

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**03/05/2011**  
**MSU Pavilion**

**Members Present:** President Jane Burt, Secretary, Willis Plank, Sherry Garrett, Treasurer Sandy Doyle, Chris Garrett, Dennis Keefer, Janet Bowers, Ronda Hemenway, Keith Rockwood, Jan Geerts, Arlin Hossink, Mary Keen, Bob Bolyard, Ken Croft, Carlene Bell, Gail Samson, Margaret Potter, Carol Forkum, Barb Irelan, Albert Irelan, Penny Jeszuit, Don Halicek, Dean Daglow

**Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett**

Bob Bolyard made the motion to accept the minutes as printed, Margaret Potter second, motion carried.

**Financial Report: Sandy Doyle**

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| Total Income:        | \$ 2,867.45 |
| Expenses:            | \$ 8,324.07 |
| Overall Total:       | \$-5,456.62 |
| CD April Rollover:   | \$ 2,021.06 |
| CD Dec. Rollover     | \$ 1,006.03 |
| Checking             | \$ 1,923.35 |
| Total Bank Accounts: | \$ 4,950.44 |

It is to be noted that all NSF checks have been cleared/recouped now.

Report to be sent to the Audit Committee.

**2011 Convention Update:**

- Youth have approximately 1770 rabbits entered and 106 covies entered. Open is being sorted and counted as of this time.
- Set up went well and was completed by the time the Rabbit School/Judges Conference was to begin.
- Awards Banquet: 187 total banquet tickets have been reserved.
- Judges Conference: The book is printed and was given out. Willis and his assistant, Pam Jones are working on the 2012 Conference. There were 85 books printed and 115 people pre-registered for the event. Discussion on the size of the binders due to the large content of presenter information.
- Booth Chairperson, Chris Garrett reported that 24 booths were reserved with judging being completed this a.m.
- Due to our large number of rooms at the host motel facility, we will be getting a lower special rate for the Quad Show weekend in June, 2011 with rooms being \$65.00 and \$75.00 per night.

**Committee Reports:**

**Promotion:** Larry Walthorn stated that items are selling week including sweat shirts and aprons.

**Show Circuit:**

- Carlene Bell stated that new forms have been created with Margaret Potters name and address on them. Carlene sent the new forms to the web master, Chad Burt, to be placed on the website. Carlene also has the affiliated clubs paperwork ready for pick-up.
- Margaret Potter, new open and youth Sweepstakes chairperson, stated that State and Local clubs will now write one check for Open & Youth sanctions and also for Open & Youth Head Tax. All will be sent to Margaret Potter now.

**4-H Report:**

- Ronda Hemenway stated that the State 4-H Show went really well. There was a record auction amount taken in on auction animals to benefit the 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Scholarship fund of over \$3,000.00.
- Rabbit Expo is on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- Exploration Days books are now available to sign up for sessions offered.

**Publication:**

- Jane Burt stated that the booth with paper shavings for bedding has now signed a contract for advertising in the Rabbit News.
- Farmers Marketing in Battle Creek has signed a contract for advertising also. There is a Small Animal Auction the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays at 12:00.
- Plank Feeds and Supplies are taking over the back page ad from Benes Farms.

**Master Breeder: Dennis Keefer**

- Tom & Sandy Berger will be given Honorary Master Breeder awards tonight at the banquet.
- Dennis stated that another Master Breeder award will be given out tonight also.

At this time a special presentation was given to Carlene Bell for recognition of her Service to the MSRBA as Open Sweepstakes Chairperson over the past several years.

At this time a special presentation was given to Gail Samson for recognition of her Service to the MSRBA as Treasurer over the past several years. A special thank you to both of you for your efforts to assist the MSRBA.

#### **2011 Fall Show:**

- The judges are set and contracts have been signed.

#### **Historical Committee:**

- Al Irelan stated that a wall hanging of the Michigan State Fair and pictures of the fair are in the Historical Booth. Please come and view this display.

#### **Equipment:**

- A special thank you is given to Tony Parker for his tireless work with our equipment.
- Dean Daglow and his son donated a cart to move items from the trailer around the show facility.
- Barb Irelan stated that everything looks great and has been power washed.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

##### **Auction:**

- There are 30 head donated to the auction. Several from out of state judges.

#### **Summer Workshop & Picnic:**

- It will be held Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to approximately 1:00 or so.
- The Quarterly meetings will immediately follow the last set of sessions.
- There will be 3 cavy sessions also offered.
- Cost will be \$5 per person which will include a delicious picnic lunch.

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

- Jane Burt will be the general Supt. and Chad Burt will be the youth Supt.
- The contract has been signed for the fairgrounds in Mason. It has been noted that they have made changes to the building to increase ventilation even more.
- Booth space will be offered at \$25 per affiliated clubs and \$30 for commercial booth space.
- There will be a concession group available.

#### **Any other Unfinished Business:**

**ARBA Youth Committee: Tom Berger** made a written request for support of the youth committee projects.

- Sherry Garrett made the motion with a second by Carol Forkum to support the ARBA Youth Committee in the amount of \$251.00 for the 2011 ARBA Convention t-shirts which will allow us to have advertising for our support on the back of the shirt. Discussion. Call for the question by Dean Daglow. Motion carried, with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

#### **2011 ARBA Convention, Indianapolis, IN:**

- A full booth cost for the ARBA Convention will be: \$225.00 which could be split with Show Beacon Show Services. Willis stated that George Raiser is assisting us with these savings if we decide to do so. Don Havlicek made the motion to split the cost of the booth between MSRBA and Show Beacon Show Services in the amount of \$112.50 each, second by Barb Irelan. Motion carried. The suggestion is to have one large item and a 50/50 raffle.
- Discussion on an ad in the ARBA catalog. Moved to receive the file by Bob Bolyard, to be retained by the secretary.

#### **New Business:**

##### **2011 Budget Clarification:**

Discussed. Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Ronda Hemenway to accept. Motion carried.

##### **Any other New Business:**

Bob Bolyard made the suggestion to change the open entry for Convention to 9:00 to shorten the day for those attending the annual banquet.

Discussion by Dean Daglow on the new wheeled cart.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Garrett, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*