

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.
General Membership Meeting
MSU Pavilion
December 07th, 2008**

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett - Minutes & Communications

Motion by Ronda Hemenway, second by Janet Bowers to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Gail Samson

Income: \$1,681.51
Expenses: \$4,042.48
Deficit: -\$2,360.97
Total Cash & Bank Accounts Assets: \$986.07
Certificate of Deposit: \$5,870.13
Total Assets: \$6,856.20

Report to be sent to the Audit Committee.

Bill: \$190.64 1500 entry forms

Bill to be received for the Judges beverages at the Saturday shows.

Our CD is coming due January 10th. Gail would like to cash it and put it into the checking/savings account to have it available. (\$3,000.00 plus interest for a total of \$3,180.85 since March of 2007.) Carlene made the motion, Janet Bowers second, to allow Gail to cash the CD and move it into our other accounts. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: Sherry Garrett

We have had an influx of new members since September.

Promotions:

New chairperson will be Larry Walthorn.

Show Circuit: Carlene Bell

Current Head Tax for Open is \$1374.24 without Whitetail, SCMRBA, and CMRBA shows not in the count. Suggestion for Non-members who are winning in the shows, to have Carlene send the name and address of the winners information to the MSRBA secretary, and have the MSRBA secretary send a membership application to them to encourage them to join our club. Breed Clubs can also encourage their non-members to join the MSRBA also to increase our membership base.

Membership: Sherry Garrett

Discussion on having a Specialty Club Recruitment and Individual Recruitment contest to increase our membership base.

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway

- State 4-H Show: 01/31/08 Sherry & Chris Garrett are getting the 6-class table ramrods, Carlene Bell is getting the 4-class ramrods.
- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop: There is a conflict of dates with the Osceola R & C Breeders double shows in Ewart on April 4th, 2009. There is a good possibility that this workshop will be moved into the fall of 2009 at Kettunen Center.

- MI State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo: We are attempting to move it into June 2009 to get it away from conflicts with the fairs.
- 2009 Exploration Days: Four sessions will be offered in Rabbits & Cavies.

Publication: Jane Burt

Breeders Listing: There will be a \$10.00 fee which allows members to be listed in our Newsletter and on the Web Page with a link to the breeders home web page.

Business card and other advertising: \$1730.00 in advertising funds taken in to date in 2008.

US Postal Service Returns: The US Postal Service is returning all 3rd class mail. Members not providing a change of address or address correction to the MSRBA secretary will be charged for all return of mailings from the club.

Resolutions:

Proposed changes are printed in the current newsletter. Discussion on the proposals.

Master Breeder:

Dennis Keefer needs to have all nominations in to him by January 2nd. So far there is one nomination.

Dean Daglow Helping Hands Award: The deadline for nominations needs to be sent to Eddie Carpenter by February 2nd.

Historical: Al Irelan

Al has new items donated from Leonard Biske, Checkered Giant Breeder.

Equipment: Tony Parker

Checks: \$500.00 and \$70.00 for income.

Expenses:	\$1095.24
	\$ 878.00 tables and saw horses
	\$ 16.00 locks
plus	\$ 200.00 for Master Breeder Plaque
Income:	\$ 911.00
	\$ 700.00 Sale of trailer
	\$ 25.00 PA rental
	\$ 500.00 Rental Equipment in Trailer
	\$ 70.00 Wire bottoms

Income Total: \$2206.00

Profit: + \$ 986.96 for equipment

The trailer needs repairs: side door, fenders, 2 tires? due to rating issues. The trailer is 14 years old, and is not rated for the amount of weight it is holding. The brakes are good. We need a triple axel trailer to handle the weight. Tony will bring a proposal to Convention on the possible purchase of an appropriate trailer for our needs.

Unfinished Business:

2008 Fall Show: Willis Plank

- There was a low turnout on Friday night to assist with setup.
- We set up the following: 22 full set-ups, with 2 cavies, and a registrar.
- Entries: Approximately 1080 and 1030 Open rabbit, and 104 Open cavy entries. Youth had 776 in one show, with about 125 less in the other show. 50 + youth cavies.
- Judges: One was a no show, one judge did not get out of bed on time, one judge was ill. At the show, a Michigan judge was asked if they could judge, and they did not accept the offer to judge.
- Judges: Hired 21 Rabbit judges + 2 Cavy judges = 23 judges
Used 19 Rabbit judges with Mark Stewardson for \$100.00 and Willis Plank for \$50.00
George Raiser judged 100 head and left ill. So we saved on judges fees.

2009 Convention Specialty Shows:

Helena Hickerson from MCBA said that there is a strong push to encourage cavy members to attend the MSRBA banquet for their awards. John Soper is scheduling something for cavies at the judges conference. There will be a single Specialty cavy show on Sunday, and one on Saturday at the regular show.

Discussion on the Sunday Specialty shows. Sherry Garrett will be the Specialty Show Secretary for all of the breeds. Henry Carpenter is the Specialty Show Supt. Sherry Garrett will set up all of the breed folders for the shows.

Discussion on the breeds for the specialty shows.

2009 Convention: Tiffany Weiss Supt.

Time Schedule:

- Show Setup: 12:00 noon
- Judges Conference 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. with the last hour for judges only
- Rabbit School: 6:30 p.m.

Judges & Show Personnel food:

- Donna Mallory will set up food for the judges and show personnel on Saturday. There is a possibility of having subs available for Saturday. The Specialty Clubs can contact their members to assist with providing food for the Sunday Specialty Shows.

Banquet location change:

- Julie Hume is chairperson. A sit down dinner will be held at the University Center. Cost is \$22.83 all inclusive, with 150 minimum attendance. Motion by Donna Mallory to set the banquet price per plate at \$18.00, second by Larry Walthorn. Motion carried.
- There is a possibility of having a dance floor available.
- Discussion on possible children's rate.

Motel change:

- Candlewood Suites: 50 rooms have been reserved. Cost is \$75.00 per night for a Studio Suite. There will be a hospitality room available. \$85.00 for a 1 Bedroom Suite that will sleep four people. Rollaway beds are \$10.00, there is a possibility that MSRBA could help out with this? Reservations are due approximately Feb. 1st.

Catalog: Janet Bowers

Motion to change the price of a business card ad from \$7.50 to \$5.00 by Larry Walthorn, second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried.

Motion to charge \$20.00 for a full page ad in the catalog by Larry Walthorn, second by Chris Garrett.

Motion carried by majority.

MSRBA Auction: Janet Bowers

This will be held during Convention. It will be a silent Auction, with further information to be available in the January/February issue of the MSRBA News.

MSRBA Summer Workshop: Tabled

Youth Report: Rachel Ehnis

There are 200 + youth members in MSRBYA. The current treasury has \$5111.64 in available funds.

Election results were discussed. The youth are providing music for the awards banquet. \$60 is available for special awards for the banquet.

New Business:

2009 Fall Show:

Tony Parker made the motion that the fall show remains a double show, second by Ronda Hemenway. Motion carried by majority. Eddie Carpenter will be the overall superintendent, pending his approval. Tony will speak to him. There will be two adult superintendents, one of which will work with the youth to guide them. There will be two assistant superintendents.

2009 Budget:

- The income and expense for the banquet will need to be adjusted due to changes in the banquet.
- There was a discussion on the MSRBA trailer. Tony will bring back information to discuss to the February 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Ronda Hemenway to accept the budget was presented. Motion carried.

2009 Convention Dedication:

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Willis Plank to dedicate the 2009 MSRBA Convention to Bonnie & Carl Gustafson. Motion carried.

Any Other New Business:

George Carpenter made a motion that MSRBA release Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy Shows from their contract with MSRBA of the initial investment amount plus the accrued interest. Jane Burt turned the meeting over to Vice President, Willis Plank. Discussion. Second by Henry Carpenter. Motion passed unanimously by all voting members.

Standing Rule: Convention awards for every sanctioned breed. Discussion on sanctioning breeds. Fifteen head must be shown in open and youth combined for the breed to be sanctioned.

Equipment:

Discussion by Tony Parker on carpeting for the show tables. No Berber. Discussion on the carpets verses floor mats for the show setups like SCMRBA has. Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Donna Mallory to purchase enough mats for all of the show setups. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Larry Walthorn, second by Ronda Hemenway. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary