

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.
General Membership Meeting
MSU Pavilion - 9/28/08**

Roll Call of Officers:

President: Jane Burt
Vice President: Willis Plank
Secretary: Sherry Garrett
Treasurer: Gail Samson
11 Members Present

Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett - Minutes & Communications

Motion by Janet Bowers, second by Larry Walthorn to approve the minutes as printed in the MSRBA News Publication. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Gail Samson

Income: \$2,447.98
Expenses: \$4,695.20
Deficit: -\$2,247.22
Total Cash & Bank Accounts Assets: \$3,676.66
Certificate of Deposit: \$5,870.13
Total Assets: \$9,546.79

Report to be sent to the Audit Committee.

Bills Presented: \$477.54 Printing the Newsletter
\$187.19 Postage

Income: \$320.00 News Ads.
\$117.50 Yearbook Ads.

Motion by Carlene Bell, second by Chris Garrett to pay the bills and accept the report. Motion carried.

President's Report: Jane Burt

Jane reported that she has a new email address.

Committee Report:

Membership: Sherry Garrett

We have two new life members by virtue of 20 years continuous membership in the MSRBA, Richard and Hilda Lowing.

Show Circuit: Carlene Bell

2009 Affiliation letters have been sent out to affiliated clubs for renewal.

4-H Department: Jane Burt

The State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show will be held January 31st, 2009 at the MSU Pavilion. MSRBA has donated the use of our equipment for 4-H to use for this show for many years.

Publication: Jane Burt

Cost per issue is \$2.12 Jane has a list of expired ads, which was presented to the membership. \$1575.00 has been taken in to date in advertising.

Election: Cheryl Radomski reported via letter

The Vice President position, and Secretary position have been elected by acclamation as no other persons' filed to run for these persons, other than Willis Plank and Sherry Garrett, respectively.

Unfinished Business:

Fall Show: Willis Plank

- Judges: Three need to be added to the roster
- Show Set-up: Friday at 5:30 p.m.
- Due to being a double show, we will be using some of South Central's equipment

- Tony Parker would like to take the trailer back home with him, work on trailer repairs, and complete the current inventory after the show.
- Donna Mallory has volunteered to handle the judges lunch.
- Booth Contracts: Currently we have one breed booth and one commercial booth plus probably two cage dealers.
- Carlene will have workers to sort cards, etc. for Saturdays shows.
- Kelly Hansen is going to complete the show reports for the Open Shows.
- Motion to purchase clocks from Al Irelan for the Open Rabbit Best In Show Awards for both shows, to have Cash Awards for the Open Rabbit BOB at \$10 each and BOS at \$5 each for the Top 25 Breeds, Best 4 Class & Best 6 Class of \$25 each by Janet Bowers, second by Larry Walthorn. Motion carried. Carlene will prepare the envelopes for the awards.
- Fall Show has 20 rooms blocked for Friday night and 10 blocked for Saturday night.

Spring Convention 2009:

- Chris Plank is working on the judges for the shows.
- Friday's Judges Conference is being coordinated by John Soper. Ronn Mauck has been contacted on the Conference.
- Discussion on the ARBA Educational Funds which may not be available this year. We will not know for sure until after the upcoming ARBA Board meeting in October.
- Rabbit School will be held earlier on Friday in 2009 at Convention. Idea's are being discussed, according to this years attendance.
- Discussion on the Pavilion facility and the Quiet Water Symposium.
- Cavy School will be held Saturday after the cavy judging is completed.
- 50 rooms have been blocked for each night, Friday and Saturday. For each 20 rooms paid for we get a free room. Breakfast for two is included with each room. Cost this year is \$79 plus tax.
- Convention Booths: Due to be paid for by December 7th contact Jeff Granger to book a booth.

Any other unfinished business: None

New Business:

2009 MSRBA Rabbit Auction:

- Committee members: Janet Bowers, Kelly Hansen, Donna Mallory
- To be held throughout the weekend of the 2009 Spring Convention
- This will be a Silent Auction.
- Registrar's will check each individual rabbit out.
- Announcement of the 2009 Spring Convention Silent Auction will be printed in the November/December issue of the Michigan Rabbit News.
- The January/February issue of the Michigan Rabbit News will have a printed listing of the breeders and breeds of rabbits that will be participating.

Education Discussion:

- Idea's are needed for educational activities which will be of interest to the membership.
- Jane stated that the Eaton County Fairgrounds has facilities available
- Discussion on the possibility of a summer picnic for the membership with an Educational theme.

Youth Report:

The youth have 199 members. The current financial balance is \$5920.08. They are still in need of a Fall Show secretary. The youth have agreed to utilize our current web site with an expansion for use by the youth. Jane noted that they must get the information to Chad to be added to the youth page. The youth are going to have a raffle which will include a large ticket item with \$105.00 allocated towards the purchase of that item. Convention tee shirts are going to be navy blue, with the logo slogan of: "Be Ready to Shine at Convention 2009."

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary