

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
09/25/2011
MSU Pavilion

Members Present: President Jane Burt, Secretary, Sherry Garrett, Elaine Hansen, Chris Garrett, Kelly Hansen, Ronda Hemenway, Carlene Bell, Janet Bowers, Anthony Parker, Helena Hickerson, Penny Jezuit, Rob Usakowski, Donna Mallory.

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: Jane Burt for Sandy Doyle

Transactions from 01/01/2011 – 09/21/2011

Total Income: \$52,251.27
Total Expenses: \$56,690.91
Overall Total - \$ 4,439.64

Transactions from 06/11/2011 – 09/21/2011

Total Inflows: \$ 22,369.98
Total Outflows: -\$22,218.27
Total Assets: \$ 151.71

Report to be sent to the audit committee.

Committee Reports:

Promotional: Jane Burt for Larry Walthorn

- Ronda will send an itemized list of the inventory to Jane for reorder for the Fall Show.

Show Circuit: Jane Burt for Margaret Potter

- The standings for the 2011 Sweepstakes year are supposed to be up to date by mid week.

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway & Jane Burt

- A 4-H link to the MSUE page will be added to our website for ease of access to the 4-H rabbit & cavy information on site.
- A link will be added to the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Scholarship application.
- 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.
- New Showmanship Guide: It is ready to be released on October 1st, 2011 and will be available at a cost of \$5 per copy. It is full color.
- Clinics are going to be held on the updated showmanship guide. There will be a sign in sheet for adult attendees to sign at the State 4-H Rabbit Workshop at Kettunen Center, at the M.S.R.B.A. Fall Show seminar on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m., and at the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show at MSU in January, 2012. It will be held during the lunch break.

Publication: Jane Burt

We are going to be phasing out the printing of complete show results from the newsletter to reduce printing costs. But they will be available to print on the website for breeders.

The cost of the permit for our newsletter at the Post Office is \$190.00.

Elections: Kelly Hansen chairperson

It is officially noted that the election of the following officers by acclamation is as follows:

President: Jane Burt

Treasurer: Sandy Doyle

Equipment: Tony Parker

- Dean Daglow's son built another dolly cart to handle the equipment at the shows so now we are fortunate to have two of them.
- The trailer fund now has \$100.00 in it from the Quad Show.
- It was noted that we do not rent out the "official" sound system to others, just another set we own.

Webmaster: Jane Burt

- Jane has the code for the website. Ann Mills is the assistant for the website. Jane is not taking the webmaster stipend for her work on the website.

- There is a possibility we will be moving from the current server to a separate one.
- We are currently being charged \$29.00 per month and we maintain the website ourselves.

Resolutions:

All resolutions need to be to Russ Scott, the Resolution's Committee chairperson by September 30th, 2011.

Unfinished Business:

2011 Fall Shows update:

- Open Secretary: Margaret Potter and Penny Jezuit – Saturday & Sunday Open
- Youth Supt. Chad Weiss and Taylor Timko
- Youth Secretary: The Usakowski Family

Awards:

- Saturday: Top 20 Open A & B; Top 15 Youth A & B; Cavies Top 3 Open; Cavies Top 2 Youth.
- Sunday: Top 15 Open C; Top 10 Youth C (no cavy shows on Sunday)
- It is noted that one award is still not given to a sweepstakes winner in cavies from the 2011 Convention.
- Best in Show and Reserve in Show to be chosen by the following method: Take the top 3 breeds of the 6 class BOB's and the top 3 breeds of the 4 class BOB's. Put them together for Best in Show and Reserve in Show competition by the judges choosing the top two animals of show.

Judges:

- \$1992.82 in cuts have been made for the 2011 MSRBA Fall Show.
- Donna Mallory will contact clubs and individuals for food for the judges throughout the Fall Show weekend. She stated that the MI Mini Lop Club will probably do the Saturday show food.

Fall Show Set-up:

- The goal is to have the trailer in at noon on Friday if the trailer is on site. Tony hopes to power wash the equipment and then set it up for the show.

Showmanship Clinic Friday evening at 7:00 p.m.

- You will need to sign in to count as being an attendee.

Cage Dealers:

- KD Cage and Planks Cage Supply will be at the Fall Show.
- They each will be donating stackers for the raffle at a minimum value of \$150.00 to go to the MSRBA (This is in lieu of booth space rental payment to the MSRBA.
- Any amount over the \$150.00 goes to the youth per stacker. (The Fall Show raffle is run by the youth to benefit the youth.)

Fluorescent shirts will be worn by the Supt. Staff for the Fall Show for ease of visibility. These will need to be ordered.

2012 Convention Show:

Rabbit School/Conference:

- Willis Plank and Pam Jones are working on this. MSU is not mailing catalogs for ANR week out this year, just post cards.

Youth Report:

Treasury has \$4,356.41

We have a Logo contest going on for open or youth members. Our T-shirt will be pink with black letters, short sleeves for our teams going to the ARBA Convention in Indianapolis. The Fall Show cage dealers are donating stackers to the Fall Show Raffle; \$150.00 from the income of each stacker will go to the MSRBA and the rest will be given to the youth. It was agreed to loan up to \$1,000.00 for show sanctions to the open for the Fall Shows. Report completed.

New Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Janet Bowers, second by Tony Parker. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary