

MSRBA General Membership Meeting  
MSU Pavilion  
March 7th, 2015

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**Officers present:** President Tony Parker, Vice President Chris Garrett, Secretary Sherry Garrett, and Treasurer Russ Scott.

**Secretary's Report: Sherry Garrett**

Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Don Havlicek, second by Chris Garrett concerning the motion to destroy the ballots. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Russ Scott**

Chemical Bank Checking:	\$ 7,898.45
Chemical Bank Savings:	\$10,323.98
<b>Chemical Bank Funds Total:</b>	<b>\$18,222.43</b>
Postal Account:	\$ 394.28
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>\$18,616.71</b>

The treasurer's report was sent to the audit committee.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Equipment:** Some holding table bottoms will need replaced in the next year or so. Motion by Jane Burt, second by Carlene Bell to replace the damaged rear tire on Tony Parker's truck from removing the red trailer from the storage site. Motion carried. Suggested fiberglass sheeting or black materials for repairs on the holding tables by the membership.

**4-H Report:** Chris Garrett: There are 11 State Award delegates for rabbits and cavy. The State Award letter has been received for the amount of a \$600.00 sponsorship of the rabbit & cavy areas.

State 4-H Rabbit Expo is on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Anthony Hall, MSU campus.

**Show Circuit:** Carlene Bell:

Head Tax 2014 is \$1,889.20.

**Audit Committee:** Janet Bower's stated they are working on the audit.

**Promotional:** New chairperson, Chris Garrett has taken over for Ronda Hemenway. We are clearing out the inventory and will have all new items available at the Fall Show. It was recommended to have more available for women

**Constitution:** No report

**Publication:** Jane Burt needs more articles and items for the News. Website: A report was provided featuring numbers of hits on the website in 2015 with 4,200 hits. There were almost 1700 hits in January and February. There is a possible move to a different server to save funds. We also need to get the domain from the current host.

**Resolutions:** No report

**Auction:** No report. Discussion. Items were added to replace rabbit no shows. Another auction could be added for other items, if needed.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Convention 2015:** President Parker noted that there are lots of animals entered.

- Host Hotel: 116 nights booked at the Holiday Inn Express. 12 Judges were able to share 5 rooms. 6 rooms were compered.
- Banquet: About 170 people attending. In 2016 our banquet will be at the Okemos Conference Center which is just across the parking lot of the host hotel. The banquet will be buffet style with servers serving the portions, with a return after everyone is served to insure everyone a good meal. The will be youth and an adult buffets. It will be a one meat item buffet. The cost will drop to around \$16.00 per adult meal. Gratuity is included in the bill. The deposit needs to be made when we book the date. Motion by Jane Burt, second by Daryl Howe to move the banquet to the Okemos Conference Center for 2016. Motion carried. Unanimous.

**Any Other Unfinished Business: None**

***New Business:***

Don Havlicek posed a question as to whether the new Michigan Czech Frosty club could affiliate with the MSRBA. The answer was no because they must provide an ARBA Charter for their affiliation to be completed.

***Any Other New Business: None***

Motion to adjourn by Chris Garrett, second by Don Havlicek. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by:

*Sherry Garrett, secretary*