

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE January 18, 2024

PLACE 25 Commercial St. Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene
Benson, Karen-Treasurer
Cramer, David
Currie, Joyce (alternate)
Currie, Robert (Alt)-Sgt at Arms
Pereira, Donna-Chair
Janjigian, Armand
Rose, Gregg
Spadea, Anthony
Umbrello, Paul
Zagwyn, Marie (alternate)

Called in on phone

Reagan, Kathleen- CoChair
DiRico, Joe

Guests

Oliver Kiethly
Melissa Keithly

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 11/15/2023 was read and accepted.

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

2.) Treasurer's Report:The following was submitted by Bill Robins

1. I have attached the financial statements as of 12/31/2023.
2. I have filed the lobbyist disclosure report for the second half of 2023 with the secretary of state's office.
3. I have filed the lobbyist registration report for 2024 with the secretary of state's office.
4. I have prepared and mailed the 1099 forms to recipients and the IRS.
5. I have filed the required year end 1096 form with the IRS.
6. Lastly, someone told me that the 2024 memberships are going to be free. If this is the case, I think we need to reimburse Karen Benson. At the November BOD meeting Karen gave me \$100 for her 2024 membership. I would want to reimburse her immediately if the 2024 memberships are free.

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

3.) Old Business

a. Meeting with MGC/MDAR

Discussion concerning the accredited program. Decision to limit it to owners in New England states who previously raced in MA. A committee of David Cramer, Gregg Rose and Paul Umbrello was nominated to meet with MGC and MDAR concerning the accredited program.

Motion as indicated: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Armand Janjigian.

b. Breeder's Bill (S.2410):

Paul says we can do changes as amendments per lobbyist Henri???Paul will bring Henri to next meeting.

Motion to bring Henri to meeting-: Gregg Rose **Second:** Armand Janjigian

c. Website update

Website is cluttered with old information and layout not appealing. Motion to let Paul clean it up in consultation with web service provider.

Motion to address website issue-: Anthony Spadea **Second:** David Cramer.

4) New Business

a. Resignation of Board member

Kathy Reagan has submitted a letter of resignation. She feels her other responsibilities are cutting into the time she can commit to MTBA. She will continue to give opinions and support as needed. Discussion as to not add alternate onto Board since we will now be down to 9 member Board per By-laws or to add alternate and wait for next year's election to cut down. Motion is that by delaying we will maintain a 3 member election every 3 years. Alternates 1 and 2 declined to be added to Board at this time. Marie Zagwyn will be the alternate taking the place of Kathy Reagan. Motion to elect Gregg Rose new vice-chairman. It is with deep regret that we accept Kathy's resignation and wish her well.

Motions as described David Cramer **Second:** Karen Benson .

b. Broodmare Prospects

Proposal to give incentives for owners and farm owners to bring mares into the state to foal out. Dependent on status of breed back rule and availability of stallions in the state. Details to be worked out

Motion: David Cramer **Second:** Gregg Rose .

c. Grants to Stallion Owners

Paul introduced Oliver Keithly who owns a very nice stallion named Maine. He would like to bring the stallion to MA. He requested that MTBA grant a stipend as there is no guarantee there will be many mares for the stallion to breed. Discussion of possibility of grant and budget considerations followed. Suggestion of \$7500 to owner to stand the stallion in MA and \$7500 to the farm standing him for the duration. Feb 1 to June 30 of the 2024 breeding season.. The stud fee will be arranged by Owner and farm manager. Payment to farm would be broken down by the month. Owner would receive a lump sum.

Motion to -above: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Paul Umbrello .

d. Membership mailings/benefits

Membership renewal flyers will be sent out offering free membership if returned by March 1st. Paul has secured discounts with John Deere for members of MTBA. Urges others to seek discounts with vendors. Gregg will contact The Bloodhorse to see if complimentary copies could be arranged. Trainer magazine already offers this perk as well as Tuft's Large Animal Hospital. Arlene will add the MGC to the Trainer magazine recipient list. Gregg will arrange a Bloodhorse subscription to them as well.

Motion to offer free membership Gregg Rose- **Second:** Anthony Spadea .

e. Compensation for Ernie C.

Ernie Corrigan wrote a very nice op-ed piece supporting farms in MA and the MTBA. He has written articles in the past supporting us. A motion was made to pay Ernie \$500 for this op ed.

Motion: Paul Umbrello **Second:** Armand Janjigian .

f. Future meetings

David and Paul have scouted out meeting venues and suggest Staples in Norwood and/or Norwell. Both in easy access to food and parking. Motion to try out both places possibly alternate.

Motion: Armand Janjigian **Second:** Anthony Spadea .

5.) Next Meeting

Date: Feb 15, 2024 Time 6:30 PM Place: Staples, Norwood

6.) Adjournment 9:47 PM

Motion to adjourn-: Arlene Brown **Second:** Donna Pereira .

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene B. Brown
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