

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE November 21, 2024

PLACE 25 Commercial St, Braintree

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

Board Members Present

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

Absent

DiRico, Joe (Alternate)
Janjigian, Armand
Zagwyn, Marie

Guest

Robbins, Bill - Accountant
Hunt, Andy

1.) Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 10/22/2024 was read and

Motion to accept report: Karen Benson **Second:** Paul Umbrello.

2.) Treasurer's Report:

Bill Robbins gave his last treasurer's report. We wish him best of luck in his retirement. David Cramer will take over the duties of the accountant. Bill discussed the results of the live meeting for the audit in progress. He reported the findings and recommendations of the auditor. He feels this audit will be wrapped up soon.

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

As Bill will continue to work on audit, a motion was made to pay Bill for the remainder of his contract which expires December 31.

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

3.) Old Business

a. Update on MTBA Bill

The MTBA bill which sought to change the October 15 deadline to have mares in the state changed to December 15 passed and has been signed by the Governor. Andy Hunt explained the proceeds and the help we received from Tacky Chan to the Speaker. He asked that we put on a fund raiser for Tacky after the first of the year and advertise it among our membership.

b.) Forms for requesting funds

1. For live foal – Arlene said there really isn't a need to make a separate form since farms are required to report both live and no foal to MDAR and the Jockey Club. A copy of either of these forms would be sufficient to make payment to the farm and/or owner.

2. NO/Aborted Foal – Farm will still get the grant for live or no foal except foals aborted early. There will be no grant award paid for No Foal.

3. Breedback Again separate form not needed as farms must submit to MDAR and The Jockey Club a list of mares that are bred to each stallion. A copy of the report is sufficient for payment of award.

4. Farms will provide acceptance that they have been paid in full for their services before final payments to owners are made.

c.) Committee Reports

1. Bylaws – A review of the by laws produced the suggestion that we strike out the word “secretary” in some phrases per suggestion of the auditor. Paul will revise and send out to the Board again for final approval.

2. Membership

i. Voting vs Honorary – This is tabled until next meeting.

ii.. Mail vs email for sending out renewal notices. It is suggested that we do both but do not put a stamp on the return envelope.

iii. Application Form - Tabled

3. Election 2025 Board of Directors.- Gregg Rose was voted Sargeant at arms

Motion: Anthony Spadea **Second:** Arlene Brown .

4.) New Business

a.) 2026 Breeding Program

Suggestions were made. Forms must be revised to emphasize requirements New forms to be presented at next meeting. All registration forms must be mailed or emailed to Arlene. A suggestion made that the registration form have 2 parts. Proof for entry (registration) and proof for exit (farms have been paid). The Board also voted to accept 10 more mares for the 2025 breeding season.

Motion: Paul Umbrello **Second:** Anthony Spadea .

5.) Next Meeting

Date: Jan 16, 2025 Time: 6:00 PM Place Staples, Norwood

6.) Adjournment 9:00 PM

Motion to adjourn Paul Umbrello **Second** David Cramer

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene B. Brown