

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association  
General Membership Meeting  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI  
March 06<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Secretary's Report and Communications:**

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Janet Bowers to accept the minutes as printed in the MSRBA News. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Gail Samson

Total Income: \$24,631.42  
Total Expenses: \$21,828.84  
Total Income & Expenses: \$2,802.58  
Transfers:  
To Chase Checking: - \$860.00  
To Petty Cash: - \$860.00  
From Chase Checking: \$860.00  
Overall Total Income: \$2,802.58  
Assets Chase Checking: \$3,775.89  
Chase Savings: \$486.84  
Petty Cash: \$ 30.00 (Secretary)  
Total Cash & Bank Accounts: \$4292.73  
The Sales Tax was submitted in February to the appropriate agency.  
Certificate of Deposit: \$2,979.22  
Total Assets: \$7,271.95

Larry Walthorn requested that the Financial Report be submitted to the Audit Committee.

**Officer's Reports: None**

**Committee Reports:**

**Promotion:** Larry Walthorn stated that the tee-shirts are on a special sale at the booth. New colors have been added in promotional booth. Stainless Steel Travel Mugs are available for purchase at \$7.00 each.

**Show Circuit:** Carlene Bell has taken in \$1,883.52 to date in Head Tax. She states that the packets are available for pick up by the affiliated clubs. A bill for \$657.71 for awards jackets is submitted.

**4-H Report:** Ronda Hemenway stated that around 1200 animals were entered, with 359 exhibitors from 49 counties at the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show in January. Exploration Days has 8 sessions this year dealing with rabbits and covies, which is the most ever offered. It is on June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**Publication:** Jane Burt, editor, stated that all of the October shows are missing from the Michigan Rabbit News due to the limit on size of the publication. But the results are posted on the website.

**Resolutions:** to be discussed later in the meeting.

**Master Breeder:** Dennis Keefer stated that it is all set for tonight's banquet.

**Audit Committee:** Still finishing up the audit.

**Fall Show:** Larry Walthorn reported on the upcoming double show. 14 Judges have been confirmed, with a need of a total of 22 judges including covies. This year it will return to Thanksgiving weekend.

**Historical Committee:** Al Ireland We are having a slide projector at the booth. Be sure to stop by the Historical Booth.

**Equipment:** Tony Parker

- We purchased and built new equipment.
- The metal show boxes will be sold.
- We purchased 10 more plastic sawhorses.
- There are now 22 full set-ups.
- New floor mats, carpets, and the speaker stands have been purchased/built. We spent \$332.70 so far on these and the wooden saw horses. There should be around 1000 feet of speaker wire and connectors donated.
- The two portable microphones will not be rented out.

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

- **Rabbit School**, Willis Plank: Friday night 85 people attended the Rabbit School. Tex Thomas had a Power Point Presentation on the history of breeds along with 4 others by the other presenters. Next year he would like to have it during Friday, all day. He would also like to include a judges conference, a rabbit/cavy academy which will be hands on, open to all. He would like to check into using the Auditorium at the pavilion which will provide more seating for interested attendees.
- **Specialty shows:** Entries will be taken immediately following the closing of this meeting.
- **Booths:** Chris Garrett stated that there are about 20 in the show room. Set up went well with a good amount of volunteers to assist with the show set up and booth set up. We wish to thank all of the volunteers who assisted us.
- **Banquet:** Julie Hume stated that it is going to be larger than last year and door prizes have been donated.
- **Silent Auction** Kelly Hansen: There are about 20-25 animals in the silent auction. Doug & Molly Covert donated 3 pairs and are asking that no money be given back on the donation.
- **Parking:** It seems to have gone much better this year with the implemented changes.
- **Entries:** Youth had 1108 and the current open entry is 1642 with entries still coming in.

**Any Other Old Business:** none

**New Business:****2011 MSRBA Convention:**

Jane Burt stated that this is Tiffany Weiss's third years as Convention Chair so she will be rotating off and John Soper has agreed to be the 2011 MSRBA Convention Chairperson.

**By Laws and Show Circuit Proposals:**

Jane Burt announced that there will be an affirmative and negative approach utilized during the discussion of each proposal.

**Russ Scott – chairperson****Proposal 1:****Article IV, Election of Officers, Section 2:**

- 16 signatures were presented in good membership standing.

A motion to accept this amendment by Larry Walthorn second by Janet Bowers. Discussion on this proposal as to its need to match other portions of the document. Motion to cease the debate by Bob Bolyard, second by Don Havlicek. Motion denied, 10 for, and 18 against the motion.

**Proposal 2:**

**Russ Scott – chairperson**

- 14 signatures were presented in good membership standing. Russ Scott requested that all signatures be presented by printing and signing their names on the form for verification purposes.
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A motion was made by Chris Garrett, second by Carlene Bell to deny this amendment. It was noted that the Board of Directors did not recommend approval of this amendment. Discussion followed. Motion to cease debate by Chris Garrett, second by Tony Parker. Motion carried.

The vote was taken on the original motion to not accept this motion, motion carried. 24 persons for not accepting this amendment, 4 persons for the amendment.

**Any other new business:**

**Insurance Certificates:** Jane Burt stated that the affiliated clubs insurance certificates are available to pick up.

**Youth Advisor,** Darrel Howe: There was a discussion of the youth at the Fall Meeting during their report to the MSRBA. It was requested by Darrel that when there is a problem to have it discussed with the youth advisors, so to encourage youth to be open to participation in the meeting process.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett. secretary*