

Michigan State Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.
Board of Director's Annual Meeting
Ionia County MSUE Building, Ionia, MI
February 9th, 2020

Members Present:

President:	Edward Carpenter II	Vice President:	Marcus Rhoden
Treasurer:	Janet Bowers	Secretary:	Sherry Garrett
Cal-Bra-Hill RBA:	Pamela Hambright	Central MI RBA:	Tanya Schaeding
Great Lakes R&CS	Bryan Shirk	Osceola R&CBA:	Chris Garrett
Saginaw Valley R&CBA:	Renea Slovak	Western MI RBA:	Alana Garrett
MI Cavy Breeders	Elaine Hansen	MI Dutch Rabbit Club:	Sheldon Schaeding
Great Lakes Flemish:	Sandra Ziegler	MI Holland Lop Express:	Laura Dull
MI Mini Lop RC:	Kelly Hansen	MI New Zealand SC:	Henry Carpenter
MI Satin & Mini Satin:	Tiffany Weiss		

Guests: Katie Holcomb, Martha Woolston, Joel Carpenter, Rachel Ehnis

Secretary Minutes: Sherry Garrett

Motion to approve the minutes as printed by Pamela Hambright, second by Henry Carpenter. Motion carried.
The secretary's 2019 Financial Deposits Total Report was present. Total deposits were \$5,190.00 for the fiscal 2019 year.
Motion by Pamela Hambright to accept the Secretary's financial report, second by Alana Garrett. Motion carried.
A thank you was read from Emma Bloss for the MSRBA sponsoring the State Showmanship Contests.

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date: 01/01/2019 – 12/31/2019

Income: \$ 69,484.67
Expenses: \$ 54,349.52
Overall Total: + \$ 15,135.15

Checking: \$ 26,041.75
Savings: \$ 7,345.69
Overall Total: \$ 33,387.15

Motion to accept the year end treasurer's report as presented by Bryan Shirk, second by Renea Slovak. Motion carried.
Treasurer, Janet Bowers wishes to recategorize items that are listed as uncategorized.
External audit: Janet Bowers is checking on prospects as previous ones were not available to utilize.

Officer Reports:

President: Edward Carpenter II

- ❖ Simply Self Storage has been sold to Cube Smart.
- ❖ We have contracted two small spaces to hold one trailer per space for \$80 per month. The new owners do not allow both trailers to be on one large space. The Executive Committee approved the move to the new spaces for a total increased cost of \$6.00 per month. The new spaces are drive through.

Vice President: Marcus Rhoden – No Report

Secretary: Sherry Garrett

- ❖ All ARBA Charters are due from Affiliated Clubs by March 15th to the club secretary.

Treasurer: Janet Bowers

- ❖ Janet is going through the computer to figure out where items have been placed. Some will be recategorized.

Unfinished Business:

MSRBA Convention:

- ❖ The catalog has been printed and mailed.
- ❖ 30 extra copies have been ordered and received for those late requests for them.
- ❖ Discussion on power washing the show tables. New rugs have been added to those previously ordered.

- ❖ Show tables: Ed is working on changing the underside of the show boxes, possibly setting up with wire bottoms once a decision is made.

Show Committee Update: Tiffany Weiss

- ❖ Two judge's applicants have contacted Tiffany for approval to work with Todd Naragon and Kyle Yakobucci. It will be allowed during the Sunday shows only.

Rabbit School: Katie Holcomb

- ❖ 5:30 "How do I Pose my Rabbits", Handling & Posing by Steve Parker
- ❖ 5:50 "Rabbit Showmanship", ARBA Version by Jadelyn & Jody Novakowski
- ❖ 6:10 "Density & Texture", What is the Difference by Natalie Norris
- ❖ 6:30 Break
- ❖ 6:50 "Writer's Workshop" Insight into writing from a secretary & Judges perspective
- ❖ 7:05 "Which are the Best Three?" Picking your Meat Pen
- ❖ 7:25 "Judging 101", How to judge and give oral reasons by Katie Sharp
- ❖ 7:45 Break
- ❖ 8:00 "Rabbit Showmanship", Michigan Version by Bryan Shirk
- ❖ 8:20 "Show Superintendents", by Joel Carpenter
- ❖ 8:40 Question & Answer Session

Royalty Contests Competitions:

- ❖ Youth Rabbi Judging Saturday: Pen of 4 rabbits will be needed for this competition to be handled by youth.
- ❖ Youth Breed ID Competition Saturday: Breeds are needed for competition viewing.

Show Awards Committee: Renea Slovak & Marcus Rhoden

- ❖ Shows B, C & D will have Large Pastel Rosette Ribbons for BOB & BOS
- ❖ Show A – Awards will be given to BOB & BOS winners
- ❖ Youth shows C & D will receive specially designed medallions.
- ❖ Show B will receive picture frames

Banquet:

- ❖ Reservations are due to Diane Walters on February 20th.

Judges Meals: Marcus Rhoden & Sandra Zeigler

- ❖ Meals are coming along, baked potatoes have been added.

Setup:

- ❖ Setup on Friday is Booth Setup and judging show setup disinfection at 9:00 a.m. All booths must be set up by noon.
- ❖ Show setup will begin at 1:00 p.m. All setup needs to be completed prior to rabbits and cavies entering the Pavilion.
- ❖ Booths preshow day are handled by President Edward Carpenter, on Saturday and Sunday they will be handled by Henry Carpenter.

Youth Show Secretary:

- ❖ The computer is updated and the show program is good until June 22nd, 2020.

Variety Listing winner form:

- ❖ A form will be placed in each folder for all shows, to recall variety winners for the choice of Best of Breed and Best Opposite consideration at the show tables. Sherry Garrett will design the form.

Annual Open General Membership Meeting: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. in the classrooms.

Youth Membership Meeting: 1:00 Saturday afternoon

Publication Editor:

- ❖ A search has begun for a new editor for the MSRBA Newsletter. An ad has been placed in the January-February issue of the News, front cover.
- ❖ Sherry Garrett will complete the March-April issue of the News while the search is going on.
- ❖ Any persons interested in applying for this position should send a letter of interest and resume to the club secretary, Sherry Garrett for consideration for the Publication Editor. Computer is supplied.

New Business:**2020 Resolutions:**

Motion by Kelly Hansen, second by Marcus Rhoden to recommend approval of all seven resolutions by the General Membership at the annual meeting of the membership, February 29th, 2020. Motion carried.

Youth Advisors:

- ❖ The 2020 youth advisors will be Linda Vis and Ron Keen

2020 MSRBA Budget:

Motion by Bryan Shirk, second by Marcus Rhoden to raise the Fall Shows A, B, and C awards to \$3,000. Motion carried. Motion by Kelly Hansen to approve the 2020 budget with the Fall Show awards increase to \$3,000, change the Audit to \$500, and transfer the other \$500 from the Audit to Other Club Office designation for that total to be \$600. The updated budget was approved. The Other Club Office funds will be utilized to replace the damaged Treasurer's Computer and purchase the new Quicken for our finances.

Sweepstakes:

Discussion on the report provided by the Sweepstakes chairperson. Chris Garrett made the motion that all clubs listed within the report shall be removed from probation status from their 2019 shows, including the MSRBA. Second by Bryan Shirk. Motion carried.

- ❖ Sherry Garrett was requested to check with Rob Usakowski to see if the Sweepstakes Awards have been ordered.
- ❖ President Carpenter will be in contact with Rob Usakowski. Bryan Shirk confirmed information with Val Counterman.

Show Report Policy:

The ARBA Show report policy was discussed and changes implemented to allow the policy to replace the current MSRBA show report policy for affiliated all breed clubs. Motion by Sherry Garrett, second by Alana Garrett to apply the ARBA Show Report policy sections 1 – 5 to create the new MSRBA show report policy with the addition of a new section six as the permanent club policy. Motion carried unanimously. All clubs will receive a copy of the new reporting policy in their packets at the 2020 MSRBA Convention.

MSRBA Committee's:

Motion by Chris Garrett, second by Renea Slovak to approve the 2020 committees as amended. Motion carried.

2020 BOD's and General Membership Meetings:

February 29th: 8:30 am Annual General Membership Meeting – MSU Pavilion Meeting Rooms

June 13th Time TBD - Board of Directors Meeting followed by the General Membership Meeting – Summit, Lansing

September 20th 12:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting followed by the General Membership Meeting – MSU Pavilion

December 6th, Board of Directors Meeting 15 minutes following Open Best in Show, General Membership to follow

Any Other New Business:**MSRBYA: Fundraiser show 06/27 Coldwater**

Motion to adjourn by Alana Garrett, second by Kelly Hansen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Sherry Garrett, secretary