

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
December 06th, 2009**

Secretary's Report and Communications:

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Janet Bowers to accept the minutes as printed in the MSRBA News with the correction of Russ Scott being the Supt., not Willis Plank. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

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

Bills:

Patrick Green \$25.00 for hauling the trailer from Mason to the MSU Dairy Farm.

Carpets: \$43.75 – Tony Parker

Raffle Ticket printing: \$51.94 – Tony Parker

5 new speaker stands for the sound system – Tony Parker

For a total reimbursement of \$172.00 to Tony Parker – Equipment Chairperson

We need to purchase a new wireless Microphone and the wire (Approximately 120 feet of wire) to string down the Pavilion for Convention. The Pavilion will use a scissor lift to string the wiring down the row of stall dividers. Motion by Dennis Keefer to pay the bills and purchase the wireless microphone and wiring to complete the project. Second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried.

Larry Walthorn requested that the Financial Report be submitted to the Audit Committee.

Officer's Reports:

Secretary: Sherry Garrett reported on the new Individual and Club MSRBA membership contests. First place award will be paid out in either or both divisions to the Top Individual and the Top Club as long as there were 5 new members in each, not being the same members.

Committee Reports:

Promotion: Larry Walthorn stated that \$656.00 was earned at the fall show in promotions. He also stated that you may special order specific sizes if you wish. Ronda Hemenway will be assisting with this booth at the Convention.

Show Circuit: Carlene Bell has taken in \$1,726.56 to date.

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway. The State 4-H Workshop was on November 13th -14th this year with 101 participants. Ronda is the breed chair for the 6 class breeds, and Carlene Bell is the breed chair for the State 4-H Show on January 30th. An educational flyer has been put together of opportunities of youth members.

Publication: Jane Burt stated that several ads have now expired or are expiring. Two ads are paid to 2011: Heart of Michigan and Dennis Sulpher. Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Barb Ireland to accept the Publication report. Motion carried.

Resolutions: no report

Master Breeder: Sherry Garrett distributed a listing of all current 10 year members. All Master Breeder nominations are due to Dennis Keefer by January 2nd, 2010.

Historical Committee: Discussion on booth space needed for the Convention weekend.

Equipment: Tony Parker

- We have taken in \$1,050.00 in trailer rental and PA system rental.
- New floor mats, carpets, and two new tables, along with a new jack handle on the trailer have been added for a total of approximately \$568.67.
- Great Lakes R&C Shows has built two new table setups and show holes.
- Total show setups: now 22 set ups including 2 cavy tables.

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Tony Parker to purchase the two Great Lakes show setups, 5 new writers tables, and two new wider tabletops for cavies that will be the appropriate size to match the bases with a cap of the total amount to be no more than \$400.00. (\$25 for the two new cavy show table tops, \$60 each for the Great Lakes Table show set-ups, and the balance on the 5 new writer's tables.) Motion carried. The former cavy show table tops will be used for registrar tables.

Inventory:

Greg Piper took an inventory of the equipment in the trailer. Without the six new speaker stands he feels the cost of replacement equipment should be adjusted lower from the previous policy to approximately \$8,000.00. Motion by Bob Hunt, second by Dean Daglow to adjust the trailer content to \$8,000.00. Motion carried.

Elections Committee: Sandy Doyle, Kelly Hansen and Henry Carpenter.

Kelly Hansen reported that there were three spoiled ballots, and they counted the ballots three times. There were 130 ballots with Jane Burt receiving 72, and Crystal Parker receiving 58. Motion by George Carpenter, second by Larry Walthorn to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

2009 MSRBA Fall Show:

- There were more than 6,000 entries in Saturday's shows.
- Donna Mallory was thanked for insuring the judges received such nice meals at the Fall Shows.
- Discussion on table heights for judges.
- Discussion on timing of judging in wrapping the two shows together.
- We will be working on the sound levels from other events being held at the same time as our event.
- Discussion on decreasing the temperature within the building during our event.

2010 MSRBA Convention:

- **Rabbit School & Judges Conference:** The rabbit school and judges conference will be combined. Willis Plank is working on two straight hours with five educational programs. He is working on having Tex and/or Tonna Thomas, and a Vet who is a rabbit breeder from Illinois, as possibilities.
- **Entry Fees:** Motion by Don Havlicek to set the entry fees at \$3.00 for all shows and \$1.50 for fur classes, second by Neva Sulpher. Motion carried.
- **Saturday show** Open Supt: Tiffany Weiss and Open Show Secretary: Chris Plank
- **Sunday shows:** All Breed Show Supt. Russ Scott and Rob Usakowski assisting Russ. No Supt. has been named for the Sunday Specialty shows.
- **Booths:** Chris Garrett
Affiliated club booths will be \$30 per ten foot space. Commercial booths will be \$50 per space. They will be allowed to bring their own table if they wish to have an extra table within their booth. Larry and Jane will be assisting Chris Garrett in the setup. The Promotion Booth, and MSRBA Secretary's Booth will be set-up together on the "green wall". The Historical Booth will be set up on the end of the horse stall dividers near

restrooms and the Promotional and MSRBA Secretary's booths on the "green wall". They need to be able to hang items up on the stall dividers for display.

- Donna Mallory has again stated that she will assist in setting up the judge's food for convention weekend.
- **Banquet:** The cost to the club is going up about \$1.00 per person for 2010. Last year there were 208 people attending the banquet. Janet Bowers made the motion, Ronda Hemenway seconded, to leave the banquet costs the same as last year, 2009. Motion carried.
- **Catalog:** Willis Plank made the motion to leave the advertising cost of a business card sized ad the same as in 2009, \$5.00, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried.
- Motion by Neval Sulpher, second by Don Havlicek to dedicate the 2010 MSRBA Convention to: Carl & Kim Graham, and Bob & Lynn Bolyard. Motion carried.
- **Master Breeder:** Discussion on the purchase of a Master Breeder jacket for Master Breeder, Steve Parker. Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Carlene Bell to purchase Steve Parker's Master Breeder jacket. Motion carried.
- **Photography contest** will be Displayed Saturday on site at the Pavilion, and at the Saturday evening Banquet. There was discussion on perhaps reprinting them in the publication.
- **Banquet Raffle** donations are needed for both open and youth breeders. There will be separate drawings for youth and for open. Jane stated that it would be nice to have a few nice "gag" gifts, these are needed. Motion by Carlene Bell, second by Dean Daglow to offer two open one year memberships in the banquet raffle drawing. Motion carried.
Motion by Willis Plank, second by George Carpenter to give two \$15.00 voucher certificates for (one open entry and one youth entry) the Open and Youth All Breed shows on Sunday of the 2010 MSRBA Convention. 22 for/9 opposed. Motion carried.
- **Judges:** Chris Plank discussed the specialty show and all breed show judges. She will be contacting: Mike Adams, Lowell Trausch, Ruth Ann Bell, Todd Naragon, John Soper - R & C, Conall Addison, Mike D'Amico, Bruce Ormsby, Doug Covert, Molly Covert, Tonna Thomas, Tex Thomas, Jeremy Watmuff, and Nancy Richmond – R & C.
- **Show Secretary's:** Chris Plank Show Secretary Saturday, with Kelly Hansen assisting. Sunday will be Kelly Hansen for the All Breed, with Chris Plank assisting. Glenda Weiss will do the Specialty Shows.
- Reservations for the hotel will be \$75 for the studio and \$85 for the one bedroom suite. There needs to be one room available for the raffle winner, Mark Thompson from Harrison.
- **Silent Auction:** The funds raised from this will be used to assist with the budget towards the 4-H sponsorship donations that MSRBA makes. There was unanimous consent to have the silent auction for this purpose. Cooping will be used. Kelly Hansen will head this up and wishes to have her booth set up near the Silent Auction for ease of monitoring.

Any Other Old Business: none

New Business:

Youth report: Current balance \$6,111.00

Royalty will be done this weekend. Projects for Convention display need to be checked in by 9:30. The youth officers and directors were announced to the open general membership. The youth are donating two memberships to be raffled to youth at the MSRBA banquet. Discussion by the open membership to the youth: The youth secretary needs to be taking youth memberships, not the open secretary. Updates on the youth memberships need to be given at regular intervals to the open secretary and newsletter publication chairperson throughout the calendar year. A list of all officers is needed for the Michigan Rabbit News. The open thanked the youth for their report.

Fall Show: Larry Walthorn

Discussion on judges carrying their weight in the amounts of rabbits crossing their tables, but not to the point of rushing so much that they are not performing quality judging for the exhibitors. Some judges are not coming close to the 200 head amount, being nowhere near the ARBA maximum suggested load of 250 head per day. Other judges are having to carry more than their fair share of rabbits to insure that judging gets completed. There seems to be a lot of talking from exhibitors, other judges, etc., to judges also that slow down the judging.

Election results:

Jane Burt has been re-elected as MSRBA President. She thanked Crystal Parker for running for president, and encouraged her to continue to be active within the MSRBA.

Unfinished Business:

The Pavilion's PA system will be shut off on this side of the building during the 2010 MSRBA Convention.

Fall Show Raffle:

We sold \$490.00 in tickets, our expense was \$172.00 for a profit of about \$313.00 to offset the costs of the Convention banquet.

New Business:

2010 Budget: Motion by Bob Bolyard, second by Don Havilicek to accept the 2010 Budget as amended. Motion carried.

Any other new business:

2010 Fall Show Date: The fall show will be moving back to Thanksgiving weekend, November 22nd. Discussion on the fourth Quarterly meeting dates.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Walthorn, second by George Carpenter. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett. secretary