

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
December 2, 2007

Roll Call of Officers:

President: George Carpenter
Secretary: Sherry Garrett
Treasurer: Gail Samson
20 Members Present

Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Jane Burt, second by Carlene Bell to accept the secretary's report as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gail Samson

Income: \$12,015.83
Expenses: \$ 8,420.63
Overall Total: + \$ 3,595.00 for the period of 9/23/07 - 11/30/07

Account's balance: \$ 7,936.52 Cash & Bank Accounts
\$ 5,726.33 CD assets

Asset Total: \$13,662.85 to date

Motion by Larry Walthorn, second by Kim Graham to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President George Carpenter's Report:

Dennis Sulpher has resigned as Vice President. Willis Plank has been appointed as Vice President pro-tem pending written confirmation of Dennis's resignation.

Unfinished Business:

Budget: Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Bob Vitek to accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

Update given on the Fall Show.

Cages are available at \$5 each hole for the two hole Flemish Giant cages, and \$10 each wire bottom.

Semi-Trailer: Lee Logan has offered the association \$750 for it.

New Business:

Fall Show discussion:

- Janet Bowers made the motion to have open entries close by 8:00 a.m. so that we are ready by 9:00 a.m. for judging. Second by Larry Walthorn. Motion carried.
- Discussion on the entry fee's for the Fall Show being raised to \$3.50 again. We pay 50 cents per head to the Pavilion. Motel fees are going up by \$3 per room. Motion by Jane Burt, second by Gail Samson to raise entry fees back up to the previous amount of \$3.50 per head. Motion carried.
- Carlene wishes to encourage suggestions to be given immediately to her on 2008 Fall Show judges.

Discussion on the Meat Buyer at our large events, such as Convention and Fall Show. It was the consensus that guidelines need to be set. Sandy Doyle made the motion that the meat dealer must have a booth to pick up animals at the Fall or Convention Shows. Second by Carlene Bell. Motion defeated.

Janet Bowers, Sandy Carey and Karl Ehnis Jr. will form a committee to set up guidelines for the Commercial Meat Buyer. Suggestions were given as to the position he will be placed in for pick up of animals, which will not be at the front of the show site where there is a significant impact area of public foot traffic.

2008 MSRBA Convention:

Convention Judges: Jane Burt discussed the judges for the 2008 Convention. Jane made the motion to release a judge from his judging contract. Second by Janet Bowers. Motion carried.

Sherry Garrett made the motion to hire Tex and Tonna Thomas for the 2010 MSRBA Spring Convention Show. Darryl Howe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rabbit School: Willis Plank is forming the plans for the 2008 Rabbit School. Suggestion given to utilize Darryl Howe for a session on Commercial rabbits.

Convention Catalog: December 30th deadline for submissions

Specialty Clubs must provide their information to Janet Bowers or Jane Burt for submission in the catalog.

Ad rates will be retained at \$7.50 per ad.

Convention weekend:

Heritage Livestock will not be at the Convention facility on this weekend.

Quiet Waters Symposium continues to expand and feels our announcements disrupt their workshops. They suggested that we move our show to the dirt show arena which is not acceptable. Discussion by Jane on the subject.

Booth Rentals continue to cost, as we pay \$7.50 per table and \$1.50 per chair rental.

Set-up will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Rabbit School will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Youth Royalty will be Friday night prior to the start of Rabbit School.

Darryl Howe led a discussion on encouraging participation from all of our club members in our events, meetings, etc.

Promotional Items: Katie Carpenter

Jane stated that the logo is being digitized for use on the promotional items and on the website.

Youth report:

No quorum present - discussion on items.

There are 207 youth members.

Treasurer's Balance: \$5315.33

The youth are working on a logo for Spring Convention.

Spring Convention

Youth Secretary - Ellen Eddy

Youth Supt. Jamie Carpenter

Sheryl Moll will hold the Youth Royalty portion Friday night with the Interviews and Test being given prior to Rabbit School.

The Fall Show youth raffle only brought in \$387.00 so they requested the ability to have a 50/50 raffle at spring convention.

Youth Elections will be held at a later date.

The June meeting will have a showmanship clinic.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Walthorn, second by Don Havlicek. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary