

# WSRBA Board Meeting – March 12, 2016

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Attendees: Kevin Buttles, Gene Zimdars, Melody Stremkowski, Tanya Zimmerman, Barb Semb, Nathan Semb, Paula Courtney, Jill Schmitt, Nicole Gates, Tiffany Petrie, Rachel Penterman, Fox Valley Rabbit Club, Friendly Rabbit Club of Trempeleau, Northwoods Rabbit Club, Packerland Rabbit Breeders Club, Stateline Rabbit Breeders Association, Twin Ports Rabbit Club, Upper Midwest Dutch Club, Upper Midwest Rex Club, WI Californian Rabbit Breeders, WI Havana Rabbit Club, WI Polish Rabbit Club, WI Silver Marten Club.

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Buttles at 4:07pm in Jefferson, WI. Roll Call was taken. New board members were welcomed.

Secretary's minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. *Nicole Gates moved to approve the minutes. Barb Semb seconded. Motion Passed.* The treasurer's report was passed out. As of February 29, 2016 there was a balance of \$16,818.26 in checking, \$4,135.59 in savings and \$17,667.17 in the scholarship CD for total available funds of \$38,621.02. *Nicole Gates moved to accept the treasurer's report. Nathan Semb seconded. Motion passed.*

## **Committee Reports:**

State Convention: The 2016 State Convention judges have been secured. Since the January Board meeting the committee along with Kevin and Melody went to Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells to view their facilities. Nathan and Gene are waiting to hear back from the facility regarding the costs for the weekend.

Constitution: Barb discussed the ARBA information that had been forwarded to them regarding the NSF checks and the rights of the clubs. Barb and Jeremy will email a draft proposal to the board members in preparation to the June meeting.

Budget: The 2016 Budget was approved.

Youth: Tanya is working on a committee which consists of youth and adult members to help the day of the show. At the beginning of April she will begin contacting members to secure rabbits for the silent auction.

Education: Nicole is currently working on scheduling a Judges Conference in Wisconsin. Potential dates are the Saturday prior to the Between the Lakes Rabbit Club Show or the Friday night prior to State Convention.

Youth Royalty: Youth members are doing a fundraiser this weekend raffling off a TV. The team along with the Youth National Team Co-Chairs are finalizing their event schedule for 2016.

Youth National Teams: Tiffany discussed the 2017 selection of teams. With the ARBA Convention being very early that year team selections may need to be done prior to State Convention. Tiffany will gather the remaining specifics so communication can be made to all youth interested in this event.

Publicity Committee: The committee is currently working on new ideas for the Bulletin as well as fun events at local shows. An updated brochure will be presented under Old Business. The group is also looking at hosting a coloring contest at State Convention.

Bulletin: Tiffany informed the Board that she was resigning from her position as the Bulletin editor due to work commitments. Tiffany will output the Bulletin deadlining on April 15 and agreed to help the new editor where needed for the Bulletin deadlining on July 1.

Website: No Report.

Sweepstakes: All reports are up to date.

Youth Liaison: Rachel has been reaching out to the youth encouraging them to get involved in the various activities held at each local show. She is also encouraging the youth to help with the local shows by writing for a judge or helping setup / tear down. Rachel is using the WSRBA Youth Facebook page as the primary method of communication when not at shows. We will get that address added to the Bulletin and posted on the website.

WSRBA Store: Melissa is launching two new designs this weekend. The Show me the "Bunny" design will be retired.

### **Old Business:**

WSRBA Membership Brochure: The membership brochure was reviewed and updates were given to Tiffany. The goal is to have this completed and printed by the Tri-County RBA show.

Electronic Distribution of the Bulletin: The Publicity Committee worked with Sun Graphics to get prices based on our total count going down as members request electronic delivery. The next step will be for Holly to work on the website, securing an area where members can log in and retrieve the current issue of the Bulletin.

### **New Business:**

2015 – 2016 Sweepstakes Award Presentations: Bids were presented by Total Business Products and Steinberg Creations. Following the bids a ballot vote was taken with four votes for Total Business Products and four votes for Steinberg Creations. Kevin Buttles broke the tie, casting a vote for Steinberg Creations. Melody Stremkowski, Paula Courtney, Barb Semb and Nicole Gates were appointed to a committee to facilitate the awards.

Constitution Resolutions and Proposals: Proposals will be emailed to the Board in preparation for the June meeting.

WSRBA Youth Budget: *Nicole Gates moved to approve the Youth Budget as updated for 2016. Gene Zimdars seconded. Motion passed.*

Officer and Director Liability Policy: Paula reviewed with the Board an email she received on the National Club level from the ARBA. Melody will reach out to our insurance company to get an understanding of our current coverage and the cost to add additional coverage.

State Convention Outline: The convention committee reviewed concerns regarding decisions made at the January board meeting. It was suggested that the committee be allowed to reach out to local clubs securing equipment and resources for setup and tear down. For the June meeting Nathan and Gene will reach out to clubs seeing if they would be interested in the opportunity.

Judges Convergence: *Paula Courtney moved to continue work on hosting a Judges Conference on September 9, 2016. WSRBA funds up to \$200.00 along with any funds received from the ARBA Grant can be used towards expenses of this event. Nathan seconded. Motion passed.*

The Board went into a closed session meeting.

*Barb Semb moved to adjourn. Gene Zimdars seconded. Motion Passed.*

*Reminder: We will be reviewing nominations for the WSRBA Honorary Member as well as Constitution Resolutions and Proposals at the June Board Meeting.*