

**MSRBA Annual General Membership Meeting**  
**MSU Pavilion**  
**04/02/2014**

**Members Present:** Quorum met

**Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett**

Motion by Don Havlicek, second by Chris Garrett to accept the minutes with the addition of Jane Burt added to the attendance report. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Russ Scott; As of 2/23/2014**

CD August 2014 Rollover	\$ 2,053.06
CD October 2013 Rollover	\$ 0.00
Checking Independent Bank	\$ 381.10
Checking Chase Bank	\$ 0.00
Checking Chemical Bank	\$10,875.14
Savings: 4-H	\$ 2,880.58
Savings: Chemical Bank	\$ 2,159.68
Savings: Head Tax	\$ 900.00

**Asset Accounts:**

Prepaid Postage Account:	\$ 206.18
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**Liability Accounts:**

MSRBYA Loan	\$ 0.00
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**OVERALL TOTAL** \$19,455.74

3 checks are outstanding yet to allow closure of the Independent account. – 2 from the National Rhinelander club for sanctions.

Safety Deposit Box: Okemos and Jolly Road address.

Motion by Henry Carpenter, second by Dennis Keefer to find out what's in the safety deposit box and close it if the items are not important to the club.

Report to be sent to the Audit Committee.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Equipment:** The trailers are in the storage facility. Show box equipment. It has been approved to purchase wire holding boxes for the judge's tables. There are wire fronts with plastic dividers. We are working on placing something over the front to cover the wire for safety when removing rabbits from the boxes. Two sizes have been made, 12 inches deep and 18 inches deep. Four wool breed show boxes will be retained. The wooden show boxes will be sold at various prices. A new equipment chairperson is needed and Tony is handling it for now. Convention Chairperson Tiffany Weiss, stated that there is a need for more 18 inch show boxes, at least four more, preferably 6 more to handle the larger breeds. She also stated that approximately 1065 were entered in Show A today.

**4-H Report:**

Golden Clover Showmanship at the State 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show in January had 31 rabbit showmen, and 16 cavy showmen. Numbers were down on entries this year.

**Show Circuit:**

Richard Gehr's sweepstakes program is much easier to utilize. Lionheads have already been added. A new sheet is to go to Jane for download.

**Audit:**

The audit is in process. Discussion on club deposits. Secretary, Sherry Garrett, pointed out the positives of her making checking deposits in Reed City at the Chemical Bank versus shipping large amounts of mail to the treasurer, Russ Scott who lives down state in Berrien County. Russ stated that he supports the secretary being able to make her deposits directly into the checking account. Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Rob Usakowski to allow the secretary to directly deposit MSRBA funds into the club checking account. Vote showing hands: 26 yes, 5 no and 2 abstentions. Motion carried.

**Promotional:**

Ronda Hemenway stated that there are only small sizes available, no 2x, a few xlg, and lg. She would like to make donations to the door prizes at the banquet of a few items. This was approved by the membership.

**Constitution:**

No report.

**Publication:**

No report.

**Election:**

Neva Sulpher is the chairperson of this committee. She has a full crew and two alternates on the election committee.

**Resolution:**

No new resolutions for 2014.

**Auction:**

Kelly Hansen has a nice selection of animals for the auction to benefit our donations to the 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Programs.

**Convention 2014:**

We will begin working on this over the next few months. Penny Jezuit has a list of judges that are currently hired for the 2014 Convention judge's lineup.

**Show Circuit Rules Revision:**

The minimum number of shows for rabbits to be shown is now 15 shows. Cavies are at a minimum of 10 shows. Penalties have been raised for late or partial show reports and will be monetarily progressive in their costs. The control of the Sweepstakes is now under the membership. Resolutions to change the current rules are due by July 1<sup>st</sup> to the resolution committee. To be voted upon at the November/December meeting of the membership at the Fall Show.

**Old Business:**

**Meat Buyers:** Motion by Rob Usakowski, second by Keith Rockwood that they must be discreet at the Fall Show or Convention, whereas negative feedback will eliminate them from being allowed to participate again at the MSRBA shows. They cannot be within the building and can be on site for approximately 3 hours only. Show of hands vote: 25 for the motion, 3 against the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business:****2014 Fall Show: 11/22-23/2014**

The superintendent is to be decided.

**Resolutions:****#1: President, Vice President:**

**Vote:** 15 yes, 15 no, 2 abstentions. Motion fails as there needed to be 23 for the motion for it to pass.

**#2: Secretary/Treasurer to be appointed by the President, approved by the board of directors:**

Motion to approve by Keith Rockwood, second by Ronda Hemenway. Those in favor of the proposal, none. Those against the motion, unanimous against. Motion fails.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Rockwood, second by Chris Garrett, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry S. Garrett, secretary*