

**Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association
General Membership Annual Meeting Agenda
February 28th, 2026
MSU Pavilion**

Members Present:

President: Bryan Shirk
Vice President: Ed Carpenter
Secretary: Tiffany Weiss
Treasurer: Sandy Doyle

Mike Michael, Margret Michael, Carmin Rollenhagen, Katrina VanDenbeldt, Chris Garrett, Sherry Garrett, Valarie Counterman, Darrell Howe, Karl Ehnis Jr., Glenda Weiss, Lerry West, Sue West, Danielle Haruben, Renee Slovak, Donna Carpenter, Amanda Stegink, Paul Koppin, Mike Stegink, Diane Walter, Heather Reed, Lou Newberry, Greg Michael, Laura Dull

Meeting Called to order by President Bryan Shirk at 8am.

Secretary's Report: Tiffany Weiss – Carmin R motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Support from Katie V. Passed. Club insurance riders are available at the Secretary's table

Treasurers Report: Sandy Doyle- Current balances about \$50,000 in the savings, \$26,000 in the checking. We finished 2025 with a profit of \$3,257.00 Motion by Mike M to send the report to audit, second by Karie V passed

Presidents Report: Bryan Shirk- The show is around 5,100 for Saturday for cavies and rabbits total. Sandy is working on getting the treasurers stuff figured out. Thanked Tiffany for getting the catalog out quickly. Thanked Janis for getting a newsletter out before the show

Vice Presidents Report: Ed Carpenter- Thanked Sheldon, Paul, and Katie for their help at set up. We need help with tear down.

Standing Committees Reports:

Equipment: Ed Carpenter- Building more tables. Changed all table tops to the larger holes. Looking at new carpets.

4-H: Katie Holcomb- Workshop planned for the March 21st, Quiz bowl on Sunday there is a possibility based on turnout of combining both onto Saturday.

Show Circuit: Bryan & Tiffany- We are transitioning to easy2show this year with the hopes of having points updates more often.

Awards: Renea Slovak- Trophies for one show, Ribbons for another.

Judges: Holly Hecser- We flew in more judges this year.

Promotional: Carrie Werth- There are items at the table to be purchased

Publication: Janis Hagyard- The last publication was big. She needs articles

Webmaster: Laura Dull- Traffic is down. Would like to modernize the website this summer.

Constitution: Henry Carpenter- there is a by law proposal

Resolutions: Pam Travis- No Report

Unfinished Business:

2026 MSRBA Convention Reports:

Superintendent: Edward Carpenter- Everything is ready to roll. Plan is to be done by 5:30pm. Would like help

Show Secretary: Holly Mercer-

Convention Banquet: Tiffany Weiss/Rachel Ehnis- The location has moved this year. Could use help cleaning up. Numbers are good.

Rabbit School: Katie Carpenter- Went well with good attendance.

2026 MSRBA Fall Show: We are still looking for a location to host a show on a different date. The board had been talking with David to see if we can work out an agreement where we have a show on Sunday.

By Law Change Proposal-Sandy D. motioned to accept the change to Article IV Section 1: A. Election of officers shall be held each year at the Fall Show. In the event that no Fall Show is hosted the Election will be conducted by Absentee Ballots

using the procedures listed in Section 3. The President and Treasurer to be elected on the odd number years, and the Vice President and Secretary to be elected on the even numbered years.

2nd by Margret M. Pass. Katie V. motioned to accept the change to Article IV Section 3: B. B. The polls shall open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. At the close of the polls, the ballot box shall be sealed with masking tape and the tape signed by at least 3 members of the Elections committee. The Ballot box shall remain sealed until the fourth quarter meeting at which time the box will be opened and the ballots counted with the absentee ballots. In the event that the fourth quarter meeting is virtual the Election Committee will meet in person to count the ballots. 2nd Sherry G passed

2026 Committee's- There are a few changes to committees Thom Clemens is the chair of Historical.

Youth Easy2Show- Would like to propose to the youth that we will cover the yearly fee and the initial start up fee. It was suggested that the youth up their membership to cover the processing fee. Tiffany and Bryan will talk with the Youth more. The youth are going to discuss it at their meeting.

2026 Budget-Sandy, Bryan and Eddie are working on it.

The idea was brought up to set up an area where exhibitors can take photos at fall and Spring. Danialle Motioned to budget \$300.00 to purchase supplies for a photobooth. Second Paul. Pass

New Business:

A printer is needed for the show secretary. Currently the secretary has been using their own printer or borrowing a printer. Katie V. Motioned to spend up to \$500.00 to buy a printer for the Show Secretary. Support by Val C. Passed

2026 MSRBA BOD's & General Membership Meeting Dates:

06/07/2026 Board of Directors 6:00 p.m., General Membership ZOOM Meetings 7:30 p.m.

09/27/2026 Board of Directors 6:00 p.m., General Membership ZOOM Meetings 7:30 p.m.

11/22/2026 Board of Directors Meeting: 6:00pm ZOOM

4th Quarter General Membership Meeting TBD

Motion to adjourn by Chris G, Second by Greg M. at 8:42am