

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.
General Membership Annual Meeting Minutes
MSU Pavilion March 2nd, 2024

Members Present:

President: Bryan Shirk

Vice President: Chris Garrett

Secretary: Sherry Garrett

Treasurer: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Members Present: Katie VandenBeldt, Mike Michael, Diane Walter, Laura Dull, Katie Hessou, Glenda Weiss, Nathan Landis, Renea Slovak, Karl Ehnis Jr., Rachel Ehnis, Jason Werth, Heather Reed, Penny Jackson, Tiffany Weiss, Paul Koppin, Ed Carpenter II, Carrie Werth, Henry Carpenter, John Soper, plus one other person.

Secretary Report: Sherry Garrett

Affiliation and Insurance forms are available for clubs to pick up at the Secretaries booth.

Motion by Mike Michael, second by Chris Garrett to accept the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Balance as of 03/02/2024

Checking: \$ 30,926.25

Money Market Savings: \$ 34,353.59 (\$12,000.00 in the Scholarship Fund)

Total funds: \$ 65,279.84

Fall Show Breakdown:

Budget: \$ 20,525.00

Actual: \$ 24,330.44

Difference: \$ 3,805.44

Profit: \$ 6,102.56

Request by Katy Hessou, second by Katy VandenBeldt to send the report to audit.

President's Report: Bryan Shirk

- We would like to hold the picnic shows again.

Vice President: Chris Garrett

- Suggestion to promote having the Rabbit Challenge again with clubs providing their top five rabbits.

Standing Committee Reports:

Equipment: President Carpenter

- Chains for upgrading the show tables and 1 wood replacement.
- Funds are coming into the Equipment Committee from clubs renting the show equipment.
- The contract will be updated.
- Scales are calibrated prior to the show for accuracy. Signs are needed to discourage people from touching them prior to judging.
- Motion by Tiffany Weiss, second by Rachel Ehnis to purchase 2 more basket rabbit scales and one digital. Renea Slovak amended the motion to purchase 2 rabbit and 2 digital scales. Amendment approved. Motion carried. Ed Carpenter will order them.

4-H: Glenda Weiss

- The Rabbit Showmanship Guide is being updated with more descriptive areas with pictures. It will be available online.
- The showmanship contest had a good number pre-registered. 90 youth attended.
- About 12 Cloverbuds attended.

Show Circuit: Allison Clark & Penny Jackson

- A request has been made to go to the open or the youth sweepstakes chairs with questions or clarifications.

- Penny Jackson said that the spreadsheets are being worked on. She would like to update some of the rules. Henry Carpenter stated to send it to the resolutions committee.

Awards: Renea Slovak

- Ideas for new awards are welcomed.

Judges: Bryan Shirk

- Bryan Shirk stated that Kevin Stafford will not be attending as he was unable to get an airline. Jill Schmidt has filled in for Kevin Stafford.
- Becky Stock is unable to attend due to illness.
- Hannah Reinard is unable to attend as they are at Disney.

Promotional: Chris Garrett

- It has been suggested to set up on-line pre-orders for pick up at the Fall Show or Convention.

Publication:

- Articles are welcome.

Website: Laura Dull

- Petition for officers to be uploaded to the website.
- An updated list of the standing committees needs to be added to the website.

Constitution: Henry Carpenter

- There may be some updates to the Constitution.

Resolutions: Pam Travis

- Send all completed resolutions to Pam Travis.

Unfinished Business:

Convention Superintendent: Ed Carpenter II

- Some breeds will be shifted to the larger holes for judging.
- You must use your membership name to have sweepstakes points count at the shows. Youth cannot change the name from their membership name on their entries.

Convention Banquet: Tiffany Weiss, Rachel Ehnis

- We have received 95 reservations for the banquet.

Master Breeder:

- The Master Breeder Photos will be taken at 12:00 noon today in front of the Historical Booth.
- Master Breeder Aprons can be picked up at the Club secretaries booth.

Any Other Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Fall Show Commercial Contests 2024: Penny Jackson

- To be held on Friday night at the Pavilion.
- Meat Pen Youth Competition
- We have added Single Fryer Youth Competition.

Fall Show Dates: November 22, 23, and 24 at the MSU Pavilion

Upcoming Meeting Schedules:

2nd Quarter BOD & General Membership Meetings via Zoom – June 2nd, 2024

3rd Quarter BOD & General Membership Meetings via Zoom – September 15th 2024

4th Quarter BOD Meeting – MSU Pavilion – Date to be determined.

4th Quarter Membership Meeting – MSU Pavilion – November 23rd, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Tiffany Weiss, second by Rachel Ehnis. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sherry Garrett, MSRBA Secretary