

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**11/28/2010**  
**MSU Pavilion**

**Members Present:** President Jane Burt, Secretary Sherry Garrett, Treasurer Sandy Doyle, Chris Garrett, Bob Bolyard, Dean Daglow, Kelly Hansen, Bryan Shirk, Barbara Irelan, Albert Irelan, Dennis Keefer, Don Havlicek, Bonnie Havlicek, Janet Bowers, Carlene Bell, Gail Samson, Anthony Parker, Donna Mallory, Penny Jezuit, Margaret Potter, Laurie Hoppe, James Hoppe, Jeff, Tonya and Sue Simmons, Glenda Weiss, Tiffany Weiss, Helena Hickerson, Rob Usakowski,

**Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett**

Don Havlicek made the motion, second by Larry Walthorn to accept the minutes with the typographical correction under Candlewood Suites as printed. Motion carried.

**Financial Report: Sandy Doyle**

Total Income:	\$ 7,855.17
Expenses:	\$ 8,656.97
CD April Rollover:	\$ 2,014.70
CD Dec. Rollover	\$1,004.89
Checking	\$ 659.60
Total Bank Accounts:	\$3,679.19
Prepaid Expenses:	\$ 465.00
Total Bank Accounts:	\$ 4,144.19 Overall Total

Report to be sent to the Audit Committee.

**Committee Reports:**

**Promotion:** Larry Walthorn stated that approximately \$995.00 was taken in this weekend.

**Show Circuit:** Carlene Bell stated that all of the shows are up to date. Carlene stated that clubs having 2011 shows will need to get them to her by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

- The CMRBA April 9<sup>th</sup> show has been cancelled this year due to a scheduling conflict.

**4-H Report:** Jane Burt

- The State 4-H Show is to be held on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Scholarship applications are due on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.
- State 4-H Rabbit Expo is on June 11<sup>th</sup> on the MSU campus.

**Publication:** Jane Burt stated that ads are running way behind.

It was stated that several of our current registrar's are becoming licensed judges. The Michigan shows are in need of ARBA registrar's to assist in registering rabbits at the shows. If anyone knows of persons who are qualified to register rabbits that might assist at the shows, please let us know.

**Resolutions:** Russ Scott Reference was given as to the budget that will be voted on at the MSRBA Convention show in March by Jane.

**Master Breeder Nominations:** Dennis Keefer Nominations are due to Dennis by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion and approval of giving an Honorary Master Breeder Award to Tom and Sandy Berger for their support and assistance with the MSRBA.

**Dean Daglow Good Guy Award Nominations:** Dean Daglow Nominations are due to Dean by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Historical Committee:** Al Irelan New items have been added to the Historical Booth for the MSRBA Convention.

**Equipment:** Tony Parker New carpets will be used for the State 4-H Show in January and for the Annual Convention Shows.

- Tony needs about a dozen people to help replace the set-ups into the trailer following this show. He will also need help on the Friday of the State 4-H Show and for the tear-down on Saturday afternoon.
- Tony would like to finish power washing the show set-ups early on Friday of Convention weekend in March prior to setting up the show. Volunteers are needed.
- Tony made the motion, second by Don Havlicek to build a cart that will handle the show equipment at a cost of up to \$150.00, motion carried.
- Tony stated that the equipment trailer was purchased in 1994 and we will need a new trailer that will have the GVW to handle at least 10,000 lbs. which will have 3 axles. Tony would like to set up a fundraising program for the purchase of a new trailer.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2010 MSRBA Fall Show:**

- The Executive Board authorized a cut back on the \$ amount and number of awards for the Sunday show. We were up about a hundred head from 2009 with the preliminary counts for the Saturday shows.

#### **2011 MSRBA Convention:**

- Set up and power washing will begin at 9:00 a.m.
- Judges Conference will begin at 1:00 and continue throughout the afternoon along with the Rabbit School.
- People who pre-register will receive a notebook with all of the handouts. Those who do not preregister will not receive notebooks. The notebooks will be 3 hole notebooks with all of the presentations within them. Folders will be available with the sponsors information. A listing was given with the current presenters: Travis Finkle, Scott Wiebensohn, Erik Bengstons, Dr. Jay Hreitz (2 sessions), Ruth Ann Bell, Willis Plank.
- Motion by Tony Parker, second by Chris Garrett that entry fees for the weekend be set at \$3.00 for rabbit, cavy or meat pens, \$1.50 for fur classes. Motion to cease debate by Dennis Keefer, second by Larry Walthorn. Motion carried to cease debate. Motion carried.
- Booths: Booths must be rabbit related and are open to anyone. All booths must be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> or the fee's will be doubled. Discussion on cage dealers.
- Donna Mallory volunteered the MI Satin Breeders for the Sunday food for the judges. She then volunteered the Holland Lop Breeders to feed the judges on Saturday. She will make contacts.
- Banquet: 1 complimentary ticket to each judge. If a spouse/friend attends they will need to pay for a ticket. Ticket costs in 2010 were: \$18.00 adult, \$12.00 youth per participant. Tony Parker made the motion, second by Bob Bolyard to charge \$20.00 per adult, and \$12 per youth for the 2011 Convention Banquet to help offset the costs. Motion carried.
- Catalog advertising: 2010 cost was \$5.00 per ad. Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Donna Mallory to maintain the cost per business card ad to \$5.00 per ad. Motion carried.
- Cavy Awards: Motion to give 3 Cavy Awards Open & Youth by Don Havlicek, second by Helena Hickerson. Motion carried.
- Motion by Sandy Doyle, second by Don Havlicek to sanction those breeds which had 20 or more in Open and Youth at the 2010 Convention show. Discussion. Motion to cease debate by Chris Garrett, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried. Motion carried on original motion.
- Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Sherry Garrett, to provide rabbit awards for the top 25 rabbit breeds Open and Youth. Vote: 17 for, 3 abstentions, Motion carried. Discussion on the cost per pair of BOB/BOS awards. Approximately \$19.00 per set.
- Rabbit Auction: Kelly Hansen is handling the auction. Funds can be split with the breeder or they can designate the full amount to be donated to the fund for the State 4-H Rabbit Workshop and 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Scholarship given out at Exploration Days.
- No information was available yet on Education Contests, Breed ID Contest, or Photography Contests at Convention as Willis Plank has handled this in the past.

#### **June Quad Shows: June 25<sup>th</sup> & June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The MI Holland Lop Express has worked with the MSRBA to agree to not have a Holland Lop sanction for the Saturday shows but we will sanction Holland Lops for the Sunday shows. This will benefit both organizations in many ways.

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Dean Daglow to hold the Quad show in Mason on June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried with 23 for holding the show, and 6 abstentions. Motion carried.

#### **Any other Unfinished Business: None**

#### **New Business:**

Annual Convention shows: Judge and Registrar applicants may be allowed to work with judges at the Sunday shows of Convention weekend in a motion presented by Larry Walthorn, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried.

Tom Berger is chairperson of the ARBA Youth Committee and they are looking for sponsors. Motion by Bob Bolyard, second by Dean Daglow to receive the information and to file it as of this time. Motion carried. Donna Mallory, second by Sherry Garrett made the motion to table the information on the Indy Convention for catalog ads until a later date. The deadline for ads is on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Motion carried. Booth space is \$225.00 for the first booth reserved. This will be revisited at a later date.

**2011 Budget:** It was decided to remove the Convention 2012 Expenses and the Banquet 2012 Expenses from the 2011 budget. Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Bob Boylard to accept the budget with these changes. Motion carried.

**MSRBA 2011 June Quad Shows:** It was recommended to only pay for tables and chairs as added expenses. Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Don Havlidek to allocate funds from Booths, Raffle, Concessions and place into a separate account to be used to purchase a new trailer, or a new trailer fund. Motion carried.

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011: MSRBA Workshop, Picnic & Quarterly Meeting proposed date:** Motion by Sherry Garrett, second by Donna Mallory to hold the Annual MSRBA Workshop on June 12<sup>th</sup> in the a.m. in conjunction with the MSRBA and MSRBYA quarterly meetings. The committee will set up the schedule and the speakers. Motion carried.

**Any other New Business: None**

Motion to adjourn by Bryan Shirk, second by Kelly Hansen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*