

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting
03/02/2013
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

Members Present: Carlene Bell, Ronda Hemenway, Susan Guith, Mike Michael, Margaret Michael, Arnold Himebaugh, Mary Bollwahn, Shelby Bollwahn, Chad Weiss, Keith Rockwood, Bonnie Norton, Kathy Loomis, Pam Travis, Barb Irelan, Diane Walter, Diane Drier, Don Havlicek, Albert Irelan, Janet Bowers, Nancy Mason, Bryan Tebo, Jackie DeArmond, Jane Burt, Dianne Howe, Karl Ehnis Jr., Darrell Howe, Leslie Bond, Courtney Bond, Sherry Garrett, Chris Garrett, Donna Mallory, Bev Hilliard, Ellen Timko, Dennis Keefer, Renea Slovak, Bill Hilliard, Laura O'Brien, Jean Fierke, Debbie Hilts, Elise Meijer, Danielle Harubin, Susan Budrick, Mary Keen.

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: Russ Scott

Oral financial report presented.

Pam Travis made the motion, second by Keith Rockwood that the financial report be submitted to the Audit Committee. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Sherry Garrett

A thank you was stated to Jane Burt for creating the very nice officer and director's manuals.

Promotional: Ronda Hemenway

We have added new t-shirts and hats and have reduced the price on some of the older items to move them out of inventory.

Show Circuit:

The final's of the 2012 sweepstakes year is available to view at the secretary's table.

External Audit:

Pam Travis may know of someone who would be willing to do this for the association. Earle Beamer of Charlotte, has done it before for us.

State 4-H Report: Ronda Hemenway

State 4-H Show on January 26th at MSU Pavilion was down some on animals entered

Publication: Jane Burt

We would like to move to an automated process with the cost being about \$30.00 per issue but this will save us money. Dennis Keefer made the motion, second by Jackie DeArmond to approve going to an automated process for mailing the newsletter. Motion carried. Jane Burt stated that the cover will need to be in preferably white cardstock paper and we could utilize color printing design on the cover. Discussion and approval to utilize color printing on the cover. Cost of this is not known at this time for a colored ad on the cover.

Judges Hiring Committee:

Is working on hiring the Fall Show judges.

Website:

Jane Burt explained the ability to track numbers of persons hitting our website and the pages they are viewing.

Unfinished Business:

Resolutions Update: Mike Michael discussed communication on proposed resolutions. Discussion on Roberts Rules of Order.

Proposed Show Circuit Rules Change:

Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Arnold Himebaugh to accept the proposal to change the MSRBA Show Circuit Rules, Article II, Section 12:

3. An award for the highest point winner in each of the remaining breeds exhibited, provided the point winner has exhibited at a minimum of fifteen (15) shows sanctioned by the Michigan State rabbit Breeders

Association. Additionally, there must be three (3) exhibitors within the breed during the current calendar year. The highest point winner in each of the remaining breeds exhibited must be a MSRBA member to receive an award.

Discussion.

Don Havlicek amended his motion, second by Arnold Himebaugh, Remove the first sentence from number 3.

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The Amendment passed 17 for the amendment, with 8 against the amendment.

Vote on the original motion with the amendment. 16 in favor of the proposal, 16 against the proposal. The President will break the tie. The president stated that because we have not accumulated any points yet in the current show circuit year, and the open rabbits have not yet crossed the tables for judging that his vote to break the tie will be in favor of approving the proposal with the amendment. Motion carried 17/16.

Any other Unfinished Business:

2013 Fall Show:

The Fall Show will be held a week earlier in 2013, being held on November 23rd – 24th, 2013.

Show Circuit:

- 3 applicants have met the requirements as printed in the newsletter for the position of Show Circuit Chairperson.
- Dick Gehr is completing the new show circuit program for us and now needs a copy of the current membership listing in the new format. Sherry Garrett will update the listing and send it to him.
- The Board of Directors approved new dates for the show circuit year under Show Circuit Rules Section 11 at the February board meeting.
- The Board of Directors approved new Show Circuit Chairperson compensation formula's and procedures at the February board meeting.
- Partnerships of In State members and Out of State members were discussed and approved.

2013 Convention: Tiffany Weiss General Chairperson

Youth entry is 1,136

Open A entry is 1222 without being fully sorted as of now.

Any Other Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Darrell Howe recognized Jane Burt for all of her work for our organization over the past 17 years.

ARBA Handbook: Jane Burt is working on editing the new ARBA Handbook which will be sent to all club secretaries and will be available for purchase, once printed.

Any other New Business:

Master Breeder photo will be taken around noon at the Historical Booth.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Rockwood, second by Leslie Bond. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S. Garrett, secretary