Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. Board of Director's Zoom Meeting November 10th, 2024

Members Present:

President: Bryan Shirk Vice President: Chris Garrett

Secretary: **Sherry Garrett** Treasurer: Rebecca VanderVlugt Donald Marsh Blood, Sweat, Tears: Heart of Michigan: Donna Carpenter Lapeer Area RR: Osceola R&CBA: Katie VandenBeldt Rachel Ehnis Western MI RBA: Thom Clemens MI Cavy Breeders: Elaine Hansen Great Lakes Flemish: Carmin Rollenhagen MI Dutch RC: Sheldon Schaeding MI New Zealand SC: Henry Carpenter MI Mini Lop RC: Kelly Hansen MI Satin & Mini Satin: Tiffany Weiss Guests: Ron Keen, Ed & Beth Carpenter

Secretary Minutes: Sherry Garrett

Motion to approve the minutes as digitally sent by Carmin Rollenhagen, second by Henry Carpenter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Balance as of 09/15/2024

Checking: \$ 41,019.31 Money Market Savings: \$ 34,356.16

Total funds: \$ 75,375.47 (Includes GLRCS Scholarship donation \$12,000.00)

There is about \$250.00 in outstanding sanction checks for the Fall Show.

There is one returned check from Convention 2024. Becky will reach out to the exhibitor as it must be paid by the Fall Show.

There are about four shows missing head tax.

Motion to send the treasurer's report to audit by Carmin Rollenhagen, second by Tiffany Weiss.

Officer Reports:

President: Bryan Shirk

- ❖ A Facebook Event has been created for the Fall Show.
- Mike Mageles has been added to judge at the Fall Show.
- The Newsletter is out.

Vice President: Chris Garrett

❖ Darrell Howe, Pam Jones, Jen Richardson, and Bryan have been added to headline the Fall Show Workshop.

Secretary: Sherry Garrett

- Affiliation and Insurance forms for clubs will be available to download online or to be picked up at the Fall Show. All are due for renewal by December 1st, 2024.
- Sanction forms for clubs to download are available upon request or on the website.

Unfinished Business:

2024 MSRBA Fall Show: Bryan Shirk

- Sheldon wants to know which judges have been hired for Friday nights Specialty Shows.
- New Zealand: Mike Adams; Flemish Giant: Ron Riddle, David Cardinal; Holland Lop: Steven Buell; Satin/Mini Satin: Kyle Yacobucci; Mini Rex: Jeremy Watmuff
- 10 Booths have been reserved.
- Set-up will begin at 9:30.
- We will be washing the equipment and will need electric power washers and electric leaf blowers to assist with drying.
- The following stated they will be here to assist with setup: Katie, Sheldon, Ed, and Bryan. Carmin will be here around noon.
- Chairs and tables arrive on Friday morning.
- Holly has the portal open for entries.

- Discussion on people pedaling their wares in the showroom. To pedal your wares, you have to have a booth to sell those items.
- No puppy playpens will be allowed, there will be limited numbers of chairs allowed per entry.
- ❖ Backup judges will be available if the entry numbers are high.
- Specialty clubs will pick their own show table setups for Friday night specialty shows.
- ❖ Youth Meat Pen show: Friday night. Check in by 5:30 p.m., judging will start at 6:00 p.m.
- Awards are all set.
- Judges food: Carmin has the same budget as previously set. Items will include Fruit, beverages, desserts, Jimmy Johns for Saturday. Sunday will have pizza.
- No new carpet will be needed for the Fall Show, but maybe will be needed for Convention.

Newsletter:

- The editor is doing a nice job with the newsletter.
- Submit photos and state what shows your winners were at for upcoming issues.

Webmaster:

The webmaster is doing a nice job.

Sweepstakes:

An update was done. The Frankenmuth Christmas shows will be the final shows of the year.

Any Other Unfinished Business:

- ❖ Election: Voting will be done Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Auction booth.
- November 15th is the cutoff date to have a current membership in order to vote.

New Business:

2025 Convention: February 28th through March 2nd. MSU Pavilion.

Convention Judges Conference:

- ❖ Pam Jones and Kelly Hansen will be heading this committee for 2025.
- Forms are available to be filled out for funds (\$50.00) from District 8.

2025 Convention Banquet:

- Tiffany Weiss and Rachel Ehnis will head up the banquet.
- Food is not yet counted in the cost. The facility is reserved for Saturday, March 1st.
- Dessert is provided by the MSRBA. Tiffany gets it from her work, being cakes.
- Price will be: \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for youth
- Sherry Garrett will set up the reservation form.
- Tiffany and Rachel will decide on the menu and send to Sherry to input into the form.

2025 Convention Catalog: Sherry Garrett

- The Breeder Photo time will be set in the schedule of the show catalog. Saturday, March 1st, at noon at the History Booth.
- Judges were listed for the board and will be sent to Sherry Garrett for insertion into the Convention catalog.

Fall Show General Membership Meeting: Sunday, 11/24/2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The time and date were changed due to the election voting being done on Saturday. The ballot box is to be opened at the fourth quarter general membership meeting.

Board of Directors Next Meeting Date:

Annual BOD meeting: 02/09/2025 Zoom Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Any Other New Business:

Fall Show 2025:

Concerns were discussed with the issue of the late dates for the 2025 ARBA Convention in Indianapolis, IN and our show date at the Pavilion being right after the ARBA Convention.

Motion to adjourn by Sheldon Schaeding, second by Katie VanDenBeldt. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by *Sherry Garrett*, *secretary*