

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE May 21, 2024

PLACE 25 Commercial St, Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members Present

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

Absent

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

Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Carol Casella
Andy Hunt

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 4/18/2024 was read and

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea Second: Gregg Rose.

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins reported that new accounts and ACH have been set up. We need a second profile. Hostway service should be canceled. Arlene swill check but believes it can only be canceled at the end of the term.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea Second: Paul Umbrello.

3.) Old Business

a.) Breeding Program Update

There have been 12 mares to foal in state. These produced 10 living foals. So far 7 mares have been bred back, 3 mares were in state before Oct 15 and did not breed back. We had some issues that are normal but unfortunate in any breeding program.

b.) Breed back incentives

Some problems with breeding incentives – slow mail delivery in particular - has caused multiple requests for some of the awards. Bill and Arlene will sort out checks that have been cashed against requests for duplicate checks (ACH to the rescue).

4.) New Business

a.) Saratoga advertising

We can have 30 ads broadcast between races at Saratoga during the meet at \$600 per ad or \$18,000. Question whether ad runs multiple times in a day. Paul will find out.

Motion to support 15 days of advertising preferably toward the end of the meet depending on where we stand in July after state budget has been determined

Motion: Paul Umbrello Second: Gregg Rose.

b.) Bylaws –
Tabled to future meeting

c.) Breeders Bill”
Senate has followed Governor’s action to eliminate funding for racing.. House did not. Bill is now in committee. This is a yearly happening and until final bill comes out of committee, we don’t know where we stand. Andy has also been talking to people on hill about a simple change in the bill to allow Thoroughbred mares to come into state by December as the Standardbred mares are allowed. The October 15 date is a killer for Thoroughbred owners as most of the big auctions are in November and after.

d.) Other new business
Paul reports a date to meet with a city council on June 19 in Gardner but he will try to reschedule due to conflicts.

Board members have been having their emails hacked and used in spam. Paul will have Barry remove Board member emails from the website and clean up other issues.

5.) Next Meeting

Date: July 18, 2024 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Staples, Needham

6.) Adjournment 8:50 PM

Motion to adjourn Gregg Rose **Second** Arlene Brown

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene B. Brown
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