

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
November 23rd, 2025**

**Members Present:**

President: Bryan Shirk

Vice President: Ed Carpenter

Secretary: Tiffany Weiss

Treasurer: Rebecca VanderVlugt

Members Present: Carmin Rollenhagen, Jess Bromberg, Katie VanDenBeldt, Glenda Weiss, Susan McMannes, Sheldon Schaeding, Jason Werth, Ron Keen, Renea Slovak, Carrie Werth, Paul Koppin, Dennis Davis, Darrell Howe, Val Counterman, Caitlin Plank, Rachel Ehnis, Mark Rollenhagen, Elaine Hansen

Called to Order at 8:01am by President Bryan Shirk

**Secretary's Report: Tiffany Weiss** – Carmin motioned to accept the minutes as presented with support by Katie V . Motion Passed

Reminder to affiliated clubs that the paperwork is due December 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder that you can now purchase memberships online using easy2show. We have been getting a lot of new members signing up and several members renewing by purchasing a lifetime membership.

**Treasurers Report: Rebecca VanderVlugt**- Current balances \$77,825.95 total. \$54359.59 in the savings, \$23,466.37 in the checking. Motion by Renea , second by Katie V passed

**Presidents Report: Bryan Shirk**- reminded everyone to get clubs chartered with ARBA

**Vice Presidents Report: Edward Carpenter**- thank everyone for coming and making the show successful

**Standing Committees Reports:**

Equipment: Ed Carpenter- working on building more tables

4-H: Katie Holcomb- State 4-H Show January 24<sup>th</sup>. Doing a workshop March 21<sup>st</sup> with Quizbowl on March 22nd

Show Circuit: Allison Clark- should be updated soon

Awards: Renea Slovak- working on Spring.

Judges: Kelly Hansen/Dale Mize, Holly Mercer, Val Counterman- had judges for fall. Let some go home for Sunday since the show numbers are small

Promotional: Carrie Werth- Online Merchandise store- found a company called Hop & A Stitch that will do an online store. We would put a link on the website so people can order what they would like. It would cut down on the amount of inventory that we would have on hand. Carmin Motioned that we work with this company for a online store second by Katie V.

Publication: Janis Hagyard- A newsletter went out with all the information in it that needed to be in.

Webmaster: Laura Dull- Constantly being updated. Traffic is down

Constitution: Henry Carpenter-

Resolutions: Pam Travis

Election: Rachel Ehnis- Rachel Motioned to elect Bryan as President by acclimation second by Katie V Motion Passed.

Rachel reported that Sandy Doyle won the election.

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

**2026 Convention: Feb 27- Mar 1**

- Show Committee update Superintendent Eddie and Joel Carpenter. Secretary Holly and Val
- Rabbit School- Katie is working on getting presenters.
- Awards Committee- working on awards. Looking for someone to be chair.
- Banquet Committee- The location is being moved to the Okemos Community Center. The location will be closer to the showroom and about 6 minutes from the hotel. Looking at a new catering option.
- Looking for nominations for Dean Dagalow, Good Guy Award, Master Breeder, Presidents Crest Award.

**Fall Show 2026 Update-** We are looking at other locations to hold a show. The board voted to pay for the pavilion to hold our date. Approx. \$32,000- \$34,000. We are going to offer the building to David to hold his show. Carmin Motioned that if he doesn't want the building we open it to 4-H thru Glenda for a workshop. Second by Paul. Motion Passed.

**Committees:** If you would like to be on committees or change committees send Brian an email.

***Any Other New Business:***

**2026 MSRBA BOD's & General Membership Meeting Dates:**

Annual BOD's Meeting: February 15, 2026 via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

Annual General Membership Meeting: Feb 28th, 2026 8:00 a.m. MSU Pavilion

June, September, November meetings TBD

**Future Show Dates**

2026 Spring Maech 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

2027 Fall show November 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>

Katie V Motioned to adjourn, Renea Second Adjournment at 8:50pm