

WSRBA Board Meeting – April 8, 2017

Attendees: Barb Semb (remote), Gene Zimdars, Melody Stremkowski, Tanya Zimmerman, Phil Krueger, Nathan Semb, Jeremy Kintzler, Jill Schmitt, Rachel Penterman, Laurie Penterman, Fox Valley Rabbit Club, Friendly Rabbit Club of Trempeleau, Misty Hills Rabbit Club, Northwoods Rabbit Club, Packerland Rabbit Breeders Club, Stateline Rabbit Breeders Association, Twin Ports Rabbit Club, Upper Midwest Angora Club, Upper Midwest Checkered Giant Club, Upper Midwest Dutch Club, WI Californian Rabbit Breeders, WI Havana Rabbit Club, WI New Zealand Club, WI Polish Rabbit Club.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Gene Zimdars at 4:03pm in Jefferson, WI following the Tri-County Rabbit Breeders All Breed Show. Roll Call was taken. New board members were welcomed.

Secretary's minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. *Phil Krueger moved to approve the minutes as published in the Bulletin. Nathan Semb seconded. Motion Passed.* The treasurer's report was passed out. As of Marc 31, 2017 there was a balance of \$12,647.01 in checking, \$4,138.89 in savings and \$18,895.08 in the scholarship CD for total available funds of \$35,680.98. *Jeremy Kintzler moved to accept the treasurer's report. Phil Krueger seconded. Motion passed.*

Committee Reports:

State Convention: The committee is currently finalizing forms for all WSRBA Chartered Clubs to be able to submit bids for equipment use as well as to run the kitchen at future State Conventions. It was reported that the Fon du Lac County Small Animal committee will not be offering cooping for the State Convention.

Constitution: Items will be discussed under New Business.

Budget: The 2017 year to date Budget report was reviewed.

Youth: Tanya has checked with Theresa Christen regarding the ARBA Grant Money and using it towards a 4-H Judge Training workshop the Board discussed in January. She did not think that the grant would be awarded for this as it would not benefit the ARBA. Tanya is currently putting together a letter to use when contacting donors for the auction animals. She has received an updated membership list from Melody and will be contacting people that were not donors last year. As in past years if Board Members or WSRBA Members would like to donate an animal and are not contacted by Tanya they are welcome to reach out to her.

Education: Courtney has reached out to the UW Extension offices to establish a more uniform method of judging as well as a formalized list of judges for the county fairs. Courtney and Tanya have received a list of judges and are going through confirming everyone is still available.

Youth Royalty: The Royalty application was in the last Bulletin; however, Nicole did recently notice that it was not up on the website. She will work with Holly to make sure that it is up there. Jill Schmitt, Angela Penterman and Nicole will be co-chairing the Royalty Contests. Rachel Zimdars is on their committee. Lynn and Paula have graciously passed on their past information so they have good details to write the exams for this year. The committee is looking for Showmanship judges for the contest. They will be reaching out to Gene and Nathan for the convention judges and input on which judges can be used for the youth contests. Ann and Tiffany will be securing the animals for the breed id and judging contests, the actual contests for National Teams will be earlier than State Convention this year due to the deadline to get information in to ARBA. Jill will clarify with Ann and Tiffany if they will also be securing those animals for the State Convention contests.

Youth National Teams: Youth Budget for 2017 was reviewed. The preliminary financial statement from the Youth Benefit Show was also reviewed. The goal of the show was to give stipends to WSRBA members that are going to the ARBA convention representing the WSRBA in the various competitions. The co-chairs will be looking at how the youth want to move forward with this show. With the success of this year's show, they would have seed money to work with next year and can fund the show themselves. Rachel will be putting together a page of quotes from youth members for the Bulletin outlining what they learned while running the show. The National Team selection this year will be held at Spring Fling this year. We will put a call out in the Bulletin as well as on the website making sure everyone is aware. The Board agreed that we will give out awards at State Convention this year for Breed ID, Judging and Showmanship. This will be a great opportunity for those going to ARBA to have a good practice session. Rachel will reach out to the Youth Members and bring a proposal to the Board to reserve a weekend for the Youth Show in the WSRBA Show Policy.

Bulletin: A reminder to everyone that the Bulletin deadline is April 15. Angela and Laurie will look at putting the expiration dates on the current ads. It is to be assumed that all ads will expire at State Convention.

Website: The Board has asked that the Bulletins be delivered to the website by our Board Meeting in Galesville.

Sweepstakes: Bob's report was reviewed. Everything is in good standing.

Youth Liaison: Rachel got a lot positive feedback from the youth members as well as those attending the Youth Benefit Show. She will talk to the youth members to confirm they want to make this an annual event. Rachel will be using all communication means to get the words out about the National Teams selection. Applications have been handed out at the local shows and are being completed and turned back in as well.

WSRBA Store: No Report. Two new designs were launched at the Badger show in March.

Old Business:

Record Email Vote On Bulletin and Web Stipends : The votes to approve the first quarter stipends via email were noted.

October 2017 WSRBA Board Meeting: *Jeremy Kintzler moved that we hold the Fall Board Meeting on October 14 in Jefferson, WI. It will start at 4:30pm or immediately following the selection of the BIS at the Tri-County RBA Show. Jill Schmitt seconded. Motion Passed.*

New Business:

2016-2017 Sweepstakes Awards: A bid from Steinberg Creations was reviewed for this year's sweepstakes awards. The bid was awarded and discussions took place as to our selections for Sweepstakes as well as the show awards for that weekend.

Review Constitution: The convention committee brought proposals for the Board to review to accept bids from WSRBA Chartered Clubs for equipment rental.

Educational Opportunaiites: Gene has been approached by a teacher of vet services, she is looking for people to help education students on rabbits. Gene will get additional information on what her expectation is and bring it back to the board. Gene is also working with the State Fair to get rabbits into the Discovery Barn. Courtney will begin working on a video that can be played during the fair.

Jeremy Kintzler moved to adjourn. Phil Krueger seconded. Motion Passed.

Reminder: We will be having presentations for Sweepstakes Trophy/Awards at our next board meeting. We will review the budget for Youth Royalty and National Teams. We will also read and review proposed resolutions.