

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
Board of Directors Meeting
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI
February 8th, 2009**

Roll Call of Director's & Officers:

President: Jane Burt
Vice President: Willis Plank
Secretary: Sherry Garrett
Treasurer: Gail Samson
Cal-Bra-Hill: Dean Daglow
Central MI RBA: Janet Bowers
Heart of MI: Henry Carpenter
Lapeer ARR: Dennis Keefer
North Central MI RBA: Anthony Parker
Osceola R&C RBA: Chris Garrett
Saginaw Valley R & CBA: Renea Slovak
South Central MI RBA: Jeff Granger
Western MI RA: Larry Walthorn
Whitetail RBA: Barbara Irelan
Michigan State Fair: Al Irelan
MI Cavy Breeders Assoc.: Helena Hickerson
MI Dutch Rabbit Club: Carlene Bell
MI Flemish Giant RBA: Bob Bolyard
MI Florida White RBA: Kathy Carpenter
MI Mini Lop RC: Kelly Hansen
Guest: Sandy Carey

Secretary's Report and Communications:

Tony Parker made the motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Michigan Rabbit News, second by Bob Bolyard. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

Income:	\$15,526.29	
Expenses:	\$12,665.98	
Total Income – Expenses:	+	\$2,860.31
Transfers:	\$3,180.85	
Overall Total:	\$6,041.16	
Total Cash & Bank Accounts:	\$6,856.00	
Certificate of Deposit:	\$2,689.28	
Total Assets:	\$9,545.28	

Bob Bolyard requested that the Financial Report be submitted to the Audit Committee.

Officer's Reports:

President: Discussed the upcoming Convention.

Secretary: An update on memberships was given to the board. In 2008 the budget goal for membership was \$3,000. The actual membership receipts were \$3,338.00 for the open association. It seems as though the postcard reminders are working. There has been a good gain in new memberships since September, 2008.

Treasurer: The Michigan State Sales Tax is due the end of February to the State.

Unfinished Business:

2009 Convention:

- The Awards budget needs to be increased by \$200.00 from \$1400 to \$1600. Tony Parker made the motion to increase the line item budget by \$200 to \$1600.00 for awards. Motion carried.
- Usable items will be purchased for awards for the Open. Awards will be chosen for the four group winners and a clock for the BIS winner. Trophies will be purchased for the youth winners.

Airfare for 3 fly-in judges:

- Ruth Ann Bell: New Jersey. Flight cost is \$276.39 with arrival at 11:a.m. Friday in Lansing. Her returning flight leaves at 3:22 p.m. Sunday.
- Conall Addison: Kansas. Flight cost is \$357.39 with arrival at 3:04 p.m. Friday. George Carpenter will pick up Conall. He leaves at 7:00 p.m. Sunday.
- Nancy Richmond: Idaho. She will judge rabbits on Saturday and a cavy specialty show on Sunday. She must fly out of Lewiston, Idaho. Helena Hickerson will pick her up on Friday night from Detroit Metro. Discussion. Tony Parker made the motion, second by Larry Walthorn to allow up to \$425.00 for the round trip flight from Idaho for Nancy Richmond. Motion carried. Tony Parker made the motion to purchase a room at the Headquarters hotel for Helena on Friday night for picking Nancy Richmond up in Detroit, second by Bob Bolyard. Motion carried.

2009 Banquet:

- The current budget allows \$2,800.00 for the Banquet. Discussion. Motion by George Carpenter, second by Tony Parker to increase the line item banquet budget to \$4,000. Motion carried.
- There will be four guests at the banquet: Bonnie & Carl Gustafson, Dr. Richard Aulerich and his wife.
- There is a possibility that 14 judges and spouses will attend the banquet for a total cost of \$378.00. \$320.00 to assist our families with the costs of dinner.

Any Other Old Business:

Equipment Committee Bills: Tony Parker

Tony submitted bills for interlocking floor pads to be used behind the show tables by the judges of 8 sets @\$21.23 per set, with each set doing two judges tables. Also, included in the billing was trailer repairs for a total of \$169.00. Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Larry Walthorn to pay these bills. Motion carried.

New Business:

Constitutional & By-Laws Proposals:

Proposal 1: Membership

Bob Bolyard made the motion to accept this proposal, second by Carlene Bell. Motion carried.

Proposal 2: Out of State Membership

Chris Garrett made the motion to accept this proposal, second by Kelly Hansen. Motion carried.

Proposal 3: Membership – Club Affiliations.

Carlene Bell made the motion to accept this proposal, second by Willis Plank. Motion carried by majority vote.

Proposal 4: Show Circuit Rules

Larry Walthorn made the motion to accept this proposal with the insertion of the following in Paragraph A of: *Any All Breed Club, State, County or Community Fair affiliated.....*, to the proposal. Second by Carlene Bell. Motion carried.

Proposal 5: Show Circuit – Out of State Award

Bob Bolyard made the motion to accept this proposal, second by Henry Carpenter. Motion carried.

Proposal 6: Constitution – Duties of Officers/Secretary

George Carpenter made the motion to accept this proposal, second by Carlene Bell. Motion carried.

Proposal 7: Committees/Show Circuit Department

Dean Daglow made the motion to accept this proposal, second by Al Irelan. Motion carried.

Trailer:

Tony Parker updated the Board of Directors on our trailer. It is rated for 7,000 pounds, and we are hauling about 8700 pounds. To purchase new axles/springs/brake materials to bring it to 5,200 pound axles, would cost approximately \$1600 - \$2000. We should be able to get at least \$2,000 for it should we decide to sell it. A new 24' V-Nose tandem axle, rated to 5,200 lbs. would run \$4,790.00 having ¾ inch floors, roof at 24" centers. It can be built in approximately 7 days and would be white. Colors would be more. It would have 16" tires. There would be a 5 year warranty (built in Georgia). Width is 8'5" with a 66" height. TA2 – imposed car hauling trailer. 2,000 lb tongue jack. A 50% deposit would be needed to build it.

- Bob Bolyard made a motion to table the trailer purchase issue until we get more information on it. Second by Willis Plank.
- Discussion on the extra items that are within our current trailer. Motion was then carried.

Computer:

Jane would like to see a computer to be utilized by our show secretaries for Convention and the Fall Shows. Discussion.

- It would be a laptop with a case, wireless mouse/keyboard to use as a keypad. Size would have a 15.4" screen.
- Motion to purchase a laptop in the cost range of up to \$600.00, with a wireless mouse, keyboard, and case by Larry Walthorn. Second by Sherry Garrett. Motion carried.

Communications:

A letter to the MSRBA was read by Sherry Garrett from director, Dean Daglow. Motion by Bob Bolyard, second by Renea Slovak for MSRBA to pay for the hotel rooms on Friday and Saturday nights of the following MSRBA personnel: MSRBA President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, MSRBA Open Show Secretary, MSRBA Open Show Superintendent. Motion carried. Discussion.

Motion by Tony Parker, second by Larry Walthorn: Any other rooms would be at the discretion of the MSRBA executive committee as they deem necessary. Motion carried, with 3 abstentions.

Mid Michigan has cancelled their show in April.

Bob Bolyard announced that the National Flemish Club has had a change of secretary.

Janet Bowers had been working on Nancy Richmond's flight from Idaho during the meeting. She announced that the flights actual cost came to \$395.39.

Motion to adjourn by Chris Garrett, second by Bob Bolyard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary