

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
03/03/2012
MSU Pavilion

Members Present: President Jane Burt, Treasurer Sandy Doyle, Secretary, Sherry Garrett, Dennis Keefer, John Rose, Anthony Parker, Ronda Hemenway, Donna Mallory, Vicki Dotson, Beth Dunlap, Janet Bowers, Carlene Bell, Bill Hilliard, Barb Irelan, Albert Irelan, Dianne Howe, Darrell Howe, Cathie Usakowski, Rob Usakowski, Tony Stubbins, Susan Stubbins, Tammy Brecht, Niles Boulter, Arlan Hossink, Keith Rockwood, Margaret Potter, Penny Jezuit, Caitlin Carpenter, Maddie Pratt, Robert Bolyard, Mary Bollwahn, Glenda Weiss, Kristy Hume, Tiffany McCord, Drew Bliss, Jackie DeArmond, Gerrie Tebo, Bryan Tebo, Chris Garrett

Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Tony Parker, second by Darrell Howe to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Sandy Doyle

Transactions from 01/01/2012 through 02/18/2012

Total Income:	\$ 3,165.56	CD April Rollover:	\$ 2,033.77
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,782.59	CD Dec. Rollover:	\$ 1,011.37
Overall Total	- \$ 2,617.03	Checking:	\$ 6,868.66
		Trailer Savings:	\$ 100.05
		Total Assets:	\$ 10,013.85 as of 02/18/2012

2011 Banking Summary: 01/01/2011 – 12/31/2011

Total Income:	\$80,067.77	CD April Rollover	\$ 2,033.77
Total Expenses:	\$78,303.95	CD Dec. Rollover	\$ 1,011.37
		Checking:	\$ 9,805.69
		Trailer Savings:	\$ 100.05

Total Cash & Bank Accounts: \$12,950.88

Prepaid Expenses: - \$ 320.00

Total Assets: \$12,630.88

Motion to file the financial report with Audit Committee by Bob Bolyard, second by Margaret Potter.

Committee Reports:

2012 Convention: Youth entries are at 1112. Open numbers are pending for the Convention show.

- Banquet tickets may be picked up from Penny Jezuit, Banquet Chairperson, at the Mini Rex booth.
- Rabbit School: Approximately 98 persons attended on Friday evening. Booklets were given to all registered participants; 100 were printed and only two are left.
- The Judges Conference will be held in 2013. We must meet the ARBA's 90 day deadline to hold the judges conference.
- Booths: Niles Boulter stated that there are 19 booths, plus 3 feed dealers and two cage dealers this year.

Membership:

- Sherry Garrett will have ARBA memberships at the club secretary's table. New members will receive their ARBA Guidebook directly from our secretary at this show by ARBA Executive Director, Eric Stewart to save ARBA postage costs.

Promotional: Ronda Hemenway

- Items have been restocked and are selling well.
Concerns were discussed for well wishes for Larry Walthorn's return to good health as he is not in attendance this weekend.

Show Circuit: Margaret Potter

- Show reports are on-line in Microsoft Excel.Doc, and PDF files to download along with a link to *Open Office* so that anyone may open the documents. *Cute PDF* will be uploaded

4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway & Jane Burt

- \$2,600 – \$ 2,700 was taken in on the auction for the Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Scholarships. Funds are held by the Michigan 4-H Foundation.
- Katy is checking for the placings of the Golden Clover Showmanship contests.
- A Leaders Supplement and interactive CD are being worked on. It will include management, meat pens, giving oral reasons, fur, wool breeds, running breeds, etc.

Publication: Jane Burt

- \$1920.00 has been taken in on advertising.
- The Board of Directors approved the charge of \$5.00 per ARBA Judge or Registrar's business card ad in the Michigan Rabbit News beginning January 1st 2013.

Master Breeder: Dennis Keefer

- The Master Breeder Award will be given out to an individual tonight.
- Discussion on "The Door" prize

Equipment: Tony Parker

- We have two new show boxes with 10 foot tables. They are oversized boxes to assist with placing large breeds on and off the show tables. If they work O.K., they will be offered to the MSRBA to purchase from the North Central Rabbit Breeders Assoc.
- We have new ropes on the second cart along with a new wheel on the first cart.
- Some repairs have been completed on the show setup's. Let us know if you find any needing repairs during this weekend.

Historical: Al Irelan

- Al stated that we are in need of ribbons older than 1926 for our historical record and booth.
- Sherry Garrett, secretary, discussed the possibility of the old ARBA Charters and Charter information from clubs be placed in a notebook inside plastic sleeves to be held with the Historian. They are very interesting to look at and read.
- Al also wants a sample ribbon from all of the affiliated clubs to be placed in the booth..

Unfinished Business:**Annual Workshop and Picnic: Chris Garrett**

- Jane Burt is working on the facility due to scheduling issues. Chris Garrett and Marcus Rhoden are working on putting together a good slate of informative and interactive topics for the workshop.
- Idea's are needed for topics of interest and proposed presenters for the 2012 Workshop.

June 23rd and 24th Quad Show:

Great Lakes has the ARBA sanction for June 23rd in Ionia, MI and is willing to do a double/Quad show with the MSRBA on this weekend. Motion by Bob Bolyard, second by Donna Mallory to hold a quad show weekend with Great Lakes Rabbit & Cavy Shows, Inc. Saturday MSRBA will hold Show A, GLRCS will have Show B, Sunday GLRCS will hold Show C, and MSRBA will hold Show D. 37 in favor of the motion, none opposed. Motion carried.

Any Other Unfinished Business:**New Business:**

Motion to adjourn by Tony Parker , second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary