

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
06/12/2011
Camp Frances - Charlotte

Members Present: President Jane Burt, Secretary, Willis Plank, Sherry Garrett, Treasurer Sandy Doyle, Chris Garrett, Dennis Keefer, Janet Bowers, Ronda Hemenway, Al Irelan, Barb Irelan, Bob Bolyard, Lynn Bolyard, Bryan Shirk, Marcus Rhoden, Helena Hickerson, Crystal Parker, Anthony Parker, Julie Hume, Kelly Hansen, Elaine Hansen, Karl Ehnis Jr., Dianne Howe, Darrell Howe, Cathie Usakowski, Rob Usakowski, Jessica Usakowski.

Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett

Correction to the minutes: Chad Weiss is the Assistant Supt. for the Quad Shows. Quad Show Booth fees are: \$25.00 for an affiliated club and \$50.00 for a commercial booth, per 10 foot booth space. Motion to accept with corrections by Ronda Hemenway, second by Marcus Rhoden. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sandy Doyle

Transactions from 01/01/2011 through 06/10/2011

Total Income:	\$31,755.19	CD April Rollover:	\$ 2,027.22
Total Expenses:	\$38,240.98	CD Dec. Rollover:	\$1,007.26
Overall Total	- \$ 6,485.79	Checking:	\$3,241.23
		Total Assets:	\$6,275.71

Report to be sent to the Audit Committee.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sherry Garrett

Sherry Garrett reported that we are working on bringing in new memberships. Youth membership forms and the Quad show flyer was distributed at the MI State Rabbit & Cavy Expo in East Lansing on the campus of MSU Saturday to the youth in attendance. Several were picked up by the participating youth. Free Vista Print postcards are being given out to those to advertise our club and upcoming shows to non-members who have exhibited at our shows. A display was shown of the free t-shirts that were gotten from Vista Print by president Jane Burt that have the updated logo on the front and a listing of all of the MSRBA Convention show dates for several upcoming years in a pleasing arrangement for advertising.

Promotional: Jane Burt for Larry Walthorn

Jane Burt reported that new items have been added for purchase at the MSRBA Quad Shows: \$10 light pink t-shirts and light Sky Blue t-shirts. We have also added a new pullover sweat shirt. There should be a good profit margin to assist in finances.

Show Circuit: Jane Burt for Margaret Potter

- An Microsoft Office Excel program is being utilized for the sweepstakes program
- There have been issues with clubs, including parts of the MSRBYA in getting reports in on time and/or incorrect/incomplete show reports for the Sweepstakes chairperson to work with which has proven to be a challenge for Margaret to complete her monthly reports. Clubs need to insure that all of the paperwork is completed on time and is correct when sent to the Sweepstakes chairperson to insure that reports are not being held up for corrections and input into the Michigan Rabbit News.
- For the Fall Show, Taylor and Jessica Usakowski will do the paperwork together for the youth show reports so that the reports will be done in a timely manner and will be more easily put together for mailing.

At this time the MSRBYA youth entered the General Membership meeting to give their report.

Rachel Ehnis reported that there are now 158 members, and they have received their ARBA Charter.

- They are going to offer coffee and donuts for the GLRCS show on June 18th and the MSRBA Quad Shows on June 25th & 26th. The GLRCS monies from the sale of coffee and donuts is earmarked for the MSRBYA Teams attending the ARBA Convention this fall in Indianapolis.
- There is going to be a Logo Contest and the winner will receive a free membership.
- They approved their Budget for 2011 at \$2,005.00
- Youth advisor, Darrell Howe stated that they will be doing Judging and Breed ID practice at various shows for the youth to practice their skill development.

No questions from the MSRBA General Membership so the youth were excused and thanked for their report.

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway

- State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Expo had 125 youth registered from 16 counties on Saturday at MSU.

- Exploration Days has all of the rabbit and cavy sessions filled. There are 10 State Award Delegates from the rabbit & cavy area participating.
- November 18-20th at Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI will host the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop. It will be a Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday until 3:00 event.

Publication: Jane Burt

- Dean Daglow is going to contact the non-active life members to see if they are still interested in receiving the MSRBA publication. We have also lost some life members (Master Breeders) so contact will be made with the surviving spouse/family members to see if they wish to receive the publication yet.

Elections: Kelly Hansen chairperson

- Elections this year shall be for the office of president and treasurer. Applications may be received by contacting the club secretary, Sherry Garrett for an official document to obtain the required signatures to run for office. These applications must be in Kelly Hansen's hands by August 1st.

Equipment: Tony Parker

- There are show box holes that need to be repaired and a small amount of the wire corners.
- Help is not only needed for setup but also to help make the repairs when we unload the trailer at the shows as this is the only time that repairs can be made without unloading the complete trailer.
- Tony will bring supplies to make repairs but need help from others to get this done.
- The new cart is awesome to work with that Dean Daglow and his son built.
- Permission was given to Tony to set the price and sell the excess equipment that we do not need.

Special Committees:

Historical: Albert Ireland

- The article in the Domestic Rabbits commended Al Ireland & Dean Daglow for all their work over the years in collecting historical items. Al stated that new items are always welcome.

Unfinished Business:

June Quad Shows: June 25th & June 26th, 2011 in Mason, MI

- The starting show judges were presented with the starting breeds to the membership for all four Quad shows,
- Jane has coupons to save on pizza's to serve to all the workers for set-up on Friday evening at 6:00.
- For Saturday, Chad Weiss will be the Head youth Supt. with Jessica Usakowski being his assistant. On Sunday Jessica Usakowski will be the Head youth Supt. and Chad Weiss will assist her.
- For Saturday, Jane Burt will be the Open Supt., with Bryan Shirk being her assistant. On Sunday, Bryan Shirk will be the Open Supt. with Jane Burt assisting him.
- The Superintendents will wear safety green shirts with labeling for visibility on both days to the show staff and person's in attendance.
- Raffle - KD Cage and Planks Cages are donating large ticket items for the raffle. Tickets will be \$1.00 per ticket. There will also be a regular raffle, with the proceeds to go toward our trailer fund.
- There will be a new concession available for food service in the usual area of the show facility.
- MSRBA is going to provide water for the judges.

2011 Fall Show:

- Youth Supts. Will be Mitch Campbell and Taylor Timko.
- Open Supt. for Saturday will be Rob Usakowski with Tony Parker and Eddie Carpenter as assistants.
- Secretary for the Saturday shows will be Margaret Potter and Penny Jezuit.
- Tony Parker made the motion, second by Bob Bolyard to have the Fall Show Entry Fee of \$3.00 per rabbits, cavy or meat pen, and \$1.50 for fur classes. All in favor except for one nay. Motion carried.

2012 Convention Show:

- 19 judges are currently hired with the current listing presented to the membership
- There was a Convention comparison presented on entry fees. If the show fee were to be increased from the current \$3.00 to \$3.25 this would mean an increase of \$2.00 per show for 8 head being shown.

Motion by Willis Plank, second by Crystal Parker to increase the entry fee to \$3.50 for rabbit, cavies, and meat pens, and up to a fee of \$2.50 for fur classes for all shows at the MSRBA Convention. Discussion. Motion made to amend the original motion to an entry fee of \$3.50 for rabbits, cavies, and meat pens and an increase to \$2.00 for fur classes by Sherry Garrett, second by Bryan Shirk. Vote taken with 16 persons for the amendment and 4 against the motion. Motion carried. Vote taken on the

original motion as stated in the approved amendment of \$3.50 per rabbit, cavy and meat pen, \$2.00 for fur. 17 for the motion, 4 against the motion. Motion carried.

Any other Unfinished Business:

Proposed Great Lakes Agricultural Fair: Willis Plank reported that the new fair is currently being delayed from the proposed year of 2011 to 2012. It is still being planned for Labor Day weekend of 2012. There are contractual agreement delays that are not allowing the contract to be firmed up as of this date.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Tony Parker, second by Bob Bolyard. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary