

MSRBA Board of Directors Meeting
MSU Pavilion
November 23rd, 2014

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Officers/Directors Present: Quorum Met

President:	Anthony Parker	Treasurer:	Russ Scott
Vice President:	Chris Garrett	Central MI RBA:	Carlene Bell
Secretary:	Sherry Garrett	Hop 2 It:	Donna Mallory
Heart of Michigan:	Neva Sulpher	North Central MI RBA:	Mark Kopfman
Mid-Michigan RBA:	Kay Pettengill	Western MI RBA:	Bonnie Havlicek
Osceola R&CBA:	Ronda Hemenway	Michigan Angora Club:	Don Havlicek
Whitetail RBA:	Barbara Irelan	MI Dutch Rabbit Club:	Janet Bowers
MI Cavy Breeders:	Helena Hickerson	MI Mini Lop RC:	Kelly Hansen
MI Florida White:	Al Irelan	Mich. State Lop Club:	Janet Scott
MI New Zealand SC:	Henry Carpenter		
MI State Mini Rex Club:	Penny Jezuit		

3 Guests

Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett

Motion to accept the minutes as printed by Chris Garrett with the addition of Henry Carpenter to the June 2014 BOD's attendance, second by Henry Carpenter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Russ Scott

Income YTD:	\$35,874.24
Expenses YTD:	\$47,040.84
OVERALL TOTAL YTD	-\$11,166.60
Chemical Checking:	\$ 5,064.38
Chemical Savings:	\$10,322.81
Prepaid 2015:	\$ 198.47
Overall Total Funds:	\$15,585.66

Report sent to the Audit Committee.

Officer's Report:

President: Tony Parker - Fall Show projected entry numbers: Open & Youth Saturday: 5,682 rabbits, 669 cavies. Open & Youth Sunday: 1,598 rabbits, 72 open cavies, youth unknown yet.

Vice President: Chris Garrett: We have lost two affiliated all breed clubs for next year. It is important to work on increasing our friendships and to encourage patience at the show tables. Especially when there are new persons at the show tables who may need assistance in learning about our shows.

Treasurer: No report

Secretary: Affiliations, Insurance and ARBA Charters are due to be filed for 2015.

Old Business:

Fall Show 2014:

Neva Sulpher discussed the need for all clubs/individuals to assist with providing food for the judges at the Fall Show and Convention weekend in March. It is recommended that each affiliated club bring 1-2 dishes to serve to the judges each weekend. Neva's phone number is: (517) 449-7847 and her email is: sulviper@aol.com Please contact her with details on what you are providing.

PA system: We tested a different PA system at the 2014 Fall Show which is from a church. To purchase it would cost, \$200.00. Motion by Carlene Bell, second by Henry Carpenter to purchase this system for \$200.00, it will not be rented out to other clubs and will be housed in an individual's home. Motion carried.

Late Show Report and Head Tax Payment Policy: Motion by Neva Sulpher, second by Helena Hickerson to table this proposed policy until the next Board of Directors meeting, February 8th so that the board members may go through it and make their recommendations from their affiliated clubs. Motion carried.

2015 MSRBA Convention:

- Rabbit School this year, no judge's conference. Pam Jones, Bryan Shirk, and Kelly Hansen are putting this together.
- Chairperson and Show Superintendent for all three shows: Rob Usakowski
- Youth Superintendent: Caitlin Plank – may not be doing all three shows?
- Open Show Secretary for all three shows: Penny Jezuit
- Youth Show Secretary for all three shows: Taylor Usakowski
- Booth Chairperson: Tiffany Weiss
- Cavy Superintendents: Becky and Victor Dubbink
- Food Chairperson: Neva Sulpher
- Banquet: Costs are up this year at the University Club where we are reserved for the banquet. Motion by Carlene Bell, second by Russ Scott to increase the ticket price by \$1.00 per ticket adult and youth to assist in offsetting the price increase from last year's price. Motion carried with 1 against the motion.
- 2016 Banquet will be at the Okemos Convention Center which is next to the Holiday Inn Express, our host hotel.
- Judges: 21 rabbit judges needed for Saturday and 4 cavy judges. Those hired are: Doug King, Johnny Housener, Derrick Poole, Ruth Ann Bell, Terry Fender, Krista Adeline, Drew Bliss, Hannah Means, Joel Marshall, David Moll, Bryan Shirk, Kyle Yacobucci, Maddie Pratt, and Todd Naragon. (4 fly-in judges).
- Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, Okemos at \$105.00 per night. For Fall Show we had 85 nights that stayed here and 4 rooms were comped. Janet Bowers made the motion to make the Holiday Inn Express our Host Hotel for all of 2015. Second by Neva Sulpher. Motion carried. Kelly Hansen will check on a "pet" friendly room block for cavy breeders, perhaps at the Red Roof.
- Convention Catalog: The deadline for submission is December 1st, 2014.
- Banquet Program: Diane Drier and Diane Walters will complete and print.

Any other unfinished business:

A letter was read from and signed by the cavy exhibitors in appreciated for having a 3rd judge hired for this weekend's shows.

Tony Parker will check on the temperature of the show room for this weekend's shows and for future shows as there were complaints of it being too cold. This has never been an issue at our previous shows at the Pavilion.

The MSRBA Open Show secretary computer was transferred from the 2014 show secretary, Barb Irelan to the 2015 show secretary, Penny Jezuit.

New Business:

Domestic Rabbits Advertising:

Motion by Mark Kopfman, second by Neva Sulpher to purchase the same size ad in the Domestic Rabbits for the MSRBA Convention weekend as we did last year. Motion carried.

2015 MSRBA Meeting dates: MSU Pavilion

02/08/2015 1:00 Board of Directors Annual Meeting
03/07/2015 9:00 Annual General Membership Meeting
06/07/2015 1:00 Board of Directors; 2:15 General Membership
09/20/2015 1:00 Board of Directors; 2:15 General Membership
12/06/2015 1:00 Board of Directors; 2:15 General Membership

Dates to be printed in the January/February 2015 issue of the Michigan Rabbit News.

Any Other New Business:

Moved into Executive Session:

Motion by Donna Mallory, second by Sherry Garrett to move back into general session. Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Henry Carpenter to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S Garrett, secretary