

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
11/27/2011
MSU Pavilion

Members Present: President Jane Burt, Vice President Willis Plank, Treasurer Sandy Doyle, Secretary, Sherry Garrett, Larry Walthorn, Bob Bolyard, Dean Daglow, Karl Ehnis Jr., Lynn Bolyard, Dennis Keefer, Albert Irelan, Barb Irelan, Chris Garrett, Ronda Hemenway, Jeff Simmons, Donna Mallory, Dan Erz, Janet Bowers, Carlene Bell, Anthony Parker, Russ Scott, Darrell Howe, Dianne Howe, Rob Usakowski, Tiffany Weiss, Glenda Weiss, Margaret Potter, Penny Jezuit.

Youth Report:

- \$257.00 was taken in from the raffle
- Elections were held and will be printed in the newsletter and up on the website for 2012.
- Awards were discussed.

The youth were thanked for presenting their report to the open membership.

Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Larry Walthorn to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sandy Doyle

There are no bills to be presented.

Transactions from 01/01/2011 through 11/24/2011

Total Income:	\$53,893.11	CD April Rollover:	\$ 2,028.17
Total Expenses:	\$60,840.21	CD Dec. Rollover:	\$1,007.36
Overall Total	- \$ 6,947.10	Checking:	\$1,779.43
		Trailer Savings:	\$ 100.00
	Liabilities:	MSRBYA Loan:	\$1,000.00
		Total Assets:	\$3,919.96

Report to be sent to the audit committee.

Committee Reports:

Promotional: Larry Walthorn

- \$89.00 in promotional items sold.

Larry Walthorn made a request to purchase a clothes rack to utilize in selling the clothing in our promotional booth for \$30.00. Neva Sulpher made the motion to purchase the clothes rack for \$30.00, second by Jeff Simmons. Motion carried.

Membership: Sherry Garrett

Thirty-six memberships were taken this weekend for the MSRBA.

Show Circuit: Margaret Potter

- The standings for the 2011 Sweepstakes year are to be up to date and everything seems to be going o.k. now.

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway

- November 18-20th at Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI hosted the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop. 131 participated in the event.
- January 28th, 2012 is the Michigan State 4-H Show at the MSU Pavilion. Entry is day of show.

Publication: Jane Burt

Discussion on the MSRBA Rabbit News and the savings of approximately \$2,000.00 per year by placing the full Club Show Reports on the website versus printing every show in the newsletter. It was approved by the Board of Directors that have the full show reports on the website for download. Motion that was approved: to omit the show reports (from the MSRBA Rabbit News) with the exception of Best in Show, Best Reserve, Best 4 Class, Best 6 class rabbits and Best in Show and Reserve in Show Cavies.

Master Breeder: Dennis Keefer

Nominations are coming in for the Master Breeder Award.

Helping Hand and Dean Daglow Good Guy Award:

Note that Ed Carpenter has a new address: P.O. Box 594 instead of a rural mailing address now.

Historical: Al Ireland

Al needs more pictures from events for our booth.

Equipment: Tony Parker

- Tony wants to build 2 more show boxes. One will be built 18" wide to accommodate large giant breeds such as Flemish Giants to help them to be off the running table. The running breeds are going up in numbers.
- A castor needs to be replaced on one of the new carts.
- The equipment was washed on Friday again.
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Webmaster: Jane Burt

An update was given in the newsletter on the website.

Annual Workshop and Picnic: Chris Garrett

Idea's are needed for topics of interest and proposed presenter's for the 2012 Workshop.

Unfinished Business:**2011 Fall Shows update:**

Rob Usakowski stated there were about 600 more head than last year at this Fall Show.

2012 Convention Dedication:

Motion by Bob Bolyard, second by the Quorum present, to dedicate the 2012 MSRBA Convention to Darrell and Dianne Howe. Motion carried.

2012 Convention Show: Tiffany Weiss, General Chairperson

- Set-up will be at 3:00 p.m. on Friday

Rabbit School/Conference:

- Rabbit School will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Willis Plank stated that the judges conference will be from either 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. or 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday of Convention weekend.

Booths: Send contracts to Niles Boulter

Convention Shows: Discussion on the possibility of specialty shows and costs involved.

- The Convention Show will be held on and sanctioned for Saturday.
- An All Breed Show will be sanctioned for Sunday of Convention weekend.
- The third show will be an All Breed Sanctioned Split Entry Show which will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Specified breeds on designated days in lieu of just certain breeds with specialty shows.

Russ Scott made the motion to have the A show on Saturday, the B show on Sunday with the C show to be split between the two days. Second by Sherry Garrett, motion carried.

Judges: The following judges have been contracted for the Convention weekend:

Richard Gehr	Scott Wiebensohn	Mark Jacobs	Mike Adams
Ruth Ann Bell	Bill Patrick	Jeremy Watmuff	Todd Naragon
Pam Jones	Joel Marshall	Tom Berger	Scott Rodriguez
Alan Ormond	Teri Peterson	Eric Stewart	Donyelle Schultz
Terry Fender	David Cardinal	Mary Lou Eisel	

Discussion on who chooses the judges for our shows. Sherry Garrett stated that the three Convention Shows that she was secretary for, she sought out the judges for those Conventions. She noted that several people had made suggestions as possible leads for judges for those shows. She also noted that we have usually solicited suggestions for judges at the June MSRBA meetings from those present. Willis Plank was appointed the chairperson for the judges selection committee. Any suggestions should be sent to the chairperson.

Annual Meetings:

The Annual General Membership meeting will be held on Saturday in the morning. The Youth will have their Annual Membership meeting in the afternoon.

Judges Food: Donna Mallory (agreed to head this up.)

- The Mini Rex Club agreed to do the judges food for the Convention Show on Saturday.
- Heart of Michigan agreed to do the judges food for Sunday of Convention weekend.

Banquet: Penny Jezuit chairperson

The Annual Banquet will be held at the University Club adjacent to the host Motel. Dr. Frank Fehr is our sponsor and it goes on his account as long as we pay the billing for the banquet. Discussion on the cost of the banquet. We lost \$1,500.00 on the 2011 Banquet.

Tony Parker made the motion to increase the Open Banquet Cost to \$22.00 per ticket and leave the youth at \$12.00 and ask the youth to help to pay in order to defray the cost after the numbers of youth attending the banquet are given. Sandy Doyle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Last year there were 147 Adults attending, 27 teen meals, and 13 children in attendance.

Motion to stop the debate by Chris Garrett, second by Janet Bowers. Motion carried.

Catalog Advertising:

Motion by Dean Daglow, seconded by Donna Mallory to cease advertisement in the 2012 Convention Catalog. Motion carried.

Rabbit Auction: Kelly Hansen chairperson

In 2011 we took in \$1,116.00 on the Auction. Our pay-out was \$248.00 with the balance being profit for the club.

New Business:

Trailer:

We paid \$100.00 to haul the trailer from Charlotte to the MSU Pavilion for the Fall Show. Willis has 3 sources of good workable trailers in the range of \$1,200.00 to \$1,800.00 each. Our current trailer is a 1995 model.

Russ Scott made the motion to authorize the Executive Committee to purchase a trailer up to \$1,800.00 if the funds are available. Seconded by Dan Erz. Motion carried.

Show Circuit Proposal:

Information was presented on these to modify the show circuit rules.

- The rabbit portion of the proposal to add: **"with points"**, (20 shows with 3 exhibitors)
- Cavy: In the top 5 breeds, exhibited in 12 shows with 3 exhibitors in each breed.

If approved this would go into effect for the 2013 Banquet for the 2012 show year of the MSRBA.

There was a recommendation by the committee to accept the proposal.

Motion by Bob Bolyard, seconded by Larry Walthorn to accept the proposal with the addition. Motion carried with one person against the motion.

Proposed Budget:

Discussion on the proposed budget. Motion to approve the budget as presented by the Board of Directors at their meeting earlier by Bob Bolyard, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried with 14 for the motion and 11 against the motion. Motion to cease debate on the budget by Bob Bolyard, second by Dean Daglow. Motion carried.

Breed Sanctions:

Motion by Russ Scott, second by Chris Garrett: "All MSRBA Shows must have 20 rabbits open and youth combined for the MSRBA to pay for the National Specialty Club Sanction. Motion carried.

Mid Year Show:

Motion to hold a double show on June 23rd, 2011 if the Holland Lop Express Club will allow us to have a sanction for an all breed show by Sherry Garrett, second by Dean Daglow. Discussion on the date and the possibility of applying for a sanction on the weekend of June 30th, 2012 if the ARBA sanction cannot be gotten for June 23rd. Ionia Fairgrounds building is available. Sandy stated that the Holland Lop club has the ARBA sanction for June 23rd per the ARBA website. Call for the vote. Motion to accept 16 for the motion, 2 against the motion.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Garrett, second by Russ Scott. 10 for the motion, 12 against. Motion failed.

Dan Erz asked a question on a Code of Ethics. President Jane Burt read the Disciplinary Action rule to the membership. Discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Lynn Bolyard, second by Larry Walthorn. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary