

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
November 2nd, 2025

The meeting was called to order via zoom by President Bryan Shirk at 6:00pm

Members Present:

President:	Bryan Shirk	Mid Michigan RBA:	Paul Koppin
Vice President:	Edward Carpenter II	Osceola R & CBA:	Chris Garrett
Secretary:	Tiffany Weiss	Saginaw Valley R & CBA:	Renea Slovak
Treasurer:	Rebecca VanderVlught	Western MI RBA:	Thom Clemens
Blood Sweat & Tears:	Donald Marsh	Great Lakes F. Giant:	Carmin Rollenhagen
Great Lakes R & CS:	Sherry Garrett	MI Holland Lop Express:	Laura Dull
Heart of Michigan:	Donna Carpenter	MI New Zealand :	Henry Carpenter
Just For Fun:	Caitlin Plank	Great Lakes Polish RC:	Greg Michael
Lapeer Area RR:	Rachel Ehnis	MI Satin & Mini Satin :	Katie Vandenbeldt

Minutes- There was a motion by Greg M to approve the September 14th minutes with a second by Katie V. Motion Passed

Financial Report- We currently have \$80,728.38 in the accounts, the checking has \$26,368.79. The savings has \$54,359.59. Rebecca moved \$20,000.00 from the checking to the savings. Katie V. moved to send the treasure report to audit with a second by Greg M. Passed. Fall sanctions have been sent out, and there were two breeder paid sanctions.

Officer Reports:

President: There is an absentee ballot in the newsletter. We can only put in the newsletter what is provided.

Vice President:

Treasurer:

Secretary: Affiliations are due December 1st. Insurance and affiliation forms and reminders were sent to all club secretaries and state directors. Reminder to turn your sanctions in. If you hear of anyone not getting their newsletter have them check their address.

Unfinished Business:

2025 Fall Show: 11/21-23/2025

- Superintendent: Sheldon Schaeding, Assistant Ed Carpenter- Hoping that we get numbers with it so close to convention. We are going to get disinfectant and disinfect the equipment. We will wash in the Spring.
- Secretary Holly Mercer- Entry deadline is Thursday evening. Waiting for breed sanction to come in.
- Awards- Renea reported the awards are all good.
- Judges Food- Jimmy Johns on Saturday and Pizza on Sunday.
- State Showmanship Competition- Starting time of 5pm.

Editor update: A newsletter went out. Best of Breeds and Best Opposites should be in the news.

Webmaster update: **Laura Dull**- A new Master Breeder Photo has gone up. Sweepstakes was one of the most trafficked page. It was recommended to put show flyers up on the website.

Sweepstakes: Allison Clark- Should be updated by the end of the month. Its been a struggle to get updates.

2026 Fall Show

- MSU has no other times for us. Kellogg arena in Battle Creek is open but is \$13,000.00, Ingham County is booked Thanksgiving Weekend looking at a different date. Kalamazoo has south expo that is 20,000 square feet, the main expo is not available. Bryan is going to keep looking at locations. Possible Frankenmuth, Monroe.
- 2027 dates November 26th -28th

Non Profit Status- Still working on it.

Any Other Unfinished Business:

New Business:

2026 Convention: Feb 27-Mar1

- Show Committee update- Eddie Superintendent
- Rabbit School- Katie H. is working on topics
- Awards Committee- Working on awards
- Banquet Committee- They are looking into caterers. It was asked if we want the more elevated food or more of a homestyle cooking. Possible change in location.
- Judges Committee- Working of judges
- Dedication- Memory of George and Kathy Carpenter Motion by Paul Second by Greg. Passed

Online Merchandise Store- Looking into providing an online store

2025 Fourth Quarter General Membership Meeting:

- November 23rd, 8:00 a.m. at the MSU Pavilion classrooms

Historical- Would like to digitize a lot of the photos. We are also looking for someone to take over the historical committee.

2025 Annual BOD's Meeting: February 15th, 2026 6pm via Zoom

Any Other New Business:

Adjournment Rachel motioned, Donna 2nd