

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE February 15, 2024

PLACE Staples, Norwood

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:19PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene
Benson, Karen-Treas. PHONE
Cramer, David
Pereira, Donna, Chair
Janjigian, Armand
Rose, Gregg, PHONE
Spadea, Anthony PHONE
Umbrello, Paul
Zagwyn, Marie

Absent

DiRico, Joe
Currie, Joyce (alternate)
Currie, Robert (Alt)-

Guests

Bill Robbins
Henri ?

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from January 18, 2024 was read and accepted.

Motion to accept report: Armand Janjigian Second Marie Zagwyn.

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Discussion of bank fees and short term money market accounts.

Motion made to have Bill check out options at Eastern bank, Citizens bank or JP Morgan for best deal. Meanwhile take out 6 month CD

Motion to investigat options and accept report Paul Umbrello Second: Karen Benson.

3.) Old Business

a. Breeding Forms

Application for breed back had to be signed off by farm manager where mare is covered before award will be made.

Motion as indicated: Arlene Brown Second: David Cramer.

b. MDAR

Paul presented a comparison between Standardbred and Thoroughbred rules for certifying Massbred horses. He will address MGC and MDAR regarding the discrepancies to see if the will agree to aligning the dates for both breeds.

4) New Business

a. Farm list

Paul has a preliminary list of farms in MA. There are still more to be added. We should contact older farms or others that we know to see if they want to be included on our list of registered farms.

b. Membership 2024

Membership is increasing. We will keep up the push to increase membership.

c. Stallion advertising

We can add pictures of stallions on our website.

d. Johnson & Wales

A discussion about the possibility of introducing an internship with Johnson & Wales Equine program. Possibly have students volunteer at farms or offer grants for students to intern at farms.

e. Henri

Lobbyist, Henri discussed his background and how he might be able to help. He said the financial condition in the state is worrisome.

5.) Next Meeting

Date: Mar 28, 2024 Time 6:00 PM Place: Staples, Needham

6.) Adjournment 8:50 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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