

# MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

DATE March 28, 2024

PLACE Staples, Needham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

### Board Members Present

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

### Absent

DiRico, Joe

### Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Casella, Carol  
Stone, Jack  
Hunt, Andy  
Keithly, Oliver-zoom  
Janjigian, Mike

### 1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 2/15/2024 was read and ammended

**Motion to accept report as ammended:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Marie Zagwyn.

### 2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins

Federal taxes have already been filed. A discussion of passive income followed.

Lobbyist contract has been signed. Registration of lobbyist needs to be done.

**Motion to accept report:** Armand Janjigian **Second:** Arlene Brown.

**Objection:** None

**Abstain:** None

### 3.) Old Business

a. Law firm agreement – tabled for now

b.) Lobbyist agreement - Lobbyist contract has been signed. Registration of lobbyist needs to be done.

c.) Grace period membership – Suggestion made to extend grace period on incentives for new memberships

**Motion:** Arlene Brown **Second:** David Cramer.

### 4.) New Business

a.) Andy Hunt discussed issues with funding fight on section 88.

He suggested email reps to stop section 88.

Put together a group to go to Beacon Hill (13 of 16 identified farms are owned or managed by women)

He suggested we make use of Kevin Considine who has excellent relationships on the hill.

**ARTICLES B AND C IN NEW BUSINESS WILL BE ADDRESSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**d.)Trainer Magazine**

Arlene suggested that we run the ¼ page ad for the next 4 quarters in Trainer Magazine at a cost of \$795 per quarter. This magazine is sent out quarterly to all our members at no further cost to us. It also comes with a cover page with our logo stating this magazine is provided by MTBA.

**Motion:** Arlene Brown **Second:** Paul Umbrello .

e.) Owner View - is a website of The Jockey Club providing a summary of awards and benefits of each state's breeding program. Arlene will update and submit to Oveview.

f) Facebook - We need to control negative press on our facebook page. Gregg also asked to have positive info for him to post. Arlene will gather photo's of new Massbred foals to post.

g.) Other New Bs - Oliver Keithly suggested having a booth at Equine Affair in Sringfield this fall. To provide some positive PR about thoroughbres and racing. Benefits to various horse farms and ancillary businesses. He as a PR man would be very interested in becoming involved with that.

Motion made to appoint a committee of Oliver, Karen (who has been involved before) and Marie to gather info and feasibility about this event.

**Motion:** Arlene Brown **Second:** David Cramer .

**5.) Next Meeting**

Date: 4/18/2024 Time: 6:00 PM Place: TBA

**6.) Adjournment** 8:30 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Armand Janjigian **Second** Anthony Spadea

Respectfully submitted,

*Arlene B. Brown*

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