

# MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Minutes

DATE January 16, 2025

PLACE Stples, Norwood

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

### Board Members Present

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

### Absent

DiRico, Joe (Alternate)  
Benson, Karen-Treasurer

### Guest

Andy Hunt  
Kathy Manning

## 1. Lobbyist's Report

### a.) Ch 128 language

The Ch 128 has to be re-submitted for 2025 by tomorrow. Tacky Chan will submit the old bill and we can revise it any time. This will give us time to discuss changes.

The possibility of running a fund raiser for Tacky was discussed. Possibly, both HBPA and MTBA could run one together. Options will be pursued.

### b.) Contracts

c.) Contracts for David Cramer and Arlene Brown were discussed and signed.

**Motion:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Gregg Rose.

## 2. Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 11/21/2024 was read and a few minor typos were corrected.

The ad for Trainer Magazine will be same for the spring issue. Arlene has already updated the mail list for that issue.

**Motion to accept report:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** David Cramer.

## 3. Treasurer's Report:

David made his debut with his first treasure's report. He still has some minor details to clean up but everything is going well. He is making improvements to collection and storing of data and awards. He would like to see a push to use of ACH in light of problems with US mail. Good start David!

**Motion to accept report:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Marie Zagwyn.

## 4. Old Business

### a.) Membership renewal

Membership forms will be sent out by US mail and by email. Return envelopes will not include postage. Since most people prefer to use email to respond.

### b.) Update on 2025 breeding season

Arlene reported that 50 mares have come into Massachusetts to foal. However, we have had 3 abortions. There are 5 stallions standing in MA this year. One is new to the state. We have 8 new farms foaling mares. Thank you to David and Paul for seeking out and getting these farms on board.

c.) Reporting births, breedbacks, farms paid

Arlene will send a letter to the 8 farms that are foaling thoroughbred mares to explain the necessary reports that must be filed. This will include detailed steps for Jockey Club reports as well as MDAR reports. A discussion about the procedures we could adopt to assure that all our farms are paid in full before mares, foals and stallions depart was discussed.

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d.) Final approval By-Laws

A new hard copy highlighting the changes needed. We should take a look at the requirement of owning a thoroughbred or farm for Board membership.

## 5.) New Business

a.) **Co-Breeding rights**

Discussion tabled until next meeting

b.) **2026 Breeding Program**

Possibly keep same as this year but table for future discussion.

c.) **Stallion requirements**

We want incentives for new stallions to come into MA. for the 2026 breeding season. Stallions that have been in state in prior years should not be eligible for incentives. This is tabled for future discussion.

d.) **Foals Lost/replaced?**

Discussion and motion for owners who have lost a foal this year due to abortion be given the option to bring in another mare to replace the mare who aborted. They would not be eligible for incentive for bringing in the mare but still eligible for the live foal award to be distributed at foaling and at breed back time. These mares would obviously need to breed back to a MA stallion for the foals to be Massbreds.

**Motion:** Anthony Spadea **Second:** Armand Janjigian.

e.) **Payment structure on Incentives/Purses**

These will remain the same as 2024

f.) Website updates

Paul will look into cleaning up the website

## 6.) Next Meeting

Paul has a possibility of moving our meetings permanently to a new site in Dedham.

Date: 2/230/2025 Time: TBA PM Place: TBA

## 7.) Adjournment 8:57 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Arlene B. Brown*

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