MASSACHUSETTS THROUGHBRED BREEDERS ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
DATE: September 19, 2026
PLACE: 3 Allied St, Dedham

Chairman Donna Pereira called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Board Members Present	Absent	Guest
Brown, Arlene	DiRico, Joe	Chad Beauregard
Benson, Karen-alternate	Bust Nogah-alternate	
Cramer, David		
Janjigian, Armand		
Keithly, Oliver		
Pereira, Donna-Chair		
Rose, Gregg-Co Chair		
Spadea, Anthony		
Umbrello, Paul		

1.) **Lobbyist report**: None tonight

2.) Secretary's Report:
The secretaries report from 8/20/26 was read and edited

Motion to accept report as edited: Anthony Spdea **Second**: Armand Janjigian .

3.) Treasurer's Report: time to renew insurance. A letter needed stating we are trying to keep liabilities at a minimum.

Payments from the state are inconsistent but With August payment, the deposits are back on track. They usually get caught up about every 60 days. There is not much activity this month.

Motion to accept report: Anthony Spadea **Second**: Arlene Brown .

4.) Old Business

a.) Committee reports

i. **By-laws**: Motion made to change "one full year" to "Calendar year" as defined by Webster

Motion: Arlene Brown **Second**: Gregg Rose .
Vote: 4 Yes, 1 No, 3 Abstain, Motion does not carry
Other changes were reviewed.

Motion to accept revisions: Gregg Rose **Second**: Anthony Spadea
Vote: 8 yes, 1 no, Motion carries

ii. **Election update:** There are 7 candidates on the ballot for election. The ballots will be going out soon

iii. **Breeding 2027 update:** Final Breeding program for 2027 reviewed. Package will be cleaned up and posted within a week.

iv. **Membership for 2027:** Question raised, If a member did not renew his membership in the current year, can he still vote? Davis sends out email reminders with application attached. He will send out a third reminder stating no renewal means forfeiting voting rights. The membership list is perpetual but to vote or run for office, membership must be kept current. Renewal forms will be sent out early and must be returned by the end of January.

b.) Rescue horse: Oliver had suggested at last month's meeting that we should consider supporting retired Mass bred horses. Arlene brought a copy of an application we used a few years ago to give grants to Rescue operations that took Mass bred race horses. This will be discussed at next meeting.

5.) New Business

a.) Emily Wilmot: An agreement had been approved several meetings ago to support this rider and her thoroughbred "makeover"with a grant of $1000. A motion was made to grant the award and have David issue the check.

Motion: Arlene Brown **Second**: Oliver Keithly .

b.) U Mass: Grant of $100,000 to take 6 broodmares to foal out. They will not take a stallion so any breeding would have to be van breeding and the responsibility of the owner. The owner would not receive the program incentives but would not have expenses at UMASS. This can be 6 additional mares above the maximum planned for in the 2027 breeding program.

Grant had been approved by Board previously

c.) Senator Anne Gobi: She is the Director of Agriculture Economic Development and Rural Affairs and has strong link to the Governor. Paul has had some meetings with her and finds she is very supportive of efforts to support our industry.

d.) Insurance: Paul contacted Sterling Thompson, a company that offers low-cost horse insurance. The link is https://sterlingthompson.com

6.) Next Meeting

Date: 10/22/26 Time: 6:30 PM Place: Allied Drive

7.) Adjournment 10:08 **PM**

Motion to adjourn Anthony Spadea **Second** Gregg Rose

Respectfully submitted,
Arlene B. Brown
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