

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE February 19, 2026

PLACE 3 Allied Drive, Dedham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at _____ PM.

Board Members Present

Benson, Karen-alternate
Brown, Arlene
Cramer, David
Janjigian, Armand
Keithly, Oliver
Pereira, Donna-Chair
Rose, Gregg-Co Chair
Spadea, Anthony
Umbrello, Paul

Absent

DiRicco, Joe
Bust, Nogah-alternate

Guest

Andy Hunt
Chad Beauregard

1. Lobbyist report

Andy passed out a packet of the pertinent sections of the racehorse bill in the Governor's budget indicating changes made by the Governor. We should mbe writing letters to,our Senators and Representatives asking to delete section 88 of the Governor's budgetr.

2. Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 1/15/2026 was read and misprints corrected.

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

3. Treasurer's Report:

A suggestion was made to include a line on the graph for 2024 along with the 2025 and 2026 for comparison. Dave has put together a binder for deposit reporting for all accounts and statements to be viewed by Board at their discretion.

All awards for incoming horses for the 2026 breeding season have been paid out.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea Second: Oliver Keithly.

4. Old Business

a. Membership 2026

Questions raised as to the term of NDA's Are they to be signed yearly? Opinion – once as long as sdill on the Board.

David and Paul put together a draft of the 2026 membership form offering 3 levels of membership.

Farm/Owner - \$100 fee will include voting rights. Associate – involved in TB industry, no fee, includes voting rights, Honorary – interested but no ownership, no fee, no voting rights.

Discussionn and suggestions as to what should be considered for active involvement in MTBA. People who have been involved for many years as owners but hve retired should be grandfathered into forst level of membership.

Motion to accept membership draft : Oliver Keithly Second: Anthony Spadea

b. By-Laws loopholes to be addressed by By-Laws committee

Items to be considered for updates:

Board members must have TB horse or farm that is housing or breeding TBs.

Should alternates be included in executive session?

Should By-Laws be clear enough for everyone to understand?

Article 9 needs to be revised.

c. Sub-committees:

i. Election – Arlene, Donna

ii. By-laws - Paul, Gregg

iii. Breeding – Arlene, Paul, David

iv. Membership – David, Anthony

v. Farms – Oliver, Armand, Karen

At every monthly meeting, each committee will provide an update

d. UMass, MIT, Feed Co-op

i. Feed Co-op – Paul talked to Purina rep re buying in bulk to help farms with costs re feeds, bedding and hay. Data concerning needs of the 15 farms must be collected before proceeding.

ii. MIT (Wyze app) – These are cameras installed in stalls at farms and produce infinitely more data than over the counter cameras. They are already installed at Briar Hill Farm but they are pricey. Should we consider grants to get them installed at more farms?

iii. UMass has large vet and equine center. Mares could foal out there. They have a large racetrack possibly to use for Massbred races – not for wagering. Paul will write up a proposal for use of the facility along with costs and benefits.

iv. Oliver suggested considering grants to farms to upgrade etc, Tabled for now.

e. Initial thoughts on 2027 breeding season

Suggestions made to rethink stallion program. Tabled for now. Topic for sub-committee.

f. Farm supervision

If we list a farm on the website, should we set standards for condition of the facility, breeding arrangements, safety, insurance?

Paul suggested we may be able to arrange group rates through Farm Family for insurance. Further discussion needed.

Next Meeting:

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

5. Adjournment 9:18 PM

Motion to adjourn: Gregg Rose **Second** Oliver Keithly.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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