

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
Annual Board of Directors Meeting
February 15th, 2026

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:	Sherry Garrett
Secretary:	Tiffany Weiss	Saginaw Valley R & CBA:	Renea Slovak
Treasurer:	Sandy Doyle	Western MI RBA:	Thom Clemens
Blood Sweat & Tears:	Donald Marsh	MI Cavy Breeders:	Kelly Hansen
Great Lakes R & CS:	Chris Garrett	Michigan Dutch:	Sheldon Schaeding
Heart of Michigan:	Donna Carpenter	Great Lakes F. Giant:	Carmin Rollenhagen
Just For Fun:	Caitlin Plank	MI New Zealand :	Henry Carpenter
Lapeer Area RR:	Rachel Ehns	MI Satin & Mini Satin :	Katie Vandenberg

Minutes- There was a motion by Katie V. to approve the November 2nd minutes as presented with a second by Carmin R. Motion Passed.

Financial Report- We finished 2025 in the positive by \$3257.00.

Officer Reports:

President: Working on Convention. Getting lots of emails acquiring about the show. It seems like there are a lot of new people coming.

Vice President: Tables and Chairs will be ordered 2/16/26 for convention.

Treasurer: Sandy is working on getting categories broke out so we can have a better understanding of expenses and income.

Secretary: We are currently at 354 active members. Clubs can now purchase sanctions on easy2 show. The sweepstakes portion of the program is all set up. If clubs are using easy2show for their show paperwork the show reports should transfer right over to the sweepstakes portion and calculate the points. It is believed that members should be able to log into their membership portal and see their sweepstakes points as shows are processed.

Unfinished Business:

2026 Convention:

- Show Committee update: It was suggested to set up the speaker system first. We purchased new speakers, stands, and Microphones. We purchased new carpet for the tables. We would like to get some more carpet.
- Rabbit School: Katie is lining people up. She is still looking for 2 slots to fill.
- Awards Committee: There getting finished up. We went over budget by about \$200- \$300. Would like a increased budget for the 2026 budget year.
- Banquet Committee – We are at 105 reservations. Bryan or Glenda will be bringing a projector for the dedication and Master Breeder slide shows. The Banquet is at a different location. We are going to post signs in the showroom.
- Judges Meals Committee: the timing of the meal for fall show was perfect so lets keep those times. Jimmy Johns on Saturday between 11-11:30am. Pizza on Sunday about 11am.
- Set up time will be at 9:00am so we can power wash the equipment.
- Judges checks will hopefully be ready before the show. Overage checks will be mailed at a later date after the show.
- Annual General Membership Meeting: Feb 28th , 8:00 a.m.

Editor update: A news just went out.

Webmaster update: A few items have been sent in to be updated.

Sweepstakes: We have been struggling with getting updated Sweepstakes. Sandy Motioned to have Tiffany Weiss and Bryan Shirk monitor sweepstakes for the 2026 Sweepstakes year.

2026 Fall Show: In December Bryan proposed that the Christmas Show run Friday Saturday shows at the pavilion and MSRBA run shows on Sunday. MSRBA will cover the cost of the building and booths. We are waiting on a response from David Moll.

2027 Fall Show: Will be Thanksgiving weekend Nov 26-28, 2027. Sandy is going to purchase the ARBA Sanctions.

Non Profit Status: Rebecca was working on the non profit status. Sandy will be starting the process over.

Online Merchandise Store: Tabled until the General Membership Meeting

2025 Election Ballots: Carmin Motioned to destroy the ballots from the 2025 Election. 2nd by Katie V., Motioned Passed

By Law Proposal: The Resolution Committee recommends that we accept the proposal. Katie Motioned that the board recommend the proposal be passed. 2nd by Carmin. Motion Passed. The proposal has been posted on the Facebook page, Newsletter and Website. We will have copies available in the showroom as well.

2026 Committee's: Bryan presented the 2026 committees. Rachel would like a couple alternates on the election committee. There were changes to Master Breeder, Scholarship, and Awards. These will be voted on at a later time.

2026 BOD's Meeting Dates: June 7th, September 27th, November 22nd all at 6:00pm via Zoom

2026 Election: Vice President, Secretary- Petitions are online.

The News Editor computer is 10 years old. Ethan Plank looked into new computers for the editor. Katie V. Motioned to spend up to \$1000.00 for a new computer. 2nd by Henry. Motioned passed. We need to get an Adobe subscription for the year for the new computer. Thom Motioned to pay the \$13.00 a month. Katie V. 2nd . Motioned Passed

Youth Easy2Show- We are looking into possible sponsoring the youth to get easy2show. Bryan will talk with the youth again. Tabled till the General Membership meeting on 2/28/26.

Adjournment Donna Motioned to adjourn Caitlin 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

TIFFANY WEISS

MSRBA Secretary