

# MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

DATE November 16, 2023

PLACE 25 Commercial St. Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

### Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene  
Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Cramer, David  
Pereira, Donna-Chair

### Absent

DiRico, Joe  
Janjigian, Armand  
Currie, Joyce (alternate)  
Currie, Robert (Alt)-Sgt at  
Arms

### Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant

Rose, Gregg

Reagan, Kathleen- CoChair

Spadea, Anthony

Umbrello, Paul

### 1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 10/24/2023 was read and accepted.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea Second: David Cramer.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

### 2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill reported that the bank fee issues have been rectified

Motion to accept report Anthony Spadea Second: Kathy Reagan.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

### 3.) Old Business

- a. Keystone proposal – Discussion about email received and adjusted package to do with Keystone project. Board feels we have the word out there and could go with the trimmed back package outlined in the email from Keystone Projects.

Motion to accept new proposal: Anthony Spadea Second: Kathy Reagan.

Objection: None

Abstain: None

- b. Membership drive --: Proposal to offer free membership to former members, or discounted membership if renewed by certain date. David will work on a proposal and email to Board.
- c. Purse payouts: Supplemental purse and awards associated discussed. How purse and awards are calculated.
- d. MDAR notice: Need to notify MDAR of accredited program via certified mail with cc to Todd Grossman
- e. Farm list: We need to update list of farms in MA. Contact others to see if they are active and desire to get involved in new accredited program
- f. Stallion options: We also need to find a place to stand stallions. Arlene has a stallion owner looking to place the stallion MAINE. Paul will check on possibilities.

- g. Broodmare bonus: Discussion tabled for now.
- h. MTBA foal registration fee: Discussion about retroactive fees to register foals with MTBA.

*The Board decided No but I question if this should be a vote*

**Motion to** \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ **Second:** \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- i. Accredited program – Board still undecided about certifying farms. If listing farms to house accredited foals on our website makes us libel. How do we reject sites we find un acceptable if we haven't set criteria. Paul will again go back to application form for farms wishing to house these horses

#### 4.) New Business

Paul discussed his conversation with Andy Hunt and effort to get our bill out of committee.

#### 5.) Next Meeting

Date: 1/18/2024 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Italian/American Club. Braintree

#### 6.) Adjournment 8:59 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Gregg Rose **Second** Paul Umbrello.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Arlene B. Brown*  
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