

**MSRBA General Membership Meeting**

**MSU Pavilion**

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**Officers and Members present:** President Tony Parker, Vice President Chris Garrett, Secretary Sherry Garrett, and Treasurer Russ Scott. Ronda Hemenway, Carlene Bell, Janet Bowers, Neva Sulpher, Donna Mallory, Bonnie Havlicek, Don Halivcek, Glenda Weiss, Alana Mocer, Albert Irelan, Barb Irelan, Rachel Ehnis, Tiffany Weiss, Chad Weiss, Kay Pettengill, Kelly Hansen, Janet Scott, Crystal Parker.

**Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett**

Motion to accept the minutes as printed by Chris Garrett, second by Carlene Bell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Russ Scott**

Income: \$ 1,224.48

Expenses: \$ 2,806.47

Chemical Bank Checking: \$ 5,064.38

Chemical Bank Savings: \$10,322.81

**Chemical Bank Funds Total: \$15,387.19**

Postal Account: \$ 198.47

**Overall Total: \$15,585.66**

A NSF check is still outstanding. Russ personally handed copies to the individuals involved.

The treasurer's report was sent to the audit committee.

**Committee Reports:**

**Equipment:** Chad Weiss is the new chairperson.

**4-H Report:** Ronda Hemenway:

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 is the State 4-H Show at the Pavilion.

**Show Circuit:** Carlene Bell:

Current Head Tax available is \$1,189.20. Discussion on the \$83.30 leftover from the previous year.

**Audit Committee:** no report

**Promotional:** Ronda Hemenway

\$186.00 in merchandise was sold at the Fall Show. Inventory has been taken and a list has been provided to the president and the treasurer. New merchandise will be purchased for the 2015 Convention booth.

**Constitution:** No report

**Publication:** No report

**Elections:** Neva Sulpher

109 votes cast with 9 disqualified ballots

Secretary: Sherry Garrett

Vice President: Marcus Rhoden

A thank you was expressed to Chris Garrett for his service as Vice President of the MSRBA. Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Carlene Bell to have the ballots destroyed. A new wooden box will be built for next year's election.

**Resolutions:** Russ Scott: No report

**Auction:** Kelly Hansen

2014's Auction fund was a 100% donation. Kelly has a list of donated animals for the 2015 Convention Silent Auction.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Fall Show 2014:**

Approximate entry counts provided:

Saturday: 5682 rabbits

Saturday: 669 cavies

Saturday total approximate entry: 6,351 head

Sunday: 1588 rabbits

Sunday: 72 cavy open, youth?

**MSRBA Late Show Report and Head Tax Payment Policy:**

Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Janet Bowers to table this until the annual meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and to be printed in the January/February issue of the Michigan Rabbit News for the membership to discuss. Motion carried.

***New Business:***

**2015 Convention:**

- Chairperson Rob Usakowski
- Youth Show Secretary: Taylor Usakowski with assistant Ravenna Grey.
- Youth Superintendent: Dale Mize to train: Caitlin Plank for one show, Grace Corbin and Kayleigh Hudson for one show each.
- Open Secretary: Penny Jezuit
- Booth Chairperson: Tiffany Weiss
- Cavy Superintendents: Becky and Victor Dubbink
- Rabbit School: Pam Jones, Bryan Shirk, Kelly Hansen and Marcus Rhoden are working on this event.
- Domestic Rabbits Ad: Approved by the board of directors to be the same size as our previous year's ad.
- Convention Catalog: Deadline to have all information to Jane for the Convention Catalog is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- Awards Banquet 2015: The 2015 Banquet will be at the University Club. An increase in cost of \$1.00 per ticket with adult tickets being \$23.00 and youth an increase of \$1.00 from the previous year's ticket price.
- Host Hotel Room Block 2015: There is a block of rooms for Convention at the Holiday Inn Express in Okemos.

**Upcoming MSRBA Show Dates:**

2015 Convention: March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

2015 Fall Show: December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

2016 Convention: March 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

2016 Fall Show: November 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**

Annual Board of Directors Meeting: 02/08/2015

03/07/2015 9:00 Annual General Membership Meeting

06/07/2015 1:00 Board of Directors; 2:15 General Membership

09/20/2015 1:00 Board of Directors; 2:15 General Membership

12/06/2015 1:00 Board of Directors; 2:15 General Membership

***Any Other New Business:***

Discussion on the Mid-Michigan Show Reports, missing Meat Pen Reports for exhibitors not turned in to complete the full report. Donna Mallory made the motion, second by Crystal Parker that we follow the established guidelines that were printed in the Late Show Report and Head Tax Payment Policy. 12 for the motion, 4 against the motion. Motion carried.

Motion by Kelly Hansen, second by Neva Sulpher that the MSRBA Open and Youth Show Reports must have added to the MSRBA form Fur Exhibitor and Meat Pen Exhibitor Reports which must be sent with the affiliated clubs MSRBA Report on each show. Motion carried.

Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Kay Pettengill that any missing information requests from the Sweepstakes Chairperson must be sent by Priority Mail to the Affiliated Club President and show secretary. Motion carried.

Barb Irelan informed the membership that the White Tail Club will be disbursed by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The ARBA has been notified of the cancelled 2015 show sanctions.

2015 MSRBA Budget: Discussion

Motion to accept the budget as printed with adjustments as revised and amended by Don Havlicek, second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Don Havlicek, second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry Garrett, secretary*