

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
09/30/2012
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

Members Present: President Jane Burt, Vice President Willis Plank, Treasurer Sandy Doyle, Secretary, Sherry Garrett, Karl Ehnis Jr., Mike Michael, Janet Bowers, Ronda Hemenway, Neva Sulpher, Donna Mallory, Dennis Keefer, Ronald Carpenter, Anthony Parker, Chris Garrett, Marcus Rhoden, Sabrina Edgar, Barbara Irelan, Helena Hickerson, Carlene Bell, Albert Irelan, Elaine Hansen, Crystal Parker, Penny Jezuit, Eriks Troms, Candy Carpenter, Henry Carpenter, Margaret Potter, Jessica Usakowski, Rob Usakowski, Sue Tolsma, Cathie Usakowski, Cheryl Gamber, Philip Gamber, Niles Boulier, Pam Jones, Joseph Borowski Jr., Christine Plank, Chad Weiss, Tiffany Weiss, Margaret Michael, Janet Scott, 1 guest (unreadable signature)

Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Ronda Hemenway to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sandy Doyle

Financial Year to Date as of 09/27/2012

Total Income:	\$ 48,102.92	CD April Rollover:	\$ 2,041.44
Total Expenses:	\$ 44,755.70	CD Dec. Rollover:	\$ 1,018.94
Transfers to Equipment Trailer:	-\$ 2,055.00	Checking:	\$ 10,380.99
Transfers to New Computer	-\$ 381.58	Trailer Savings:	\$ 100.15
		Total Bank Accounts:	\$ 13,541.52

Asset Accounts:

Equipment Trailer (white)	\$ 2,055.00
New Computer	\$ 381.58
Total Asset Accounts:	\$ 2,436.58
Overall Total:	\$15,978.10

Postal Account: \$40.65, This account is to be used for bulk mail only. There will be a statement from the Michigan Rabbit News printer for Jane to use with her Publication transaction report.

Trailer Savings Account: Will have three line items: Equipment Repair, 4-H support from the Rabbit Auction at the MSRBA Convention, and the Head Tax.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Secretary Sherry Garrett Memberships continue to come in. I am working on the affiliation and insurance paperwork and she reminded the club members/BOD members present to be sure to pick up and sign for their 2013 affiliation paperwork which is due to the MSRBA Secretary on December 1st, 2012.

Publication: Jane Burt 376 pieces have been mailed for \$165.00. Cost of \$1.87 per issue per book. Canadian members cost is \$3.53 per issue.

Equipment: Tony Parker We have two more sets of show legs. We have rented the trailer for shows approximately 3 times this year. It was noted that an inventory of the trailers equipment and a financial report needs to be printed in the newsletter from the Equipment chairperson.

Historical: Al Irelan is in discussion with the incoming Historical Committee chairperson.

Unfinished Business:

2012 MSRBA Fall Show

- Judge Tracy Gouette, CA has not been hired as the Fall Show does not have fly-in judges. Doug Covert has been hired in her place on the roster.
- Penny Jezuit stated that Willis Plank assisted her in hiring the 15 judges.
- The equipment in the trailers will be power washed starting at noon on Friday. We will need a lot of assistance from our members on this. Tony Parker stated that the equipment will be moved directly from being power washed to the judging set up area for set up immediately. He stated that new carpets should be coming.

- A light dinner will be served for those person's assisting with the power washing and set-up.
- The tentative **2013 Fall Show Date** will be on the weekend prior to Thanksgiving, 11/23/1013 and will be shared with the Cowboy Christmas.
- Rosettes: We currently have 32 BOB and 49 BOS rosettes on hand. The Open shows have previously given awards to the Top 25 breeds in numbers for Saturday and the Top 15 breeds in numbers on Sunday. Youth have given the Top 20 breeds for Saturday in trophies. Cavy open the Top 3 breeds in numbers with youth giving the Top 2 breeds in numbers.

Pam Jones made that motion that we provide awards to the Top 30 Rabbit breeds in youth and the Top 20 open awards for Fall Show and Convention. Everything else would receive rosettes. Second by Neva Sulpher. Discussion. Motion by Chris Garrett to call for the vote and cease discussion. All if favor – 10, opposed 21. Motion fails.

Willis Plank stated that he has 50 MSRBA trophies that need to be recycled.

Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Ronda Hemenway to retain the current numbers of awards, (25/20) as in the past, and recycle all of the MSRBA trophies we have for the youth, re-plate them, and provide them as choice for the youth rabbits as BOB and BOS awards for the remainder of the youth winners. Vote 23 for the motion, 2 against. Motion carried. It was agreed upon to continue doing cash awards for the open winners.

Tiffany Weiss made the motion, second by Ron Carpenter to remain with the cavy awards and use the recycles for the youth BOB & BOS. All in favor 22/0 against. Motion carried.

- Rosettes: Willis made the motion to purchase 100 BOB and 100 BOS rosettes, second by Crystal Parker. Motion carried.
- Straight Ribbons: We currently have approximately 400 1st, 400 2nd, and 350 3rd place ribbons. We would like to order 2 rolls of blue – 2st place, 2 rolls of red – 2nd place, and 1 roll of white – 3rd place. These are rolls we cut with 600 ribbons per roll.

Mike Michaels made the motions, second by Chris Garrett to order 5 rolls of ribbons in the above listed numbers. Motion carried.

- Jane stated we currently have 350 entry forms and control sheets. We currently have 750 cavy remark cards, and 6,000 rabbit remark cards. Barb Ireland stated that she has some cavy cards that she will donate to the MSRBA. Sandy and Jane will use their discretion in ordering the entry forms, control sheets, and remark cards.
- Sandy Doyle has purchase a case of paper for use at the Fall show.

Sherry Garrett brought the new open show computer for the membership to view. Jane Burt will update it for the Fall Shows. Sherry also is transferring the donated inkjet printer that Sandy Doyle's father donated to the MSRBA. Jane Burt would like to have this printer available for the youth show secretary's to print from and to keep the MSRBA laser printer for the open secretaries.

Any Other Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

2013 MSRBA Convention update:

Judges Conference:

- Pam Jones will be heading this up for 2013. The paperwork was provided for Pam to file with the ARBA on the judges conference and for the \$75.00 funding request to go to the ARBA. This must be done immediately.

Judges:

- Sandy Doyle was able to reach Wade Burkholder on the phone and he stated that he is available and is now hired for Convention.
- To date these judges are confirmed: Joel Marshall, Derrick Poole, Pam Jones, RuthAnn Bell, Doug King – he will speak at the judges conference/rabbit school if his flight is in early enough.
- Helena Hickerson discussed having Mary Lou Eisel come in to speak on Friday as she is currently on the Standards Committee.

- Rusty Westoff would be another fly-in judge if hired. Sandy Doyle stated to place him on hold until we see if Wade is going to fly-in or drive. We currently have 4-5 fly-in judges.

Show secretaries:

Open Show Secretary – 2 shows Ann Mills

Open Show Secretary – 1 show Bev Hilliard

Youth Show Secretary – 2 shows DeAnn Boulier

Youth show Secretary – 1 show To be announced by the youth.

General Convention Chairperson: Tiffany Weiss reported that we need more assistance in setting up for Convention. Nile Boulier and his father donated a large dry erase white board to be hung up at the Show Secretaries table listing what breeds are currently showing on which judges table.

Youth Report: Taylor Usakowski reported that the cage dealers are to donate a 3-hole stacker to the youth raffle. The first \$100.00 of raffle ticket value to be given to the MSRBA with the youth receiving the balance of the funds taken in from that item. A list was given of the persons running for office and directors of the youth organization. The Youth Facebook page was approved. They will search for a youth show secretary for the Convention show. She noted that no quorum was present for their meeting so they will have to revisit the items listed. It was noted that the youth reimbursement has not been received from the youth treasurer yet for the 2012 banquet.

ARBA Resolution & representative:

President Jane Burt requested a vote on how the membership wishes her to vote as our representative at the ARBA convention meeting in Wichita, KS.

ARTICLE II, Section 4. (K): National Performance Club. Pg. 6 – Vol. 40, Number 5 Sept./Oct. 2012 issue. Dennis Keefer made the motion, second by Neva Sulpher to vote against the resolution. Discussion of a possible printing error, and if so how would one vote with the possible error corrected. Vote – Motion carried to vote against it with the current printing in the Domestic Rabbits.

Motion by Rob Usakowski, second by Carlene Bell to approve the resolution if the changes/corrections are inserted. Motion carried.

Any other New Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Neva Sulpher, second by Marcus Rhoden. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary