

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.
General Membership Zoom Meeting Minutes
MSU Pavilion June 4th, 2023

Members Present:

President: Edward Carpenter II

Vice President: Chris Garrett

Secretary: Sherry Garrett

Treasurer: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Members Present: Melissa Carpenter, Donna Carpenter, Bryan Shirk, Rachel Ehnis, Allison Clark, Elaine Hansen, Sheldon Schaeding, Laura Dull, Kelly Hansen, Henry Carpenter, Tiffany Weiss, Beth Carpenter, Carrie Werth, Chad Weiss, McKenna Weiss.

Secretary Report: Sherry Garrett

Motion by Donna Carpenter, second by Sheldon Schaeding to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Requests for additional insurance coverage for upcoming events not previously applied for need to be sent to me so I may contact the insurance company for the riders.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Business Checking: \$33,911.68

Business Savings: \$34,351.00

Total funds: \$68,262.68

Request by Sherry Garrett, second by Chris Garrett to send the report to audit.

President's Report: Edward Carpenter II

- The heat is getting to people and animals.
- Slick Shirts check was received late due to delays with mail service. A new order is being sent in for the promotional booth at the Fall Show.
- \$750.00 has been approved by the board of directors for the Gold State Award Sponsorship. This was increased from the previous years \$600.00 in the budget.

Vice President: Chris Garrett

- The state is hoping for rain.
- Breeders are reporting a good number of litters kindled for the ARBA Convention entries.

Standing Committee Reports:

Equipment: President Carpenter

- Mark Rollenhagen is donating the wood for the two new running tables, and MSRBA is purchasing the wire. They will be ready for the Fall Show.
- There will be three flat tables for use with the cavy. Kelly Hansen stated that when cavy numbers were previously larger, we used four cavy tables.
- Basket scales will be purchased.

4-H Report:

- Bryan Shirk stated that they are planning some more workshops.
- They are looking at more educational components similar to those at Expo for the State 4-H Show due to low numbers in entries.

Show Circuit: Allison Clark

- Corrected standings are completed.
- Several of the recent chairpersons have had issues with the sweepstakes program.
- Allison is setup an Excel program to use this year. She would like to possibly sit down with Richard while at the ARBA Convention to go through the program with him.
- Jenni Ciampicini still has the laptop and printer for the show circuit. Henry and Donna Carpenter have volunteered to meet with Jenni to pick it up and take it to the Heart of Michigan Show to deliver to Allison.

Awards:

- The committee is working on the Fall Show and has everything in the works.

Fall Show Judges: Bryan Shirk/Kelly Hansen

- 19 Judges have been hired for Saturday, including 2 fly-in judges. 3 cavy judges, plus one duel available for the weekend.
- 13 have been hired for Sunday.

Bryan Shirk made the motion, second by Rachel Ehnis to rescind the standing rule for not hiring fly-in judges for the Fall Show. Motion carried.

Convention Show Judges: Bryan Shirk/Kelly Hansen

- There has been difficulty in hiring judges for the Convention weekend as several other shows have moved onto the weekend of the MSRBA Convention. Bryan is working hard on find more.

Promotional: Chris Garrett

- New items are being ordered this week.

Publication: none**Website: Laura Dull**

- The website has the May stats available on the home page.
- Sweepstakes are being updated today.

Constitution: Chris Garrett

- No changes have been made.

Resolutions: Henry Carpenter

- No resolutions were received to date.

Elections:

- Applications for President and treasurer are available from the club secretary. They are due to be completed and received by Rachel Ehnis by August 1st, 2023.

Unfinished Business:**2023 MSRBA Convention Reports: Bryan Shirk**

- 2023 provided some weather challenges early in the Convention weekend.
- The judge's conference was well received.
- An additional \$40.00 check was received.
- The Convention Banquet was sensational.

2023 Fall Show: Thanksgiving weekend

- Superintendent: Bryan Shirk
- Friday night hired judges list for the Fall Show weekend is being made. Clubs holding Friday evening specialty shows may also hire outside judges for their shows.
- Great Lakes Flemish Giant has been approved to hold a double specialty show on Friday night of the Fall Show. There is a penalty for not completing the specialty shows by the 8:30 p.m. deadline including cleanup of your show area at our discretion.
- Specialty Show contracts are due to President Ed Carpenter by the September 1st deadline by affiliated clubs.

Fall Show Friday night workshop: Chris Garrett

- There are two more slots to fill, and it will be complete.

Fall Show Friday night Showmanship Showdown: Penny Jackson

- Forms need to be uploaded to the MSRBA website. McKenna Weiss said that she would contact Penny on the forms.

Fall Show Friday night Market Pen Challenge for Youth: Penny Jackson

- McKenna Weiss said she would contact Penny Jackson for updated information.

Any Other Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Budget adjustments:

- Budget adjustments were approved by the board of the directors.
- An increase in the State 4-H Awards for Rabbits/Cavies Sponsorship was increased from \$600.00 to \$750.00.

Any Other New Business: none

Upcoming Meeting Schedules:

09/10/2023 Zoom Board of Directors Meeting at 6:00 p.m., General Membership Meetings at 7:30 p.m.

11/12/2023 Board of Directors Meeting at 10:00 a.m., MSU Pavilion classrooms

11/12/2023 General Membership Meeting at 12:00 Noon, MSU Pavilion classrooms.

Motion to adjourn by Donna Carpenter, second by Bryan Shirk. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry Garrett, MSRBA Secretary