

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE October 24, 2023

PLACE 25 Commercial St. Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at _____ PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene
Currie, Joyce
Currie, Robert (Alt)-Sgt at Arms
Janjigian, Armand
Pereira, Donna-Chair
Rose, Gregg
Reagan, Kathleen- CoChair
Spadea, Anthony

Absent

Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Catapano, Frank
DiRico, Joe

Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Cramer, David

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 9/21/23 was read and accepted.

Motion to accept report: Paul Umbrello Second: Gregg Rose.

Objection: None Abstain: None

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reports that he addressed the fee schedule with the bank and has resolved the issue. The bank has corrected and refunded the fees. He answered some questions regarding the report.

Motion to accept report: Armand Janjigian Second: Anthony Spadea.

Objection: None Abstain: None

3.) Old Business

a. Accredited program

Discussion as to approve farms for certification or not. How should farms be approved by Board that best serve the mission of the program without opening ourselves up to liability. Need a list of possible farms for certification. TO BE CONTINUED.

b.) Amnesty

Arlene contacted people who had been refused foal registration by MDAR. There were two active horses, whose owners responded with details., Others that have been sold and not racing in this country or some that were legitimately denied. The possibility of amnesty was discussed for the two that responded. The Board felt that they had legitimate claims and will be contacted for more information..

c.) MTBA form for foals

The Board agreed to charge a \$100 fee to register foals with MTBA. It will also include \$200 late fee for each additional year late. This registration form will be in addition to the MDAR registration.

Motion: Anthony Spadea Second: Kathy Reagan.

Objection: None Abstain: None

e.) Keystone agreement

The word is out about the Massbred program now so discussion focused on what kind and how much more advertising exposure do we need. The Board felt TVG would be enough continuing coverage. Motion made to allocate \$25,000 to use for advertising. Paul will negotiate with Keysone for coverage.

Motion: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Armand Janjigian .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

4.) New Business

a.) Election

Ballots were tallied and results show

Elected to Board: David Cramer, Kathy Reagan and Gregg Rose

Alternates: Joyce Currie, Robert Currie and Marie Zagwyn

Motion made to retain current officers: Chair – Donna Pereira, Co chair – Kathy Reagan, Treasurer – Karen Benson

Motion: Kathy Reagan **Second:** Anthony Spadea .
Objection: None **Abstain:** None

b.) Website photo

When MTBA is googled, picture of storefront shows up. We would like a more appropriate picture.
Suggestions for next meeting.

c.) letters from "Contact Us"

A letters from "contact us" on website had interesting suggestions for acquiring property for a racetrack. Some members of Board felt the cost of buying a golfcourse would be astronomical because you' be bidding against developers.

5.) Next Meeting

Date: 11/16/2023 Time: 6:30 PM Place: 25 commercial St. Braintree

6.) Adjournment 8:50 PM

Motion to adjourn Joyce Currie **Second** Armand Janjigian

Respectfully submitted,

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