

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE April 16, 2026

PLACE 3 Allied Drive, Dedham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:32 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

Andy Hunt
Chad Beauregard

1. Lobbyist report

Racehorse development fund has been left intact in the budget for this year. It goes up for debate next week then to Senate committees. Representative Tacky Chan will offer our amendment but is not too hopeful it will succeed. If this happens it will be added to economic development bill but this would not be until June/July.

2. Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 3/19/2026 was read and accepted

Motion to accept report Anthony Spadea Second: Gregg Rose

3. Treasurer's Report:

David had to prompt Suffolk for the February payment again. He showed in bar graph form the comparison of income and expenses year to year. David is working to make changes in the way some accounts are registered to improve reporting.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea Second Armand Janjigian

4. Committee reports

a. Election 2026

Again it is too early to begin the process of seeking nominees. Still have memberships coming in.

b. By-Laws

Board given a copy of By-laws with changes highlighted. The Board will review and discuss at next Meeting.

c. Breeding 2026 update:

An updated summary of mares and foals for the 2026 season was presented. There are 52 mares in the program who have already foaled out 15 colts and 14 fillies.

d. Membership

Memberships are slow to arrive. Paul will send out reminders again.

e. Farms/farm supervision

There are some complaints by consumers as to how their horses have been handled at some farms. Coming up with a minimum standard for farm operation is difficult without putting MTBA in the middle of supervision and enforcement issues. Suggestions involve contacting Board of health or other supervisory boards within the town of farm operation. At least to determine if they have minimum requirements for certifying farms It was suggested to call some of the states that have breeding programs to see how they regulate farms.

5. Old Business

a. Supplemental purse structure

Discussion about discontinuing supplemental purses when we have a lot more Massbreds running was unpopular. Many feel this is what makes our program the best in the country. Motion made to continue supplemental purse structure and adding that minimum supplement will be \$500 down to last place finisher and re-visit supplemental purse structure year year.

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

b. UMASS

Paul has concluded the study of the UMASS facility. He will bring copies of his findings to the next meeting. He anticipates we could offer a proposal for a grant to take 6 mares which would include vet care, horse maintenance etc. More thought needed. We could consider having exhibition races here, possibly actual-non wagering-races. May have to approach MGC for their opinion.

c. Derby day update

Will be held at Loretta's Last Call behind the Green Monster. There is a parking spot for horse trailer reserved. Oliver is bringing a couple of young horses and backdrop for people to have pictures taken with future racehorse. There will be T-shirts and pamphlets for handout to crowd.

d. Emily grant

Emily is getting more information. Topic tabled until next meeting.

6. New business

- a. **2027 breeding plan** - Tabled to next meeting
- b. **Agenda item suggested** – Have some kind of membership gathering for people to meet.

7. Next Meeting:

Date: May 21, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Allied Drive

8. Adjournment 9:26 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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