

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.
General Membership Meeting ~ MSU Pavilion
March 07th, 2009**

Roll Call of Officers:

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

Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett - Minutes & Communications

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Carlene Bell to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

A letter was read from the Great Lakes R & C Shows to the membership of MSRBA thanking them for releasing GLRCS from the investment contract for the 2007 ARBA Convention. GLRCS has maintained the scholarship account and are still offering the two \$500.00 scholarships – one in memory of Ed Carpenter and the other in honor of Dean Daglow.

Financial Report: Gail Samson

Income:	\$17,991.67	
Transfers:	\$3,180.85	
Expenses:	\$17,454.08	Overall Total: \$3,718.44
Total Income: + \$	537.59	

The financial report will be filed with the Audit Committee.

Bills: \$420.00 for Friday night dinner for the Judges Conference, Rabbit School and Show personnel.
\$118.40 supplies / Jane Burt
\$ 19.50 Rabbit School copies

Motion to pay the bills by Chris Garrett, second by Ronda Hemenway. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Quiet Water Symposium and the Convention weekend.

Banquet: Julie Hume

177 adults and 25 youth attend the 2009 banquet. There will be a need to increase the budget for the banquet in the June BOD meeting.

Rabbit School: Willis Plank

60 – 65 people attended during the time schedule of 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Willis feels it went very good. He is looking for topics for next year's rabbit school. He went over approximate entry numbers for the Saturday shows.

Judges Conference: John Soper

All judges did a good job, Carl Gustafson also spoke about Satins to the person's present.

Specialty Shows: Sherry Garrett & Henry Carpenter

- Use one entry form per breed.
- Entries will be taken Saturday afternoon.
- A thank you is given to George Carpenter, Helena Hickerson, and Jane Burt for transporting the judges from the airports. Also to John Soper for his assistance. We were able to save approximately \$500 by flying one judge into Detroit Metro.

Membership: Sherry Garrett

\$3,338.00 was taken in on open memberships in 2008.

Promotions: Larry Walthorn

We have new items and new colors at the Promotional Booth in the showroom.

Show Circuit: Carlene Bell

The affiliated clubs show secretary's packets are available for pick up. Be sure to give Carlene a copy of the current club Charter with ARBA.

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway

Events coming up:

- 2010 State 4-H Show
- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo has been moved to June 13th at Anthony Hall, MSU.
- Exploration Days: Books are available at your local MSU Extension office or on line at www.msu.edu
- State 4-H Rabbit Workshop: November 13th & 14th

Publication: Jane Burt

- There is a new postal cost for returned items.
- For \$45.00 every quarter, we can send a new list of membership but it is cheaper to pay the \$.50 per returned item than the \$45.00 fee.
- MSRBA mailing labels must now be on the back of the mailing.
- The back cover will now be a ¾ page ad, so we need to adjust the cost of the back cover ad.
- Jane is currently taking a class on this.
- There is a chance we may need to keep the back cover blank.
- As a reminder, several ads are now expiring so advertisers are encouraged to contact Jane for ad renewal.

Master Breeder: Dennis Keefer

We have a 2009 Master Breeder chosen. MSRBA donates \$25 to the ARBA Scholarship Fund for each Master Breeder. Four Master Breeders have passed away.

Auditing Committee: Jeff Granger

Quicken is now being used by several of the club personnel that are handling money.

Gail stated that the MI State sales tax has been paid.

Fall Show: Carlene Bell

15 Rabbit and 2 Cavy judges have been hired. Current cost is \$4155.00 plus a per head charge for Mary Lou Eisel on cavies.

Equipment: Tony Parker

- There are 17 total setups in the trailer. He will build 3 more tables for a total of 20 show setups.
- Tony will attempt to be at shows that are using our equipment.
- The board of directors is pricing a new trailer versus making repairs to the current trailer.
- Willis stated that there are 11 extra wire bottoms at his home.
- Tony stated that the new floor mats for the judges worked well and are nice to handle.

Historical Booth: Al Irelan

Al stated that there are several new items in the booth to look over this year.

Unfinished Business:**MSRBA Silent Auction: Janet Bowers**

All of the animals have been checked by a registrar and the pedigrees are in the book.

MSRBA Summer Workshop:

Jane stated that there have been no volunteers to work on this as of this date. Chris Garrett will head up the committee, with Renea Slovak, Larry Walthorn, and Carol Forkum.

Any Other Unfinished Business:

Donna Mallory gave a thank you to the Board of Directors for changing lodging, and providing us with such a nice facility as the Candlewood Suites.

New Business:

Constitutional Proposals: Russ Scott

Proposal #1 Membership – Out of State Members

Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Tony Parker to approve Proposal #1. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #2 Membership – Out of State Members

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Larry Walthorn to approve Proposal #2. Motion carried unanimously,

Proposal #3 Membership – Affiliations

Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Donna Mallory to approve Proposal #3. Motion carried with 2 Nay votes.

Proposal #4 Show Circuit – Rules

Motion by Neva Sulfer, second by Bob Vitek to approve Proposal #4. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #5 Show Circuit – Rules - Out of State

Motion by Sandy Doyle, second by Larry Walthorn to approve Proposal #5. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #6 Duties of officers / Secretary

Motion by Tony Parker, second by Carol Forkum to approve Proposal #6. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposal #7 Show Circuit Department

Motion by Dean Daglow, second by Beth Dunlap to approve Proposal #7. Motion carried.

2010 MSRBA Convention: Chris Plank

Several judges have already been hired for the 2010 Convention show.

Chris Plank will be the Open Secretary, and Tiffany Weiss will be the overall Superintendent.

Convention 2009 Superintendent's report: Tiffany Weiss

1993 Open Rabbits 137 Open covies

885 Youth Rabbits Youth cavy numbers have not been confirmed yet.

Discussion on the Head Tax and cavy entries/Sweepstakes Awards. Jane stated that the Show rules do not designate funds from which to be strictly used as Rabbit or Cavy from the head tax fund.

Any other New Business:

Western Michigan has room for Specialty Shows at the facility on Sunday. \$.25 per head will be charged to Specialty Shows to cover supplies.

Motion by Tony Parker, second by Larry Walthorn to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry Garrett, secretary