

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE March 19, 2026

PLACE 3 Allied Drive, Dedham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 - phone

Bust, Nogah-alternate

Guest

Chad Beauregard

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Bolyasny asked to address the Board. He discussed his history into the breeding of horses and his disenchantment with the MTBA policies and programs. He left the meeting abruptly.

1. Lobbyist report

No report this month

2. Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 2/19/2026 was read and

Motion to accept report as amended: Antony Spadea **Second:** Arman Janjigian.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Awards are coming in from various sources in timely manner. Reports show a bit of a difference this January compared to last but that could just be a reflection of the date it was transferred. David will do away with the hard copy he usually gives out at each meeting but screen shots need to be made a little bigger. A deadline for when payment of various awards needs to be established so the awardees know when to expect payment. When all paperwork is in and approved, two weeks should be ample. The exception would be racing awards which need to wait for clearance after bloodwork is analyzed.

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

4. Committee reports

a. Election 2026

Membership applications are not even in yet so not too much to report for election committee.

It was suggested that memberships that have been in by June 15 be eligible for voting

b. By-Laws

Gregg and Paul will be meeting on the 20th and will be re-writing By-laws in less formal language

c. Breeding:

Arlene reported that there are 54 mares in the program and 17 have foaled already. One mare has succumbed. Breeding program for next year has not been established yet.

d. Membership

Gregg suggested offering a link to the membership application on the Facebook page.

e. Farms/farm supervision

Oliver reported, committee will be meeting soon and will have a report for the next meeting. We don't want to be in a position of certifying farms but somehow have to make mare owners aware and encourage them to do due diligence as far as vetting the farm.

5. Old Business

a. Feed/hay coop

Paul has collected data from a number of farms and is working on pulling data together. After foaling season is over, he will delve into this more.

b. Wyze grants

Two grants for cameras have been given out.

c. UMASS

More to come on this later. Paul is working on a proposal to submit to UMass

6. New Business

- a. Suggestion made to look at supplemental purses so late finishing horses get a little more help
- b. Suggestion to have some kind of Derby day party to interest people who are not necessarily race people
- c. A letter from Emily.....requesting support for a thoroughbred aftercare competition. Melissa Keithly explained what the competition is about as well as the expenses. A recommendation was made to donate \$1000 toward her thoroughbred makeover competition and another \$1000 to the top performing Massbred horse at the competition in October. We will contact Emily for more information before voting this as a motion.

7. Next Meeting:

Date: Apr 16, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Allied Drive

8. Adjournment 8:49 PM

Motion to adjourn Anthony Spadea **Second** Oliver Keithly .

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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