

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**June 8th, 2008**  
**MSU Pavilion**

**Roll Call of Officers:**

President: Jane Burt  
Vice President: Willis Plank  
Secretary: Sherry Garrett  
16 Members Present

**Secretary's Report:** Sherry Garrett - Minutes & Communications

Motion by Carlene, second by Mary Lou Bignall to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gail Samson - presentation of bills

Cash & Bank Accounts:	\$ 6,015.48
Total Other Assets:	\$ 5,726.33
Overall Total:	\$11,741.81

The 990 form has been filed with the IRS.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Equipment:** Tony Parker

- Roughly \$1100.00 has been spent in expenditures. There has been \$1420.00 income take in plus some more funds are due in yet.
- A new running table is yet to be built.
- New carpets are in the trailer.
- Vanadine will be used to disinfect the cages and show tables prior to show
- The insurance policy needs to be changed to reflect the current inventory, not items that have been disposed of, which should decrease the cost of the policy. The trailer itself is covered under Jane Burt's automobile policy.

**Show Circuit:** Carlene Bell

- Cavy Sweepstakes: None have been picked up or any requests received for them. Al Ireland will check into recycling them.

**2007 Audit Committee Report:** Mary Lou Bignall

"An audit of the MSRBA books has been completed with no errors and changes made. Although, in the future, all persons and committee's handling funds for MSRBA should submit a financial report with the auditing committee." Reports are required from all person's handling MSRBA funds to file regular reports in the MSRBA News, but also must file a full report for the fiscal year to the Audit Committee in January of each year.

- Mary Lou will submit an audit report for the newsletter.

**Publication:** Jane Burt

- The permit is due with a cost of \$180.00 this year.
- 384 copies of the News were mailed
- A number of ads are expiring.
- Lee Logan is not going to renew his ad on the back cover of the News. Discussion on persons who are interested in this advertising space.

### **Election Committee:**

Positions for secretary and vice president are up for election this year. The current secretary has filed the appropriate paperwork with Cheryl Radomski, Elections Committee chairperson.

### **Fall Show 2008:**

- Fall Show Superintendent, Willis Plank
- Cavy judge negotiations are being done on the fees, etc.
- Motion by Janet Bowers, second by Sandy Carey to hold a double show the first Saturday in December, pending the ability to hire the appropriate amount of judges for the show. Motion carried.
- Proposal to have a fun event as a fundraiser to benefit the equipment fund was discussed.
- Motion by George Carpenter to charge \$3.00 per head entry fees for both shows, second by Sandy Carey. Motion carried. Fur will remain at \$1.50 per head.
- Motion by Tony Parker, second by Carlene, to have the entry fees remain at \$3.00 even if we must have a single show due to a lack of sufficient judges to hold a double show.

### **Youth Report: Rachel Ehnis**

- There are 187 paid members.
- \$5,418.28 in the treasury as spendable income, non-inclusive of the head tax funds being held aside.
- Fundraising has been done by bake sales.
- There is a breed information clinic to be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Coverts home.
- Darryl Howe needs to be added onto the bank account for the youth association.
- MSRBYA has set up a committee to develop a website or a section of the current MSRBA website for the youth to utilize.

### **Spring Convention 2009:**

- Chris Plank is the secretary for Open
- Tiffany Weiss is the Superintendent for Open.
- Henry Carpenter - Specialty Shows Superintendent for Sunday
- Willis Plank is Rabbit School chairperson. Willis made the motion to move the rabbit school from 7:00 Friday night to 6:00 p.m. Second by Tony Parker. Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### **2008 Directory/Yearbook:**

Jane updated the membership on the yearbook's progress for publication.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Ingham County Fairgrounds:**

They have used our equipment in the past in exchange for storing the trailers on the grounds. The equipment is no longer being housed on those grounds. If they want to rent the equipment for \$250.00, they will be allowed to do it. Jane Burt will make a courtesy call to the new superintendent to know that our trailers are not being housed in Mason now, but are at the Eaton County Fairgrounds.

#### **Michigan State Universities General Guideline for Housing & Care of Animals at Shows:**

Discussion on the written policies written by University Vets.

#### **December Meetings:**

Discussion on the meeting date. The membership decided to hold the meeting on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board of Directors meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. and the General Membership Meeting at Noon. Motion to adjourn by George Carpenter, second by Sandy Carey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: *Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*