

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16th, 2011
East Lansing, MI**

Roll Call of Board of Director's Present:

President:	Jane Burt	North Central MI RBA:	Anthony Parker
Vice President:	Willis Plank	Osceola R&CBA:	Chris Garrett
Secretary:	Sherry Garrett	Western MI RBA:	Bonnie Havlicek
Treasurer:	Sandy Doyle	Whitetail RBA:	Barbara Ireland
Cal-Bra-Hill:	Dean Daglow	Lapeer Area Rabbit Raisers:	Dennis Keefer
Central MI RBA:	Janet Bowers	MI Dutch Rabbit Club:	Carlene Bell
Great Lakes R&CS:	Ronda Hemenway	MI Florida White RBA:	Albert Ireland
Heart of Michigan:	Neva Sulpher	MI Flemish Giant:	Bob Bolyard
Mid MI RBA:	Larry Walthorn	MI Mini Lop RC:	Kelly Hansen
MI State Mini Rex Club:	Penny Jezuit	MI Angora Club:	Don Havlicek
MI Cavy Breeders Assoc.:	Helena Hickerson	1 Visitor present	

Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Dean Daglow to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sandy Doyle

Discussion on CD transfers.

Total Income:	\$32,104.70
Total Expenses:	\$26,643.63
From Checking Chase:	\$ 1,032.26
From Prepaid Expenses 2011:	\$ 475.00
To checking:	-\$ 1,032.26
To Prepaid Expenses 2011:	-\$ 2,409.44
Total Transfers:	-\$ 1,932.44
Overall Total	\$ 3,526.63

Transactions 11/01/2010 through 12/31/2010

Balance:	\$10,407.06
Total Inflows:	\$26,877.56
Total Outflows:	-\$20,551.43
Net Total:	+\$ 6,326.13

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Larry Walthorn to accept the treasurer's report and send it to the audit committee. Motion carried.

Officers Reports:

Vice President: Willis Plank I have two files on the City of Bronson, MI city limits ordinance. Willis and Jane Burt worked through this order and findings have resulted in rabbits to not be included within this ordinance. A member contacted the executive board on this issue. A letter was sent out to the City Council of Bronson, MI from the MSRBA. Mike Avesing commended us on our handling of this issue within the city of Bronson, MI. Dean Daglow made the motion, second by Bob Bolyard to file these reports for future reference. Motion carried.

Secretary Sherry Garrett and President Jane Burt: Jane Burt contracted with Vista Print to receive 500 premium postcards with renewal information on them for the secretary for free with payment of shipping from Vista Print. She also provided the organization with return address labels and various other items.

President Jane Burt: Talk to your clubs about assisting at the MSRBA Convention in March. Tony Parker needs help for Friday

set-up at the 2011 Convention. He needs assistance with power washing and moving show set-ups in and out of the wash racks along with setting up for the Convention show. Please go back to your clubs and ask them for help. Set-up begins at 9:00 a.m.

- 1:00 p.m. Friday begins the Judges Conference and Rabbit School together. This will be hands on for participants, with emphasis to be on the full arched breeds.
- 5:20 – 6:00 will be the dinner break
- The rabbit school and judges conference will end at 8:00 p.m.
- Tony Parker will have a new cart to carry heavy items around the show facility during setup so those assisting with set up will not have to hand carry them to where they will be placed in the set up areas.
- An area of assistance for those who are unable to physically carry items would be to count the remark cards into groups of ten.

Unfinished Business:

2011 Convention:

Booths: Discussion on the booth spaces and contract dates. As a new vender, a group from St. Claire Shores would like a booth space for indoor rabbit hutches. Bob Bolyard, made the motion, second by Dean Daglow to make our Booth deadline seven days prior to our annual Convention without penalty for being after this date, pending space availability with a signed contract and the booth request paid for with the request. 18 directors for the motion, 1 against, and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

- Discussion on cage dealers. A new one is taking over Daniel Benes cage dealership.
- President Burt directed Chris Garrett to send contracts to those who have not reserve a booth for the current convention that have requested a contract and to those who have not yet reserved booth space for the upcoming convention weekend.
- Discussion on the Booth Contest. Sandy Doyle made the motion, second by Kelly Hansen, to hold the booth contest and provide the winner with the option to have the cost of their booth for the following year, reduced by ½ the contract fee. 20 directors in favor of the motion with one against. Motion carried.

Sunday Awards: Larry Walthorn made the motion, Janet Bowers second, to have 4 and 6 class awards for Sunday of Convention. Motion failed. Don Havlicek made the motion to award Best in Show and Reserve in Show awards for the Sunday all breed show of Convention with all breeds competing in Open and Youth divisions, second by Bonnie Havlicek. 18 directors for the motion, 1 against the motion and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

- Sunday breed award numbers will remain the same as in 2010: Rabbit Top 20 breeds in Open, Rabbit Top 15 breeds in Youth; Cavy: Top 3 breeds in Open, and Top 2 Breeds in Youth

Judges Conference/Rabbit School: Will be held in the Auditorium as a deal has been worked out with the Quiet Waters Group.

Judge Trainees: Will be able to work with judges only at the Sunday show.

Sweepstakes Awards:

- A Combination of all awards to be received will be embroidered on the jackets with no further compensation given for those who have received awards in those categories.
- A trophy will be awarded in the value of \$25 unless they want it on the jacket.
- 19 clocks will be awarded for those not in the top ten breed awards in the value of \$15 from AB Custom Clocks.

New Business:

NSF Checks: Neva Sulpher made the motion that the individual must be notified by a phone call, email or US Postal service. Motion died for lack of a second after discussion. Don Havlicek made the motion to define it as 30 days from the date of the show. Second by Neva Sulpher. Motion carried. Discussion on those who have already written NSF checks and cash only for entries.

Quad Shows: June 25th & 26th, 2011

- We will be renting chairs and tables from the Ingham Co. Fairgrounds at the approximate cost of \$12.00 per set.
- Booths will be available on a first come, first served basis for this weekend. Contact Chris Garrett for a contract.

- Tony Parker made the motion to have Affiliated Clubs pay \$25 per 10 foot booth space, and \$30 per commercial 10 foot booth space, second by Willis Plank. Discussion. Motion to be amended by Don Havlicek, second by Janet Bowers to charge \$25 for Affiliated Clubs, and \$50 for Commercial Booths per 10 foot booth space. Motion carried. On the original motion now of \$25 for Affiliated Clubs, and \$50 for Commercial Booth per 10 foot space, 16 for the motion, 3 opposed and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.
- Motion by Kelly Hansen, second by Sandy Doyle to set the deadline for the Quad Show booths at June 1st, at a first come first served basis. Motion carried.
- Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Larry Walthorn to open a savings account when the funds become available for a trailer fund from the concessions, booths and raffle for the designated project item, (trailer account) with the authorized 3 signatures. Motion carried.

The Great Lakes Agricultural Fair: Willis Plank – Small Animals Chairperson

The new fair will be in Pontiac, MI at the Pontiac Silverdome's grounds. It will be a Pure Michigan event to be held on Labor Day weekend for four days. It is driven by a private support group. Premiums will be offered. It is focused around agriculture.

- No market animals will be involved during the first couple of years. It will be set up for breeding and show stock.
- We will be following the ARBA rules and will be an ARBA sanctioned show. It will also have a MSRBA sanction. There will not be any cavies as of this time due to housing issues. There may be a need to utilize the MSRBA set-ups.
- Major entertainment acts/concerts will be held nightly.
- The livestock areas will have high security and one will need a specific pass to enter the secured areas for the livestock and exhibitors.
- There will be set entry fees and premiums offered.
- Vendors: We are encouraging the 32 Michigan Commodity Groups to set up booths at this event.
- Showmanship is being worked on as a possibility.
- There will not be any saddle horses this year, but draft horses will be included.
- This event will be open to Open and Youth Exhibitors.

Any Other New Business:

Discussion on the gentleman's agreement between affiliated clubs on not securing any clubs established show dates without prior consult and consent of the established club. It is a common courtesy to work with the established club and their normal show dates.

Sunday, May 8th is an available date for any club interested in holding a single or double show in conjunction with the Western MI RBA club at the Ionia Fairgrounds. Western MI has secured the grounds for Saturday and Sunday of that weekend and will be holding a double show on Saturday, May 8th, 2010. They have offered the facility to any club who would wish to hold a sanctioned show on Sunday, May 8th, 2010.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bolyard, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, MSRBA Secretary