

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.**  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**November 12th, 2023**

**Members Present:**

President:	Edward Carpenter II	Vice President:	Chris Garrett
Secretary:	Sherry Garrett	Treasurer:	Rebecca VanderVlugt
Heart of Michigan:	Donna Carpenter	Just for Fun R&CBA:	Bryan Shirk
Lapeer Area RR:	Rachel Ehns	Saginaw Valley R&CBA:	Renea Slovak
Mi Cavy Breeders:	Elaine Hansen	MI Dutch Rabbit Club:	Sheldon Schaeding
Great Lakes Flemish:	Carmin Rollenhagen	MI Holland Lop Express:	Laura Dull
MI Mini Lop RC:	Kelly Hansen	MI New Zealand SC:	Henry Carpenter
Guest:	Mark Rolenhagen, Daniele Harubin		

**Secretary Minutes: Sherry Garrett**

Motion to approve the minutes as printed by Henry Carpenter, second by Sheldon Schaeding. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report: Rebecca VanderVlugt**

Balance as of 11/12/2023

Checking:	\$ 28,537.94
Money Market Savings:	\$ 34,352.72
Total funds:	\$ 62,890.66
Year to date totals:	
Total Income:	\$ 34,066.45
Total Expenses:	\$ 44,350.65
Overall Total:	\$ -10,284.20

There was one NSF check by an exhibitor.

Laura Dull donates her stipend to the youth sweepstakes.

Motion by Bryan Shirk, second by Sheldon Schaeding to send the treasurer's report to audit. Motion carried.

**Officer Reports:**

**President: Edward Carpenter**

- ❖ The Fall Show is moving along with its planning and is going well so far.

**Vice President: Chris Garrett**

- ❖ The Fall Show workshop is set to go.

**Secretary: Sherry Garrett**

- ❖ Affiliations are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>, so make sure your club has the paperwork and is ready to submit it by the deadline. Late fee is \$5.00. Paperwork is available here at the meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**2023 MSRBA Fall Show: Bryan Shirk**

- ❖ Steven Buel, Ellis Wocjec, and Misty Polasik have cancelled. I am trying to pick up replacement judges.
- ❖ The Facebook Event page is done.
- ❖ There is a separate entry deadline for the Sunday show, 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- ❖ Booth setup will be around 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ Rabbit exhibitors will not be allowed within the facility prior to 2:00 p.m. unless they are assisting with setup.
- ❖ The 2025 dates for Convention and Fall Show are needed.
- ❖ Remove Tans from the specialty show list. Flemish Giants have 3 judges scheduled for their double show on Friday night of the Fall Show.
- ❖ Setup will begin at 8:30 a.m. with power washing the equipment. Disinfectant and electric power washers will be needed.
- ❖ Ed Carpenter will bring the first trailer over on Thursday, the second coming in on Friday morning.

**Fall Show Secretary: Danielle Harubin**

- ❖ Easy2show is charging 10 cents per entry for animals that cross the tables on top of the show fee charge.
- ❖ Colored paper will be utilized for each show.

**Fall Show Judges Food: Carmin Rollenhagen**

- ❖ Discussion on the number of box dinners that will be ordered. The consensus is to order 40 box dinners for Saturday.
- ❖ Sunday we will order 8 pizzas, a fruit tray, and 8 2-liters of pop.

**Fall Show Miscellaneous:**

- ❖ Specialty Shows will be on Friday evening.
- ❖ Photography Booth: Kelly Hansen will contact Tristen K. to see about her availability.
- ❖ Youth Auction: Kelly will need 16 auction holes and plans to keep the number to 12 animals. Various breeds will be offered in rabbits and cavyies.
- ❖ Awards: Renea Slovak has Christmas Balls with the logo. The leftovers will be utilized for Show C. Banners will be for Best in Show and Reserve in Show A. Blankets for Shows B & C. Ribbons and Rosettes are okay. We will need to order for Spring.
- ❖ Entry payments will be taken Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Saturdays shows.
- ❖ The General Membership Meeting will be at 8:15 Saturday a.m. Youth may be Sunday a.m.

**Webmaster: Laura Dull**

- ❖ We need to change the open sweepstakes information to Allison Clark's contact information.
- ❖ The website is going well.

**Workshop: Chris Garrett**

- ❖ Showmanship will be moved back to a later time slot to accommodate the youth who will be competing in the Fair overall showmanship contest.

**Showmanship: Penny Jackson (Bryan Shirk)**

- ❖ Penny has taken the entries for the contest.

**Meat Pen Challenge: Penny Jackson**

- ❖ There seems to be good interest in this contest on Friday night. Entries will be taken prior to judging.

**Sweepstakes:**

- ❖ There is a planned update coming next week.

**Election: Rachel Ehnis**

- ❖ Rachel Ehnis, Elaine Hansen, Carmen Rollenhagen and Tiffany Weiss will be counting the ballots.
- ❖ Rachel Ehnis is printing the ballots.
- ❖ Rachel is going to highlight those on the membership list that are going to vote.
- ❖ Secretary, Sherry Garrett will print the current membership list on November 15<sup>th</sup> for Rachel.

**Sweepstakes:**

- ❖ To ensure that the show reports are being received by the sweepstakes secretaries, the back-up copy that comes to the club secretary will be forwarded to them also.
- ❖ It was suggested to check with Jill that both Allison and Penny get the copies of the show reports also. Update a MSRBA Sweepstakes email with Jill.

**Any Other Unfinished Business: None****New Business:****2024 MSRBA Convention:**

- ❖ Superintendents will be either Bryan Shirk or Ed Carpenter.
- ❖ Show Secretary will be Holly Mercer for open and Val Counterman for youth
- ❖ Banquet: Tiffany Weiss and Rachel Ehnis will head up the banquet.

Discuss on entry fee payment options. Becky VanderVlugt may do a Saturday morning drop at the bank.

***Any Other New Business:***

**Master Breeder Aprons:**

Motion by Bryan Shirk, second by Chris Garrett to provide all previous alive Master Breeders with an apron having the logo, Master Breeder title, plus the year won on them, including for future Master Breeders. Motion carried.

**Judges Conferences:** Held on odd years with Rabbit School to be held on even years.

Motion to adjourn by Renea Slovak, second by Henry Carpenter. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

*Sherry Garrett, secretary*