

MSRBA Board of Directors Meeting
MSU Pavilion
September 21st, 2014

Officers/Directors Present: Quorum Met

President: Anthony Parker
Vice President: Chris Garrett
Treasurer: Russ Scott Secretary: Sherry Garrett
Central MI RBA: Carlene Bell
Cal-Bra-Hill: Jane Burt
Great Lakes R&CS: Elaine Hansen
Heart of Michigan: Neva Sulpher
Hop 2 It: Donna Mallory
Osceola R&CBA: Ronda Hemenway
Western MI RBA: Bonnie Havlicek Michigan Angora Club: Deb Snyder
MI Cavy Breeders: Helena Hickerson
MI Dutch Rabbit Club: Janet Bowers
MI Mini Lop RC: Kelly Hansen
Mich. State Lop Club: Janet Scott
2 Guests

Secretary's Report:

Motion to accept the minutes as printed by Ronda Hemenway, second by Chris Garrett. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$ 1,954.04
Expenses: \$ 2,018.62
CD August 2014 Rollover: \$ 2,054.39
Independent Bank Transfers: Closed Account
From Checking: \$ 381.10
From Savings – 4-H Account \$ 2,881.51
From Savings – Head Tax \$ 900.00
Total Transfers to Chemical: \$6,217.00

Current Account Balances:

Chemical Bank Checking: \$ 7,439.17
Chemical Bank Savings: \$ 9,874.28

Chemical Bank Funds Total: \$ 17,313.45

Report sent to the Audit Committee.

Officer's Report:

President: To be covered later in meeting agenda.

Vice President: Chris Garrett voiced his concerns about the youth numbers that are dropping at some of the affiliated clubs shows. It was also noted that open numbers have also been fluctuating.

Treasurer: Russ Scott noted that there is still one non-sufficient funds check outstanding. Three letters have been sent to the individual.

Secretary: Request and granted for Jane Burt to order more Membership Renewal Postcards and a new group of MSRBA membership cards for the club secretary.

Old Business:

Fall Show 2014:

- Awards: The committee will purchase the same amount as in the 2013 budget for Fall Show awards. Show C on Sunday will remain a "cash" show.

- Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express in Okemos at \$129.00 per night. MSU's last home football game, thus rates for lodging have more than doubled in Lansing. MSRBA room block code: MRB. About half the judges are sharing rooms with another judge to cut costs. Host hotel has a fitness center, pool, breakfast.
- Currently there are 16 judges for the Fall Show on Saturday, 11 judges for Sunday. More rabbit judges needed for Saturday, and only around 6 rabbit judges and 1 on standby for Sunday. There are 3 cavy judges (2 cavy & one on standby for Saturday).
- Fall Show Judges Food: Neva Sulpher is requesting clubs to volunteer to help with this on Saturday or Sunday, plus any individuals who wish to assist in feeding our judges with a dish to share. She has requested that it also be posted on our Facebook page.

Booth Chairperson: It was suggested that Tiffany Weiss be asked to do both the Fall Show and Convention Show.

Equipment Chairperson: It was suggested that Mark Kopfman be asked to chair this committee.

PA system: Jane Burt is working with President Parker on a possibility.

Any Unfinished Business:

Trailer Rental Fee:

Jane Burt made the motion, second by Chris Garrett, to reduce the Equipment Trailer rental fee to \$125.00 for one trailer, and \$250.00 for both trailers. Motion carried unanimously.

Trailer Rental Contract update:

Janet Bowers made the motion, second by Neva Sulpher that "The Lessor shall be responsible for transportation of the trailer ('s) from the storage facility and return to the facility." Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Election Committee: Chairperson Neva Sulpher gave a personal thank you to Jane Burt for her assistance with the ballots for the upcoming election. Sherry Garrett will be automatically re-elected as the MSRBA secretary. Current Vice President, Chris Garrett, and member, Marcus Rhoden will be running for the position of MSRBA Vice-President in the election. Absentee ballots will be in the September/October issue of the Michigan Rabbit News. The Election Booth will be open from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, of the Fall Show weekend. A list of current MSRBA who live in the state of Michigan will be provided by the MSRBA secretary to the chairperson. Out of State members do not have voting privileges.

Convention 2015:

Jane Burt made the motion to give unanimous consent to President Tony Parker to allow him to move the 2015 Convention Host Hotel to the Holiday Inn Express if he deems it best for the club. Second by Janet Bowers. Unanimous consent.

Jane Burt made the motion to allow Tony, Diane and Diane to move the banquet for the Convention 2015 to the Holiday Inn Express if it becomes available. If nothing changes by September 30th, 2014 in the availability of the Holiday Inn Express for the Convention Banquet, Tony Parker will be allowed to cut the check for the \$500.00 deposit to the University Center for the 2015 Banquet. Second by Janet Bowers. Motion carried.

Commercial Cage Vendors Booth Contracts and Booth Space:

Motion by Russ Scott, second by Henry Carpenter to setup a separate contract to read:

1 Booth Space: 15 ft. deep by 30 ft. long \$150.00

2 Booth Space: 15 ft. deep by 60 ft. long \$300.00

Motion carried. The distance contracted shall be taped down on the floor.

Fall Show Contract for MSRBA Local and All Breed Clubs

Bonnie Havlicek made the motion, second by Sherry Garrett that All Breed Clubs and Specialty Clubs are not allowed to have silent auctions or raffles at the Fall Show but they may sell product in their booths. Motion carried.

Webmaster and Editor Stipend:

Motion by Janet Bowers, second by Chris Garrett that the Editor is to receive \$100.00 per issue (6 issues per year), and the Webmaster is to receive \$30.00 per month for maintaining the MSRBA website. Motion carried.

Specialty Clubs Late Show Reports and Insurance Policies: Tabled until the committee reworks the policy to cover the Specialty Clubs. To be presented at the Fourth Quarter meeting at the Fall Show, on November 23rd.

90 Day Sanction Rule: Discussion. No changes can be presented until after a Resolution is filed in July, 2015. Discussion may then be continued at the 2015 Fourth Quarter Meeting.

Any Other New Business: None

Motion to adjourn by Carlene Bell, second by Janet Bowers. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry S Garrett, secretary