

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**

**Minutes**

Roll Call of Directors & Officers:

President: George Carpenter

Secretary Pro-Tem: Sherry Garrett

Treasurer: Gail Samson

Ann Arbor RBA: Carl Graham

Central MI RBA: Janet Bowers

Great Lakes R & C Shows: Mary Lou Bignall

Heart of Michigan: Henry Carpenter

Lapeer Area Rabbit Raiser

Osceola 4-H SAA: Chris Garrett

MI New Zealand RC: Katie Bailey

Quorum Met: 19/4

Osceola R & C Breeders: Jeremy Garrett

South Central MI RBA: Jeff Granger

Western MI RBA: Larry Walthorn

Whitetail RBA: Barbara Irelan

Michigan State Fair: Albert Irelan

Saline Community Fair: Kim Graham

MI Dutch Rabbit Club: Carlene Bell

MI Florida White RBA: Jane Burt

MI Mini Lop RC: Kelly Hansen

Motion by Carlene Bell, second by Janet Bowers to approve Sherry Garrett as the permanent secretary to complete the term vacated by Jackie DeArmond. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dennis Keefer, second by Larry Walthorn to approve Carlene Bell as the new MSRBA sweepstakes open points keeper. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett**

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

**Treasurer's Report: Gail Samson**

Income: \$2662.53

Expenses: \$2569.11

Overall Total: + \$93.42

Balance: \$10,209.62 Total assets

**Officer's Reports:**

President George Carpenter: The Vice President seems to be in better health.

Secretary Sherry Garrett: 4 members have reached their 20 years of continuous membership to receive their Life memberships from the MSRBA.

**Old Business:**

**Constitution Committee:**

- A letter was read to the board.
- Discussion on motions and the discussion in "New Business" during the June meeting.

The Jersey Wooly and Netherland Dwarf club issues from the Convention have been taken care of by Gail and the refund to the Jersey Wooly Club has been completed.

**MSRBA Booth at the 2007 ARBA Convention:**

Motion by Mary Lou Bignall, second by Chris Garrett to have a booth at the ARBA Convention in Grand Rapids at \$120.00 for the booth space. Motion carried. Al Irelan will be the booth chairperson, and will bring historical items for display within the booth.

Discussion on a MSRBA banner to use at Convention, possibly by Allegra. Pricing is usually \$10 per square foot with the banner being 3' x 4' or 3' x 5' in size. Roughly estimated price to be around \$150. Motion by Jane Burt, second by Carlene Bell to purchase a banner for MSRBA. Motion carried. Janet Bowers will order the banner.

Discussion on the former secretary's list of equipment in her care. (computer/printer) President Carpenter will check with Jackie on the balance of the secretarial items owned by MSRBA. It was noted by Jane Burt that the secretary has a \$150.00 budget for supplies per year.

#### **Equipment Chairperson: Carl Graham**

Carl Graham reported that there are 36 wire bottoms available and Keefer Cooping Cages for Flemish Giants available for \$10 each.

Lee Logan is going to look at our trailer as a possible storage unit.

#### **New Business:**

Motion by Jane Burt, second by Carl Graham to allow Michigan 4-H to have a promotional booth at the fall show at no charge. Motion carried.

#### **Resolutions Committee: Carl Graham**

There are 7 signed resolutions that have been submitted to Carl Graham.

#### **Fall Show:**

Larry Walthorn reported that there are 10 slots available for booths at the fall show, with 4-H having a booth, and 2 cage dealers.

The motel we normally use has been sold and some changes may go into effect in the future. Howard Johnsons has taken over the Park Place, and will be adding on more rooms.

#### **Membership Survey: Discussion.**

The survey results will be available at the 4 Quarterly meeting of the year. (2007)

Motion by Carl Graham, second by Chris Garrett, to leave the Fall Show format the same as it currently is slated to be. Motion carried.

#### **Spring Convention:**

Committee recommendations discussed on the banquet. Changes could not take effect until the following years banquet due to contractual arrangements.

Jane Burt made the motion that MSRBA members pay \$20 per ticket this year. Second by Larry Walthorn. All board members in favor with the exception of 1 nay. Motion carried.

Sweepstakes Awards: Carl Graham made the motion that all trophies not picked up by the closing of the current years Convention Sunday, will be donated to 4-H for replating. Second by Kim Graham. Motion carried. Motion amended to the following additional wording: Trophies may be picked up between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. for those not attending the banquet. Motion carried.

Banquet Motion: If you do not purchase a ticket and attend the banquet, you are not verbally recognized during the banquet for your sweepstakes awards by Carl Graham, second by Carlene Bell. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Walthorn, second by Mary Lou Bignall. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, 10 - 26- 07*