

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE January 15, 2026

PLACE 3 Allied Drive, Dedham

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

Board Members Present

Cramer, David
Keithly, Oliver
Pereira, Donna-Chair
Rose, Gregg-Vice Chair
Spadea, Anthony
Umbrello, Paul

Absent

DiRicco, Joe
Benson, Karen-Alternate
Brown, Arlene
Bust, Nogah - Alternate
Janjigian, Armand

Guest

Andy Hunt

1. **Lobbyist report:** Andy reported that he was meeting with Mike Finn. All economic development goes through him.. If he gets our wording in, he will come back and talk again. There is little to report. It is very quiet at the moment.

2. **Secretary's Report:**

The secretaries report from 11/20/2025 was read and accepted.

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

Treasurer's Report: David reported that the lobbyist registration has been done. The casino revenues were up for December. Questions concerning what months casinos are paying out and that seems to be arbitrary. Website and billing for hosting needs revamping.

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

3. **New Business**

- a) **Election of Officers**– Executive session. Motion to eliminate position of Treasurer and re-elect current officers of Chairman-Donna Pereira and Co-chair – Gregg Rose. Add Paul Umbrello as an authorized check signer.

Motion to elect : Paul Umbrello **Second:** Anthony Spadea

- b) **Request from Oliver Keithly to address floor**

Oliver expressed questions concerning income, operating costs for the organization, number of possible runners for this year, the mission statement, people compensated for their work above and beyond looking at farms, chasing paperwork etc. He also has suggestions for aftercare for race horses and mares. All of these items need to be added to future agendas. Paul will send Oliver a copy of the by-laws.

- c) **Trainer Magazine:** We have one more quarter left in contract with Trainer Magazine. The Mid Atlantic offers 2 full pages for MTBA. One full page will be devoted to the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeders Program. Trainer contract will not be renewed. This was previously voted.

4. Old Business

a) **Membership for 2026:** Ideas- free or fee, renew by..to be eligible to run or vote, honorary-no vote privilege

Topic tabled to next meeting

b) **Bylaws** –Loop holes in By-laws that need to be addressed

Tabled to next meeting

5. Next Meeting:

Date: Feb 19, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Allied Drive

6. Adjournment: 9:27 PM

Motion to adjourn Donna Pereira **Second** David Cramer

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Pereira

For *Arlene B. Brown*

Arlene B. Brown