

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 3rd, 2008  
MSU Pavilion  
East Lansing, MI**

**Minutes**

Roll Call of Officers & Directors:

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| President:                  | Jane Burt          |
| Vice President:             | Willis Plank       |
| Secretary:                  | Sherry Garrett     |
| Treasurer:                  | Gail Samson        |
| Cal-Bra-Hill RBA:           | Lori Newberry      |
| Central MI RBA:             | Janet Bowers       |
| Great Lakes R & C:          | sub: Mike Dettmann |
| Heart of Michigan:          | Henry Carpenter    |
| Lakeshore RBA:              | sub: Daniel Benes  |
| Mid Michigan RBA:           | George Carpenter   |
| Osceola R & C Breeders:     | Chris Garrett      |
| South Central MI RBA:       | Jeff Granger       |
| Western MI RBA:             | Larry Walthorn     |
| White Tail RBA:             | Barb Irelan        |
| Michigan Dutch RC:          | Carlene Bell       |
| Michigan Florida White RBA: | Al Irelan          |
| Michigan New Zealand SC:    | Katie Carpenter    |
| Mi State Mini Rex RC:       | Sandy Doyle        |

**Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett**

George Carpenter made the motion to accept the minutes as printed, second by Carlene Bell. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Gail Samson**

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| Income Total for 12/01/07 - 02/01/08: | \$2,761.11 |
| Expenses Total:                       | \$5023.51  |

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| Total Cash & Bank Accounts: | \$5457.45   |
| Total CD's:                 | \$5726.33   |
| Total Assets:               | \$11,183.78 |

The CD's were taken out in October and another date, maybe a 5-6 month mature date.

Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Carlene Bell to accept the Treasurer's report as printed and send to the audit committee. Motion carried.

**Officer's Reports:**

President Jane Burt: We express our sincere gratitude for 4 years in serving as our President to George Carpenter. An email letter was received by President Jane Burt from Dennis Sulpher, former Vice President with his formal resignation. We welcome Willis Plank as our Vice President.

### **Equipment Report:**

Jane Burt reported that Willis Plank has spoken to Omni Source in Jackson about the semi trailer. A little over \$800 can be made by scrapping it out. Lee Logan has not mentioned anything about it. If we scrap it we will pay to have it hauled away to the scrap dealer in Jackson. Larry Walthorn made the motion to scrap the trailer, second by Lori Newberry. Unanimous vote to scrap the trailer. Motion carried.

- Discussion on the wire saw horses that are in the trailer. There is a need to change over to lighter equipment in the trailer as it is overloaded.
- Carlene Bell made the motion to take the money from the remainder of the equipment that is sold and the semi trailer funds to update the show equipment that is held within the trailer. Second by Jeff Granger. Motion carried.
- Mark Vergiels has stated that he wants to purchase all of the wire sawhorses for the Monroe Co. Fair.
- Janet Bowers stated that she has plastic sawhorses available to donate to the association.

### **Budget:**

There is a need for a budget increase for the Convention Awards. The Fall show has 122 awards and covers the top 25 breeds. At Spring Convention there are 32 sanctioned breeds plus the top 5 cavies and 4 Best of Group awards, for a total of 164 awards. (Meat Pens included.)

- Mike Dettmann made the motion, second by Jeff Granger to budget up to \$600 additional money for the Convention Awards (164 Convention vs. 122 Fall Show). Vote count: 15:1 Motion carried.

### **Master Breeders Plaque:**

Al reported that he is working on it and the photos of it show a gorgeous plaque.

### **Convention 2008:**

There is a problem with a specialty show from a non-affiliated Club.

- Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Larry Walthorn that anyone having a specialty show at Convention must be affiliated with the MSRBA. They must have a current affiliation with the MSRBA.
- Amended to state that it be for "any show sponsored by the MSRBA" by Mike Dettmann, second by Henry Carpenter. Motion carried on the amendment. Motion carried on the motion. Sherry Garrett will contact the Thrianta Club on this issue.

### **Promotional Items: Katie Carpenter**

- Katie Carpenter has the calendars available and is selling them for \$2 each.
- Slick Shirts has some new promotional items. We will attempt to have new items available at Spring Convention.

### **Lakeshore RBA:**

It has been noted that the Lakeshore RBA will not be having a show this year (2008).

There was no unfinished old business.

### **New Business:**

### **Sweepstakes Points:**

- Discussion on how a separation of a partnership in dealing with Sweepstakes points affects the individual involved points. It was determined that the person involved has the right to appeal any decision of the Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Motion by Larry Walthorn, second by Chris Garrett, that we follow the Constitution and By Laws as it is expressly stated. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Constitution:**

Article II, Section I: Non-residents must be members of a State affiliated association.

- Mike Dettmann made the motion, second by Willis Plank that the Constitution Committee look over the Out of State membership as there are some issues that need to be gone through. Motion carried.
- Notices will be administered to the Board of Directors that a Special meeting of the board will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. prior to the General Membership meeting at 9:00.

### **Cage Dealers:**

- Discussion on a previous ruling of having only two cage dealers at each Fall and Convention Shows.
- One cage dealer did not show up at the Fall show and the State 4-H Show (which was not required). He also has an outstanding check that has not cleared the bank yet, being written on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. He has seven more days to pay the balance of the \$75 due plus the \$25 NSF Bank fees.
- Larry Walthorn made the motion to allow Daniel Benes in this spot for Convention. Motion died for lack of support.
- Gail Samson made the motion to allow the third vendor in for this Convention and revisit this issue in June. George Carpenter second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Larry Walthorn made the motion that the Convention Booth Space Contract is worded the same as the fall show on booth space. Second by Chris Garrett. Discussion. Motion rescinded.
- Gail Samson amended the motion to state "\$25 for regular booth space". Discussion. Motion rescinded.
- Sandy Doyle made the motion, second by Mike Dettmann to table this and revisit it in June with information on the measurements for specific booth spaces, etc. Motion carried. Mike Dettmann and Larry Walthorn will work on taking the cage dealer measurements at Spring Convention.

### **Commercial Meat Buyer:**

It was noted that we do not sign the contract with the Pavilion as ANR signs the contract for us at Convention in March. Scott Rancour is the Manager of the Pavilion.

- Mike Dettmann made the motion, second by Larry Walthorn, that Commercial Meat Buyers are not in conjunction with the MSRBA, the Fall Show, Spring Convention, or any MSRBA Event. Motion carried.

### **Constitutional / By Laws Proposals:**

- Proposal 1: Article I - Rules Section 7: Motion by Gail Samson, second by Larry Walthorn to reject this proposal. Motion carried.
- Proposal 2: Article I - Rules Section 7: Motion by Gail Samson, second by Larry Walthorn to reject this proposal. Motion carried.

- Proposal 3: Article II - Rules Section 2: Motion by Chris Garrett, second by George Carpenter to reject this proposal and send it back to committee. Motion carried.
- Proposal 4: Article II - Rules, Section 1:E Motion by Barb Ireland, second by Henry Carpenter to approve adoption of Proposal 4. All in favor with one opposed.
- Proposal 5: Article II - Rules Section 12 C: Motion by Sherry Garrett, second by Chris Garrett to reject Proposal 5. All in favor with one opposed.
- Proposal 6: G - Motion by Mike Dettmann, second by Larry Walthorn to reject Proposal 6 and rewrite it by the committee. Motion carried unanimously.
- Proposal 7: Article V - Meeting Section 2: Motion by Mike Dettmann, second by Larry Walthorn to reject Proposal 7. Motion carried.

**Fall Show:**

The 2008, 2009 and 2010 Fall Shows will be held in the month of December.

**2008 Directory/Year Book:**

Larry Walthorn made the motion, second by Lori Newberry to print the directory with the cost being up to \$900.00, to be mailed by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to the membership. Motion carried.

- Ads in the Directory: Motion by George Carpenter, second by Larry Walthorn to sell four (4) full page ads during the judges lunch break during the Spring Convention Show on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Motion carried.

At this point in the board meeting President Jane Burt temporarily stepped down as president and turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Willis Plank. Jane asked the board to give Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy an extension to pay back the money contracted for the ARBA Convention show. Motion by Mike Dettmann, second by George Carpenter to give a six (6) month extension from the January deadline to pay back the money contracted with Great Lakes, plus the 5% interest. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Walthorn, second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

**Sherry S. Garrett, MSRBA secretary**