

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
11/24/2013
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

Members Present: Chris Garrett, Sherry Garrett, Anthony Parker, Russ Scott, Candy Carpenter, Ron Carpenter, Julie Hume, Ronda Hemenway, Glenda Weiss, Penny Jezuit, Marcus Rhoden, Janet Bowers, Helena Hickerson, Chad William Weiss, Rachel Ehnis, Tiffany Weiss, Carlene Bell, Donna Mallory, Rob Usakowski, Neva Sulpher, Diane Dryer, Diane Walter, Kelly Hansen.

Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Rob Usakowski to accept the September meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Russ Scott - as of 11.22.2013

Cash Assets:

Independent Bank Checking:	\$ 6,470.67
Independent Bank Savings:	\$ 3,779.54 (Includes CD)
Chemical Bank Checking:	\$ 3,588.04
Chemical Bank Savings:	\$ 337.12
08/20/2014 CD:	\$ 2,050.99
Total Cash Assets:	\$16,226.36

Standing Committee Reports:

Equipment: Ron Carpenter

We took in \$750.00 on rental. Repairs were \$23.29 for new locks on the trailers. There are 22 setups, 2 cavy, 2 running tables, speakers, scales and the PA systems. We would like to get this all back into one trailer. Possibly cut the table width for the setups to save weight and space requirements. We are looking at new table show box setups which would fold down and reduce weight and space requirements.

4-H Report: 77 people attended the State 4-H Workshop at Kettunen Center. There were many new persons in attendance. The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show is at the MSU Pavilion on January 25th, 2014.

Show Circuit: Carlene Bell reported that there are 3 requests for shows in 2014 so far.

Auditing: Nothing was found out of line and the accounts were found to be financially correct. The cost billed was \$425.00 whereas \$500.00 was budgeted for the outside audit.

Promotional: Ronda Hemenway \$60.00 in products were sold this weekend. There is a current copy of the inventory on file with Tony Parker. Discussion on having more "loud" colors to encourage youth purchases

Publication: Jane Burt reported that Intelligent Barcoding has saved us significant funds on our mailings.

Website: Jane Burt reported that tracking is being utilized for each of our pages on the website which is similar to the ARBA Website.

Election: Neva Sulpher reported that 115 members voted in the election. Russ Scott has been re-elected as the MSRBA Treasurer. Discussion on judges being able to judge. It was recommended that judges vote while on their break or during the lunch period.

Auction: Kelly Hansen The final total was \$1,056.00 for the 2013 Auction. Kelly Hansen is currently working on the 2014 Auction.

Unfinished Business:

Fall Show: Superintendent Rob Usakowski

Open entries were Show A 1713, Show B 1726, and Show C 723 with over 300 cavies on Saturday and 150 plus on Sunday.

2014 MSRBA Convention: Chairperson Tiffany Weiss

- Power washing to be done at 10:00 a.m. Friday.
- Set up of the show will be at noon.
- We may need to hire another cavy judges, perhaps 2 duel cavy/rabbit and one regular cavy to handle the entries.
- **Judges Hiring: Penny Jezuit** stated we are close to having all of the judges hired.
- We need one open C Secretary and one youth for shows B & C secretary.
- **Judges Conference/Rabbit School:** Pam has submitted the paperwork.

- **Banquet:** Our actual cost is \$28.62 per adult and \$16.48 per youth.

Sherry Garrett made the motion, second by Jane Burt to charge the same as last year of \$22.00 per adult and \$15.00 per youth meal for the banquet. Motion carried.

Motion to promote the Convention in the Domestic Rabbits of 1/3rd page ad for \$148.75 and have Jane Burt design and submit the advertising by Sherry Garrett, second by Janet Bowers. Motion carried.

- **Judges Food:** Neva Sulpher. Saturday, Heart of Michigan and Saginaw Valley will provide the food for the judges. Sunday will be by the Michigan Mini Lop Club. A special thank you was given to the clubs and individual volunteers for providing the food for the Fall Show. It is noted that we are in need of more clubs and volunteers to help in providing the food for our judges at our annual shows.
- **Catalog:** Jane Burt will create and ship the show catalog. Deadline for insertion is December 31st, 2013 to Jane Burt. It will be added to the Facebook and Website for advertising also.
- **Banquet Program:** Diane Drier will create and distribute the banquet program.

New Business:

Show Circuit Rules Revision:

Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Julie Hume that the membership recommend that this document be sent back to the Board of Directors for approval at the Annual Board of Directors meeting in February, 2014. To be effective immediately approved. Motion carried.

Upcoming Show Dates:

Judges Conference/Rabbit School	02/28/2014	Friday
MSRBA Convention Show	03/01-02-2014	Saturday & Sunday
MSRBA Fall Show	11/22-23/2014	Saturday & Sunday
MSRBA Rabbit School	03/06/2015	Friday
MSRBA Convention Show	03/07-08/2015	Saturday & Sunday
MSRBA Fall Show	12/05-06/2015	Saturday & Sunday

MSRBA BOD & General Membership Meeting Dates 2014:

Board of Directors Annual Meeting:	02/09/2014	MSU Pavilion	1:00 p.m.
General Membership Annual Meeting:	03/01/2014	MSU Pavilion	9:00 a.m.
BOD's & General Membership Meetings:	06/22/2014	MSU Pavilion	12.30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
BOD's & General Membership Meetings:	09/21/2014	MSU Pavilion	12.30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.
BOD's & General Membership Meetings:	11/23/2014	MSU Pavilion	12:30 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

2014 Budget: Adjustments were made to the proposed budget. Russ Scott made the motion, second by Rob Usakowski to approve the budget with the current modifications. Motion carried

Any Other New Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Chris Garrett, second by Rob Usakowski. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary