

MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHbred BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

DATE July 23, 2026

PLACE 3 Allied Drive, Dedham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Board Members Present

Brown, Arlene
Benson, Karen-alternate
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
Melissa Keithly
Amy Riley
Husband Riley

1. Lobbyist report

Our amendment is in the Bill. It should stay there. The Conference Committee can only vote Yes or No.

2. Secretary's Report:

The secretaries report from 6/18/2026 was read and accepted

Motion to accept report Anthony Spadea Second: Oliver Keithly.

3. Treasurer's Report:

The year to year totals are pretty steady. We are paying awards to 2 horses running now and there may be 4-6 more running before the end of the year. A budget needs to be determined for the racing incentives part of the program. The breeding program may have to be reigned back to make sure funds are available for them.

A motion was made to keep a pre-determined amount in a reserved account.

Motion made: Oliver Keithly Second Gregg Rose.

David calculated an approximation of the cost of awards for these horses and it was determined that some money from the reserve could be used. A motion was made that the reserve account must never fall below \$2.2 million.

Motion made: Oliver Keithly Second Gregg Rose.

Oliver asked if there is any money in the budget to help farms with rescued or retired horses. He would like to set up a fund to help with aftercare of Massbreds.

4. Breeding Program 2027

The biggest problems with 2026 program were paperwork and breed back program.

As for breed back, it was suggested that proof of coverage for 2 cycles(unless in foal after first) and at least 40 days on farm before mare and foal can leave. We won't ask for confirmation of pregnancy. The paperwork issue will be worked out between Paul and Arlene.

Discussion: Should age of mare be a consideration when accepting mares for program. Decided no since some older mares have produced beautiful foals. Complications can arise with any age mare.

Discussion: How many personal mares farm or stallion owner can have in the program.

Stallion owners must sign a contract before bringing a stallion into the state. The contract will specify that the stallion must remain in state from Feb 1st to July 1st which is the definition provided by the Jockey Club. If a stallion owner is unhappy with his current location in the state, he can move it to another location in the state. People who do not abide by the rules will not be allowed to return in subsequent years and would forfeit any monies owed in future racing awards. It was suggested to ask Kathy Reagan, esq to draw up said contract for us.

Oliver asked if he could conduct a phone survey of participants in this year's breeding program for feedback. He will also find out if they plan to return next year.

5. Next Meeting

Date: Aug 20, 2026 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Allied Drive

6. Adjournment 9:44 PM

Motion to adjourn: Anthony Spadea **Second** Arlene Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene B. Brown

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Executive Session 7/23/2026

Discussion concerning law suit brought by Maxsim Bolynassy. Everyone urged to respond to 186 counts in demand.