbrello, Paul

**Absent**

Catapano, Frank  
DiRico, Joseph  
Reagan, Kathleen-Co chair

**Guests**

Robbins, Bill - Accountant

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

The secretaries report for May and August 2023 were emailed to the Board for review. The Board members texted back approval of both months and minutes were posted to the website.

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

Bill reported that the banking service was charging us a substantial service fee. He will try to negotiate with them for a lower fee or may change banks.

**Motion to accept report:** Karen Benson **Second:** Greg Rose .

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

**3.) Old Business**

**a.) By-Laws**

Were distributed to Board members through email for review. Discussion and amendment made. Motion to accept By-laws as amended.

**Motion:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Bob Currie .

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

**b.) Accredited Program**

Further discussion about accredited program. Possibly have a lottery for first 25 or 50 horses rather than first come first serve. How to get farms signed up was discussed. Do we want to limit to farms that have been dealing with thoroughbreds only. Donna Pereira nominated to check when horses come in and near the end of 90 day period. Pay will be provided to do this.

**Motion to move forward with accredited program:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Gregg Rose .

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

**c.) Election Status**

Six candidates have sent in resumes. Ballot material will be organized and sent out by Arlene Brown. General meeting will remain unchanged – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of October.

**4.) New Business**

**a.) Amnesty Program**

Arlene will contact people whose horses have been denied MAbred status by MDAR and seek documentation to support their claims.. If they can prove they have documentation, MTBA may be able to excuse the minor infractions

**Motion to investigate problem:** Paul Umbrello **Second:** Bob Currie .  
**Objection:** None **Abstain:** None

**b.)MA Farms**

The list of MA farms on the website need updating. Brief discussion. Tabled for now.

**c.) Stu**

Contract due for renewal. The word is out there about the MA breeding program. Can we re-work the contract to reduce the ads and expense. Paul will talk to him.

**d.)MTBA Foal Registration requirement**

Breeders must submit a form specific to MTBA to register foals as Massbreds. This form should require the farm owner to sign off that the animal foaled there and all financial obligations have been met by owner. This protects the foaling farms from bad debt owners still being able to register the foals. Arlene will design a form for approval by the Board.

**5.) Next Meeting**

Date: 10/24/2023 Time: 6:30 PM Place: 23 Commercial St

**7.) Adjournment 8:33 PM**

**Motion to adjourn** Gregg Rose **Second** Armand Janjigian

Respectfully Submitted

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