

# MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

DATE September 19, 2024

PLACE Staples, Norwood

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

### Board Members Present

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

### Absent

Benson, Karen-Treasurer  
DiRico, Joe phone

### Guests

Robbins, Bill - Accountant  
Oliver Keithly  
Andy Hunt

### 1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 8/15/2024 was read and

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

### 2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill gave updates on bank accounts and said issues with credit card resolved.

#### **Transfer of duties**

Bill has worked with David Cramer on his setup for MTBA and David is now on line with the process. Names and signers on the accounts have to be changed. When this is done, the process to remove Bill will begin. Everything should be complete by the next meeting. Bill has expressed willingness to work with David if he is needed in the future.

Motion to accept report: Armand Janjigian- Second: --Paul Umbrello .

### 3.) **Old Business**

a.) Legislation – Andy Hunt gave an update on our bill. It is in conference committee. The only change we are seeking is to change Oct 15 date to have pregnant mares in state to December. There is no reason for this to be controversial.

b.) Election -- Only 3 candidates sent in resumes – Anthony Spadea, Arlene Brown and Donna Pereira. Gregg suggests that Joe be named an alternate even though he did not submit a resume. We will still have vote at the annual meeting to make it official. A letter should go out notifying membership of status of voting and to invite them to annual meeting which will be October 22, 2024 – place to be announced when we have an idea how many people will attend. Letter will ask members to RSVP if intending to come to annual meeting by October 1.

#### c.) MTBA programs

Discussion on what can be done to incentivize people to invest in MA thoroughbred breeding. Suggestions included increasing the purse supplements but we still need more horses to run. Also, current law has cap limits on the amount of awards in races. Incentives have to begin with the breeding

Suggested 2025 Breeding Program

1. Award \$25,000 to lesee or owner to bring a new stallion into MA.
2. Award the farm where stallion will stand \$25,000 in form of a grant.
3. Cap at 3 new stallions entering the state
4. Award owner or lesee \$7500 for mares entering MA before Oct 15 and \$7500 when the foal drops
5. Award owner or lesee \$7500 for mares entering after October 15 and \$2500 to breed back to MA stallion
6. Award farms \$1000 for each foal dropped
7. Award \$2500 to mare owner or lesee for breed back to a MA stallion
8. Cap at 25 new mares entering the state

**Motion to approve program:** -Gregg Rose ----- Second: -Armand Janjigian .

**d.) Committee reports**

**Bylaw – on hold**

**Election** report above in minutes

**Membership** Motion made to have membership free again.

**Motion:** --Anthony Spadea -- Second: David Cramer- .

**Breeding** covered above

**e.) Curries**

Smithsonian book on History of flight sent to Bob who is still in hospital but improving.  
Joyce was treated to a day at Briar Hill Farm so she could visit her horses

**f.) Virtual meetings**

Discussion on Virtual meetings tabled. Some members are not in favor at all. Some feel we should offer for members who travel a great distance in inclement weather.

**4.) New Business**

**a.) Website**

Issues with the website were discussed. Confusion over who was doing what cause shutdown for 2 days. Pau and David will look into this.

**b.) Retired thoroughbreds**

The Board discussed the merits of a \$5,000 grant for the support of retired thoroughbred race horses in Massachusetts.

**Motion for approval** Paul Umbrello Second David Cramer

**5.) Next Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024 Time: 6:30pm Place: TBA

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- **Adjournment** 9:00 PM

**Motion to adjourn** Gregg Rose Second David Cramer

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Respectfully submitted,

*Arlene B. Brown*

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