

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 8th, 2025 Zoom**

Members Present:

President: Bryan Shirk

Secretary: Tiffany Weiss

Treasurer: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Members Present: Donald Marsh, Sherry Garrett, Donna Carpenter, Chris Garrett, Thon Clemens, Elaine Hansen, Kelly Hansen, Henry Carpenter, Greg Michael, Katie Vandenbeldt, Christine Harrison, Ron Keen, Nick Vandenbeldt, Jim Linberg, Danielle Harubin, Carmin Rollenhagen.

Called to Order at 6:32pm by President Bryan Shirk

Secretary's Report: Tiffany Weiss

Motion to approve the minutes by Donna Carpenter, second by Katie Vandenbeldt. Motion passed. The new membership program went live in May. Members should have received an email asking them to sign in. If you are having problems please reach out to Tiffany.

Treasurers Report: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Current balances \$84,140.50 total. Savings \$3,4357.87, Checking \$ 49782.63 Savings has \$12592.65 for Scholarship. North Central disbanded and donated \$2,592.65 to the scholarship fund. Motion by Donna Carpenter, Second by Chris Garrett to place on file.

Presidents Report: Bryan Shirk- Michigan has gained 2 new judges Holly Mercer and Dale Mize. Giving a judges test at Kentucky State Convention

Vice Presidents Report: Ed Carpenter No report

Standing Committees Reports:

Equipment: No Report

4-H: The new 4-H Showmanship Guide for Michigan is out. There are some updates and changes.

Show Circuit: Should be updated end of June

Awards: No Report

Judges: Steve Lussier and possible Jordan Miner for cavy judges so far. We are having a hard time finding judges for fall because it is right after Convention.

Promotional: No report

Publication: Needs stuff for the newsletter. One is being sent out soon.

Webmaster: Club documents, election petitions, meeting dates and meeting minutes are on the website. If you think something is missing please let Laura know.

Constitution: Changes are due Oct 1 to the committee, and have to be published in Newsletter before the vote in March. We would like to publish the standing rules on the website. We are updating the director's books to be handed out to the board.

Election: President and Treasure are up for election. Petitions are on the website.

Unfinished Business:

2025 MSRBA Fall Show: 11/21/2025 – 11/23/2025 (Week Before Thanksgiving)

Superintendents: Sheldon Schaeding, Assistant: Edward Carpenter

Open Secretary: Holly Mercer

Youth Secretary: Val Countermand

Cavy Superintendent: Kristine Konesko

Friday night: Affiliated Clubs Specialty Shows – Not available this year due to being weekend after ARBA Convention

Friday night: Workshop- Henry Carpenter motioned not to have a workshop, Donna Carpenter Second. Motion Passed

Friday night: Showmanship Showdown & Market Pen Contest for Youth – asking Committee to come up with a proposal to hold still. The Board would like it to be moved to Sunday.

New Business:

2025 Election: President, Treasurer

- Petitions available on the website. Must be received by election committee chair Rachel Ehnis by August 1st.

2025 MSRBA BOD's & General Membership Meeting Dates:

09/14/2025 Board of Directors 6:00 p.m., General Membership ZOOM Meetings 7:30 p.m.

11/02/2025 Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00pm ZOOM

11/23/2025 General Membership Meeting MSU Pavilion 8:00 a.m. (Fall Show weekend)

Motion to adjourn by Katie Vandenbeldt, Second Chris Garrett. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm