

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE May 21, 2026

PLACE 3 Allied Drive, Dedham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Board Members Present

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
Benson, Karen-alternate

Guest

Andy Hunt
Chad Beauregard
Grace Greenwood
Jenine Fernandes

1. Lobbyist report

Senator Tarr's amendment to put Horse Development funds back in the Budget was not accepted. No additional damage was done in the Senate. Economic Development Committee meeting is Tuesday. Tacky Chan is informing them of our amendment. We need to keep after the new chairman – Karen Fiola with letters to congressmen.

2. Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 4/16/2026 was read and accepted after some typos were corrected.

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

3. Treasurer's Report:

The incomes from the casinos was reviewed and appears to be very consistent year to year with it being slightly ahead this year. David reported that all the 990's have been submitted. David was asked to provide an estimate for the racing awards we could expect to pay out for an average number of Massbred horses that could be running soon. This amount would have to be reserved before funds for a breeding season could be considered.

A motion was made to destroy all records prior to 8 yrs.

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

Motion to accept report Anthony Spadea **Second** Armand Janjigian.

4. Committee reports

a. Election 2026

Notices need to be sent out soliciting resumes of people who desire to run for the Board of Directors for 2027. Paul and Arlene will work on preparing a list of people who are eligible and prepare a notice.

b. By-Laws - Tabled for next meeting

c. Breeding 2026 update:

There are 41 live foals so far this year with 10 more mares to foal out. Equine Affair is 11/12/2026-11/15/2026. Theme is "Built for Speed"

d.Membership – Tabled for next meeting

e.Farms/farm supervision - Tabled for next meeting

5.Old Business

a.Emily grant - Tabled for next meeting

6.New business

a. 2027 breeding plan

Discussions ensued about pros and cons of current breeding program, along with suggestions for 2027.

1. Multiple forms for same benefit should be consolidated into one form.
2. Timeliness of submitted forms from farms.
3. \$5000 breed back incentive too high?
4. Even if mare is bred back to a MA stallion, unless that foal is born in MA next year, it will **not** be a Massbred and stallion owner reaps no benefit at all.
5. Incentives to help farms by keeping mares in state longer.
6. Restructure stallion incentives.
7. How many stallions is too many?
8. Limit number of times a stallion can participate in program (incentivize turn over) to offer varied choices each year.
9. What is best incentive for farms to want to take in mares for foaling?
10. Offer grants for medical supplies for foaling season based on number of mares.
11. Offer bigger incentive for longer stays (mare comes by Oct 15 instead of required Dec 15).
12. Hold all incentives until after mare has left.
13. Budget for Massbreds running which should begin 2027 (4-6 horses), but large crop 2028 and after.

A proposal will be prepared by breeding subcommittee for presentation at next meeting.
No vote will be taken then until everyone has had a chance to review the proposal.

7.Next Meeting:

Date: June 18, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Allied Drive

8.Adjournment 10:19 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene B. Brown
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