

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
February 9th, 2014  
MSU Pavilion, East Lansing, MI**

**Roll Call of Board of Director's Present: Quorum Met**

President:	Anthony Parker	Vice President:	Chris Garrett
Secretary:	Sherry Garrett	Treasurer:	Russ Scott
Cal-Bra-Hill RC:	Jane Burt	Central MI RBA:	Carlene Bell
Great Lakes R&CS:	Rob Usakowski	Heart of MI RC:	Neva Sulpher
Hop-2-It RC:	Donna Mallory	North Central MI RBA:	Mark Kopfman
Osceola R & CBA:	Ronda Hemenway	Saginaw Valley R&CBA:	Kathy Erway
MI Angora Club:	Deb Snyder	MI Cavy Breeders:	Helena Hickerson
MI Dutch RC:	Janet Bowers	MI Mini Lop:	Kelly Hansen
MI New Zealand:	Henry Carpenter	MI State Lop Club:	Janet Scott
MI State Mini Rex Club:	Penny Jezuit		

Guest present: one

**Secretary's Minutes:**

Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Mark Kopfman to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

**Financial Report Russ Scott: As of**

Total Income:	\$16,186.37
Total Expenses	\$11,464.27
Overall Total Income	\$ 4,722.10
Cash Assets:	
Independent Bank Checking:	\$ 381.10
Independent Bank Savings:	\$ 3,780.58 (Includes CD)
Chemical Bank Checking:	\$12,947.36
Chemical Bank Savings:	\$ 2,158.68
08/20/2014 CD:	\$ 2,052.36
Total Cash Assets:	\$20,938.98

To be sent to the audit committee.

**Officer Reports:**

**President: Anthony Parker**

Convention is coming together.

- Power washing of cooping and judges tables at 10:00, followed by the show set-up.
- American Rentals needs to have our order placed.
- Banquet: Reservations are due by February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The judges meals are taken care of for Saturday and Sunday.
- Awards are being processed
- The parking lot will be switched around.

**Vice President: Chris Garrett**

We are encouraging each member to assist each other while out at the affiliated clubs shows in any way possible.

**Treasurer: Russ Scott**

The computer has been purchased but it is in need of a case to be purchased yet.

## Secretary Reports: Sherry Garrett

**ARBA Charters:** All ARBA Charters for all affiliated clubs are due by March 15<sup>th</sup> to the MSRBA secretary. Clubs will pick up their Club packets at the MSRBA secretaries table on Saturday of Convention.

## Unfinished Business:

### Show Circuit Policy:

Discussion. Motion by Jane Burt, second by Donna Mallory to accept as presented with change to the cavy portion, (SECTION 12, B, #3) to read "minimum of 10 shows" (cavies) and add "during the current calendar year."

Sherry Garrett made the motion, second by Neva Sulpher to change: ARTICLE IV: SECTION 1, D. change to: "Any Show Circuit Resolution adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Board of Directors Meeting will take effect on January 1 of the following year." Roll call vote: Chris Garret, Yes; Sherry Garrett, Yes; Russ Scott, No; Jane Burt, No; Carlene Bell, No; Rob Usakowski, No; Neva Sulpher, Yes; Donna Mallory, Yes; Mark Kopfman, Yes; Kathy Erway, abstain; Bonnie Havlicek, Yes; Deb Snyder, Yes; Helena Hickerson, No; Janet Bowers, No; Kelly Hansen, No; Henry Carpenter, Yes; Janet Scott, No; Penny Jezuit, No. 8 yes, 9 no, with 1 abstention. Amendment failed.

Motion by Rob Usakowski, second by Russ Scott to: Amend the original motion: ARTICLE IV: SECTION 1, D. change to: "Any Show Circuit Resolution adopted at the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter General Membership Meeting will take effect on January 1 of the following year." And to change SECTION 2 to change to "Any changes or alterations shall require a 2/3 vote of "the General Membership" present to pass.

Roll call vote: Chris Garrett, No; Sherry Garrett, No; Russ Scott, Yes; Jane Burt, Yes; Carlene Bell, Yes; Rob Usakowski, Yes; Neva Sulpher, No; Donna Mallory, No; Mark Kopfman, Yes; Kathy Erway, Yes; Bonnie Havlicek, No; Deb Snyder, No; Helena Hickerson, Yes; Janet Bowers, Yes; Kelly Hansen, Yes; Henry Carpenter, Yes; Janet Scott, Yes; Penny Jezuit, Yes. 12 yes, 8 no. Motion carried.

Jane Burt made a motion, second by Carlene Bell to approve the original motion with the approved changes to the Show Circuit and make it retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

Roll Call Vote: Chris Garrett, No; Sherry Garrett, Yes; Russ Scott, Yes; Jane Burt, Yes; Carlene Bell, No; Rob Usakowski, No; Neva Sulpher, No; Donna Mallory, Yes; Mark Kopfman, Yes; Kathy Erway, Yes; Bonnie Havlicek, Yes; Deb Snyder, No; Helena Hickerson, Yes; Janet Bowers, Yes; Kelly Hansen, No; Henry Carpenter, No; Janet Scott, Yes; Penny Jezuit, Yes. 12 Yes, 9 No. Motion carried.

### Sweepstakes awards:

Motion to return to the previous way of awards, the balance will receive Framed certificates. Motion carried. Unanimous. \$1,600.00 will be sent to Bill of Almars Trophies and Awards for the sweepstakes awards in open. Carlene will provide him with the dollar amounts for each award.

**Trailer Storage:** The trailers are both at the storage facility near Lansing.

### Convention 2014:

- **Rabbit School:** Kelly Hansen will get the information on the rabbit school. Motion to purchase Microsoft Office for the computers the club owns by Rob Usakowski, second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried.
- The computers will be loaded with Microsoft Office at Convention. Russ will purchase the program.
- Discussion on the Split Show B awards.
- **Meat Buyer:** If we follow the MSU directive for placement and the safe handling of animals is followed they will approve us having a Meat Buyer for the Fall Show. The Meat Buyers will be placed on our Facebook page with the booths in alphabetical order.
- Motion by Jane Burt, second by Chris Garrett to change our Facebook standing rule to allow MSRBA member vendors to post on our Facebook site but not more than once per week with only information on upcoming locations where they will be. Motion carried.

- Motion by Rob Usakowski, second by Bonnie Havlicek to publish the MSRBA Facebook rules to be written and sent to the Board of Directors and be available for the membership at Convention. Motion carried.
- Motion by Bonnie Havlicek, second by Rob Usakowski that the booth chairperson send a current list of vendors to the MSRBA website and Facebook page. Motion carried.

**Any Other Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Resolution Committee: Russ Scott**

Two resolutions have been approved by the resolution committee to be voted on at the annual General Membership Meeting at the MSRBA Convention.

**Equipment Committee:**

Discussion on the replacement of the wooden show holes versus new wire show holes. Planks, Greys, and KD cages were contacted. Only Planks responded with prices. 20 sets. 4 sets to be 18" deep, 16 sets to be 12" deep with the sides to be 10" high plastic dividers. Approximate price to be \$767.00. Discussion. Motion by Jane Burt, second by Kelly Hansen to purchase 20 setups, with solid plastic fronts, 10 " plastic dividers, with 6" plastic fronts. Motion carried.

Kelly Hansen made the motion, second by Neva Sulpher for approval to sell all of the not needed wooden boxes with exception of the coops needed for wool breeds. Motion carried.

**Any Other New Business: None**

Motion to adjourn by Chris Garrett, second by Mark Kopfman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*