

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**11/25/2012**  
**MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI**

**Members Present:** Jane Burt, Sherry Garrett, Sandy Doyle, Chris Garrett, George Carpenter, Kathy Carpenter, Candy Carpenter, Ron Carpenter, Dennis Keefer, Albert Irelan, Penny Jezuit, Margaret Michael, Carlene Bell, Bryan Tebo, Jackie DeArmond, Joseph Borawski Jr., Rob Usakowski, Cathi Usakowski, Audrey Patriarche, Ronda L. Hemenway, Glenda Weiss, Helena Hickerson, Elaine Hansen, Kelly Hansen, Marcus Rhoden, Sabrina Edgar, Janet Bowers, Jane Burt, Erik Troms, Donna Mallory, Mike Michael, Karl Ehnis Jr., Russ Scott, Anthony Parker, Lynn Bolyard, Neva Sulpher, Leah Carey, Shawn DeArmond, Phil Gamber, Cheryl Gamber, Chad Weiss, Tiffany Weiss, Rachel Ehnis, Jessica Usakowski, Ed Carpenter, Barb Irelan, Pam Jones, Willis Plank

**Minutes & Communications: Sherry Garrett**

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

**Financial Report: Sandy Doyle**

Financial as of 11/22/2012

CD April Rollover: \$ 2,041.44  
CD Dec. Rollover: \$ 1,018.94  
Checking: \$ 7,329.65  
4-H Savings: \$ 809.65  
Head Tax Savings \$ 900.00  
Total Bank Accounts: \$ 12,099.68

Asset Accounts:

Equipment Trailer \$ 2,055.00  
New Computer \$ 381.58  
Prepaid Expenses 2013 \$ 120.00  
Overall Total: \$14,656.26

Financial report to be submitted to the Audit Committee.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership: Sherry Garrett**

As of 11/22/2012 \$3,055.00 has been taken in on memberships.

**Promotional: Ronda Hemenway**

We sold \$115.00 in promotional items this weekend. We are looking into some new items for Convention.

**Show Circuit:**

Discussion and plans for late show reports to be determined.

**State 4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway**

State 4-H Show on January 26<sup>th</sup> at MSU Pavilion; Exploration Days on June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>; Rabbit Expo on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013

**Publication: Jane Burt**

Jane is cross referencing the youth and open memberships in the data base.

**Resolutions: Russ Scott**

We have received two Constitutional changes to be voted on in March and they are printed in the newsletter.

**Master Breeder: Dennis Keefer**

Nominations need to be in to Dennis Keefer, chairperson by January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for this year's Master Breeder.

**Dean Daglow & Helping Hands Awards:**

Nominations go to Eddie Carpenter.

**Special Committee's:**

**Historical: Albert Irelan**

Karl Ehnis Jr. has agreed to work with Al Irelan on the historical committee

**Equipment: Tony Parker**

- We have taken in just over \$575.00 in income on the equipment.
- Expenses were approximately \$253.00 for 2012.
- Power washing was done on Friday of Fall Show.
- Jane has the serial numbers of the equipment for Tony.

- Our assets will be printed in the new Officers/Directors manual's that will be available at the annual BOD's mtg.

**Website: Jane Burt**

The website has moved to a new server.

**2012 Fall Show:**

- There were some small issues with the microphone.

Preliminary entry numbers:

- Open A 1656 rabbits + 159 cavies
- Open B 1389 rabbits + 142 cavies
- Open C 644 rabbits + 117 cavies
- Youth A 1319 rabbits + 112 cavies
- Youth B 1094 rabbits + 102 cavies
- Youth C 587 rabbits + 56 cavies

**Youth Report: Taylor Usakowski**

- \$693 income on the youth raffle
- Officers & Directors were elected
- The youth will supplement the cost of the youth banquet tickets to the MSRBA.
- The youth report will be printed in the newsletter.
- A \$100.00 check has been written to the MSRBA for the stacker donated to the raffle. The youth made \$144.00 profit on the stacker raffle.
- A youth drawing was approved by the youth. (banquet)

**2013 Convention: Tiffany Weiss General Chairperson**

- Setup is currently planned for 12:00 on Friday
- There will be an expanded Judges Conference and Rabbit School head up by Pam Jones.
- Pam stated that the District 8 Funds request has been submitted.
- Suggestions on topics are accepted.
- Booths – there may need to be a new chairperson appointed.
- Judges Food: Donna Mallory will not chair this and was thanked for her service to the MSRBA. Clubs will sponsor the judges food.
- Saturday Judges food will be provided by the Heart of Michigan Club and the Saginaw Valley R&CBA with Neva Sulpher working on this.
- Sunday Judges food will be provided by the Mid Michigan RBA.
- Convention weekend shows: Saturday will be the Convention show along with the Saturday split show. Sunday will be show B along with the Sunday split show.
- Banquet: Diane Drier and Diane Walters will co-chair this event. It will be held on Saturday evening in the same rooms as last year. A new sponsor will be needed for the banquet this year.
- Cavy Superintendent for the 2013 Convention will be Victor Dubbink.
- Motion by Ronda Hemenway, second by Marcus Rhoden to leave the costs of the banquet the same as last year which was: Youth \$12.00 and Adult \$22.00
- Convention Dedication: Russ Scott made the motion to defer the selection of the Convention dedication to the new executive committee, second by Mike Michaels. Motion carried.
- Judges: A list was read of the judges that have been hired for the 2013 Convention.
- Candlewood will be the host hotel. The contract has been signed and costs to be: \$75.00 and \$85.00 per suite. There will be one comped room for every 20 rooms taken. We had four comped rooms for the Fall Show.

- Silent Auction: Kelly Hansen is the chairperson. She stated that we took in almost \$1,400.00 in 2012 with \$172.50 pay out to those with partial return of donation. President Burt will provide a list to Kelly of the out of State judges attending for possible donations of rabbits for the 2013 silent auction.

**Any Other Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

**Election Results: Margaret Michaels**

<b>Secretary:</b>	Joseph Borowski Jr.	34 votes
	Sherry Garrett	129 votes (elected secretary)
<b>Vice President:</b>	Niles Boulier	45 votes
	Ron Carpenter	23 votes
	Tony Parker	93 votes (elected vice president)

Margaret Michaels was thanked for her chairing the election committee.

Sandy Doyle's resignation as MSRBA Treasurer was accepted with deep regrets by the Board of Directors.

**2013 Budget:**

President Burt went through the proposed budget items with the general membership in the new printed format. Motion by Karl Ehnis Jr., second by Lynn Bolyard to approve the budget as printed. All in favor with the exception of 1 opposed. Motion carried.

**Any other New Business:** None

Motion to adjourn by Kelly Hansen, second by Glenda Weiss. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*