

# MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

DATE April 18, 2024

PLACE 25 Commercial St, Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

### Board Members Present

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
Brown, Arlene  
Cramer, David  
Janjigian, Armand  
Pereira, Donna-Chair  
Rose, Gregg-Co Chair  
Spadea, Anthony-phone  
Umbrello, Paul  
Zagwyn, Marie

### Absent

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

### Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Carol Casella-phone

### 1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 3/28/2024 was read and

Motion to accept report: Marie Zagwyn Second: Karen Benson .

### 2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins

First Incentive payments are out. Bank transfer changes are in progress.

Motion to accept report: Gregg Rose Second: David Cramer .

### 3.) Old Business

#### a.) Breeding Program Update

There have been some issues with the breeding program, mares not in foal, mare or foal dies, mare follicle formation irregular, difficulties with pregnancies. Other states having similar issues. Weather related?

#### b.) Breed back incentives

Mares bred must be listed with The Jockey Club on their form. All mares bred to same stallion on one form. A fee is charged for each mare listed.

The mares must also be reported for each stallion on the MDAR form. Discussions as to the necessity of individual forms being sent in for individual mare. If we wait until declaration period for each stallion (end of August), people will be waiting until September for breed back awards to go out.

Motion made to require separate MTBA form for each mare covered to be submitted by the breeding farm after the covering heat cycle for the mare. If there are extenuating circumstances for breed back not being possible, support documentation from a vet should accompany breed back form

Motion: Arlene Brown Second: Karen Benson .

#### c.) Program for 2025

Due to the lateness of this year's program implementation, the number of mares brought in was low. Many people

indicated that their plans had already been made for their mares before they were aware of the MTBA program. It is essential that we get the program off the ground before the end of the year.

Word of mouth and advertising needed to keep program alive.

d.) Committee for Springfield

Marie and Karen both feel the Equine Affair at Big E has declined over the years and are concerned that the amount of exposure is not worth the investment. Oliver Keithly suggested this and committee will look into cost and viability.

e.) Andy Hunt suggestion for letter/visit from women farm owners/managers

No action has been taken on this suggestion.

**4.) New Business**

a.) Status of Bills in House/Senate

House Bill H4600 sec 77 which is funding for race horses that had been eliminated by the Governor, has been restored in the House. Senate will now take up the bill In April.

b.) New committees –

Gregg Rose suggested that we set up committees to spread the work load and allow other people on the Board to be more involved.

Committees:

1. Bylaw – Marie Zagwyn, Gregg Rose, Paul Umbrello
2. Election – Gregg Rose, Paul Umbrello
3. Review Bills for legislature – Paul Umbrello, Donna Pereira, Marie Zagwyn
4. Breeding program – Arlene Brown, David Cramer, Paul Umbrello
5. Membership – Karen Benson, David Cramer, Arlene Brown

c.) Other new business”

i). Paul proposes to make one change in the our Bill. That would be to change the date that mares have to be in state from October 15 to Dec 31. The current date of Oct. 15 does not allow anyone to buy a mare in the sales which come up in November.

ii.)2. We will rotate our meeting place between Staples in Norwood, Staples in Needham and 25 Commercial St

iii.)3. Professional contracts need to be signed and available for audits.

**5.) Next Meeting**

Date: May 16, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Staples, Norwood

**6.) Adjournment 8:44 PM**

**Motion to adjourn** Paul Umbrello **Second** Karen Benson

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Arlene B. Brown*

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