

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.  
General Membership Meeting  
MSU Pavilion  
June 07<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Roll Call of Officers:**

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

**Youth Report: Alexandra Reau**

- 184 members
- Treasury: \$6,355.51
- There will be a bake sale to benefit the youth on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Great Lakes shows in Charlotte.
- Meeting activities are being planned, today being showmanship.
- Mitch Campbell and Chad Burt will work as Supt. for the Fall shows.
- Convention Supt. will be Megan Piper.
- Secretary's are unknown as of yet.
- 2009 Budget: \$1,880.00 in expenses.
- Teams going to San Diego need to contact Ronn Mauck.

The youth were thanked for their report by President Jane Burt.

**Secretary's Report:**

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Don Havlicek to approved the minutes as printed in the MSRBA News. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

Income: \$24,283.57

Expenses; \$24,568.59

Total Income – Expenses: -\$285.02

Total Cash & Bank Accounts: \$3,367.19

Certificate of Deposit: \$2,958.00

Total Assets: \$6,056.47

Bills: \$733.89 Newsletter printing plus \$3.50 for 7 newsletters that were undeliverable. All by 2 are not life members.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership: Sherry Garrett**

\$1,909.00 has been taken in for membership fees from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. The Committee will work on setting up membership contests for Affiliated clubs and Individuals to be presented to the Board of Directors.

**Promotional: Larry Walthorn**

Larry reported that Income from booths was \$930.00, with expenses being \$485.00, with a profit of \$445.00.

**Show Circuit: Carlene Bell**

2 new shows have been added to the 2009 circuit.

**4-H: Ronda Hemenway**

Rabbit & Cavy Expo has 19 Counties and 115 youth entered in the competitions. There are 9 State Award Delegates in the Rabbit division of the 4-H State Awards. Interviews will be on Wednesday of Exploration Days, and the Ceremony will be on Thursday evening at 7:00 at the Wharton Center of MSU. All sessions for Rabbits & Cavies are full for Exploration Days. There is going to be a Breed ID contest to be held at the State 4-H Show in 2010.

**Audit:**

The audit has been completed and everything has been found to be as it should be.

**Publication: Jane Burt**

The post office charged us \$45.51 extra for postage for the March/April issue of the MSRBA News and would not give us back a refund. Allegra gave us credit for this.

- If there are under 16 full pages, it can be done in Charlotte, but if there are more pages, it must go to Lansing. Motion by Janet Bowers, second by Darrel Howe to limit the News to 16 full pages including the cover (11" x 17" actual size). Motion carried.

The yearly cost for Allegra to run our database for the post office is \$7.50. We have taken in \$850.00 so far this year in advertising.

**Elections:**

The offices of President and Treasurer are open for election. Contact the MSRBA secretary for forms. Completed forms must be in Kelly's hands by August 1<sup>st</sup> with all requirements completed.

**Website:**

Changes have been added to the website by the board of directors: Constitution, By-Laws, Sweepstakes Rules, archived minutes, and updated Sweepstakes Points reports due monthly to the webmaster.

**Unfinished Business:****2010 Convention:**

- New banquet room will be used which is V-shaped.
- New banquet menu
- The facility is waiving the charge for the large banquet room for us.
- There will be an All Breed Show on Sunday with some Specialty Shows. These shows will be determined at the next board of directors meeting for approval.

**Rabbit Auction:**

Janet Bowers notified the membership that the rabbit auction made a profit.

**MSRBA Workshop June 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Chris Garrett is working on the specifics for the workshop sessions with his committee. Sherry Garrett noted that there will be a RSVP sign-up sheet at the June 20<sup>th</sup> show in Charlotte at the Open secretary's table. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be grilled by Larry Walthorn. We are in need of another grill to use. There will be a \$3.00 donation per person to assist in covering the costs. Renea Slovak stated that she has a large roaster that could be used. Glenda Weiss stated that she has a small grill. Information will be put up on the message board to remind the membership.

**Fall Show: Carlene Bell**

Sanctions: We will pay for sanctions of breeds that had 15 entered in open and youth combined totals. There are 20 judges hired and 2 cavy judges. She has sent a list to Eddie Carpenter.

**New Business:****2010 MSRBA Convention in March:**

Superintendent will be Tiffany Weiss and Secretary Chris Plank

- The judges have been hired. Ruth Ann Bell will be coming from New Jersey. Conall Addison may be driving with Tex and Tonna Thomas.
- Willis Plank will be doing the Rabbit School. There will not be a judges conference because that is only done every other year by the MSRBA.
- There will be an All Breed Show on Sunday, Willis is going to ask Russ Scott – his assistant if he will be the All Breed Show Supt. for the Sunday Show.

**Any Other New Business:**

**Bunny BINGO:** Sherry Garrett stated that the Osceola R & C Breeders Assoc. will donate the use of their new Bunny BINGO board for use at the Fall Show and the weekend of the Convention Shows as a fundraiser for MSRBA.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*