

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI  
December 6th<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Roll Call of Director's & Officers:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Jane Burt</b>		
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Willis Plank</b>	<b>Cal-Bra-Hill:</b>	<b>Dean Daglow</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Sherry Garrett</b>	<b>Western MI RA:</b>	<b>Larry Walthorn</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Gail Samson</b>	<b>Mi Dutch Rabbit Club:</b>	<b>Carlene Bell</b>
<b>Central MI RBA:</b>	<b>Janet Bowers</b>	<b>MI Mini Lop RC:</b>	<b>Kelly Hansen</b>
<b>Heart of MI:</b>	<b>Neva Sulpher</b>	<b>Lapeer Area Rabbit Raisers:</b>	<b>Dennis Keefer</b>
<b>Mid MI RBA:</b>	<b>George Carpenter</b>	<b>MI Cavy Breeders Assoc.:</b>	<b>Helena Hickerson</b>
<b>Great Lakes RCS:</b>	<b>Ronda Hemenway</b>	<b>Great Lakes Crème D'Argent :</b>	<b>Sandy Carey</b>
<b>North Central MI RBA:</b>	<b>Tony Parker</b>	<b>MI Mini Rex Club:</b>	<b>Sandy Doyle</b>
<b>Whitetail RBA:</b>	<b>Barb Irelan</b>	<b>MI Flemish Giant RBA:</b>	<b>Bob Bolyard</b>
<b>Michigan State Fair:</b>	<b>Al Irelan</b>	<b>Great Lakes Jersey Wooly FC:</b>	<b>Cathie Usakowski</b>
<b>MI Angora Club:</b>	<b>Don Havlicek</b>		
<b>MI State Lop Club:</b>	<b>Jenny Tice</b>		

**Secretary's Report and Communications: Sherry Garrett**

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Bob Bolyard to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as printed in the Michigan Rabbit News. Motion carried.

**Financial Report: Gail Samson**

Checking: \$ 997.34  
Savings: \$ 486.78  
Petty Cash: \$ 30.00  
CD: \$2,979.22  
Total Income: \$2,951.37  
Total Expense: \$2,769.08  
Total Income & Expense: \$182.29  
Total Assets: \$4,493.34

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Larry Walthorn to send the treasurer's report to the Audit Committee. Approved.

**President's Report: Jane Burt**

- The Annual Board of Directors Meeting will be moved back one week to February 13<sup>th</sup>, at the MSU Pavilion at 12:30 p.m.
- It is expected that MSRBA will have taken in over \$18,000.00 on the Fall Show this year.
- The 2010 MSRBA Fall Show will be held during Thanksgiving weekend.
- There was a discussion on the youth secretary taking their own memberships and providing regular updates throughout the year to the MSRBA president and to the MSRBA secretary.
- Discussion on Fall Show parking issues.

**Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett**

- The secretary distributed lists of all members who have had 10 continuous years of documented MSRBA membership to the Board of Directors.
- There was a discussion on the Master Breeder nomination procedures. Members were encouraged to nominate any eligible members for the Master Breeder award by January 1<sup>st</sup> to Dennis Keefer.
- The new membership contests were discussed. Bob Bolyard made the motion, second by Larry Walthorn that to qualify for the contest awards, you must have signed up at least 5 new members for the MSRBA to qualify for either the Individual or the Club membership contest. Discussion: One award will be paid out in cash to the top individual

and the top affiliated club who has signed up at least 5 new members in either category. Motion approved. Suggested dollar awards were \$25.00 for each contest, the top individual and the top club. The same new members may not be used for both categories, just one. The membership application must have the following added to the form: Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_.

- All Affiliated Clubs of the MSRBA must send in a complete listing of all members for our Insurance policy. A copy needs to be sent to the secretary, Sherry Garrett and one to Jane Burt, president. Our policy is with Auto Owners.

#### **Vice President: Willis Plank**

#### **Convention Photo Contest:**

- Awards to be given out at the Banquet.
- Jane has a box of new awards available that just need to be plated.
- It is suggested that there be four classes, all of which will involve a rabbit and/or a cavy.
- Each Classification winner – Each Group Winner – and a Best in Show winner
- It was thought to be nice to print the photos in the Michigan News.
- A media release must be used if any reprinting will be done.

There was a motion by Janet Bowers, second by Tony Parker to approve the photo contests for the 2010 MSRBA Convention. Motion carried.

#### **New Business:**

Hop 2 It had the MSRBA PA system yet as of the Fall Show date, so the MSRBA was unable to try out the new PA system stands and setup to be used at the 2010 MSRBA Convention show.

#### **2010 MSRBA Budget:**

Motion by Larry Walthorn, second by Bob Bolyard to accept the proposed 2010 budget with the changes made at the Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Equipment: Tony Parker**

Discussion on the width of the new cavy tables. It was decided to make two new show table tops that are wider to accommodate the cavies better while they are showing, in the total of 30" wide versus the current 24". Motion by Tony Parker, second by Larry Walthorn to make the two new table tops and to utilize the current tops for the registrar tables. Motion carried.

#### **2010 MSRBA Committee's:**

Motion to approve the 2010 MSRBA Committee members as presented by President Burt by George Carpenter, second by Don Havlicek. Motion carried.

#### **Sweepstakes Awards:**

Nylon blend jackets for the top 5 All Breed and Top 5 Quality Points Winners. Suggested color is Teal with a Navy Blue collar. Motion by Carlene Bell, second by Neva Sulpher with the awards to be embroidered on the jacket. To be offered a choice of having the embroidery on the front or the back.

#### **State 4-H Workshop Thank You Notes:**

It is suggested that we have a bulletin board with an easel to display the thank you messages we received from those participating in the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop at the MSRBA Convention.

#### **Any other New Business: none**

Motion to adjourn by Dennis Keefer, second by George Carpenter. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*