

WSRBA Annual Membership Meeting – Sept. 6th, 2025

Attendees: Nathan Semb, Melody Stremkowski, Sandy Zimdars, Timothy Baker, Larry Livingston, Phil Krueger, Pat Holmes, Barb Semb, Laurie Penterman, Amanda Smith, Raedyn Vande Hei, Ann Wimann, Kersten Zimmerman, Tanya Zimmerman, Angela Penterman, Amber Utz, Badger Rabbit Breeders Association, Between the Lakes Rabbit Club, Blackhawk Country Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club, Central WI Rabbit Breeders, Fox Valley Rabbit Club, Friendly Rabbit Club of Trempealeau, Great Lakes Havana Club, Happer Hoppers Rabbit Club, Lakeland Rabbit Breeders Assoc, Midwest Cavy Fanciers, Midwest Holland Lop Club, Northwoods Rabbit Club, Packerland Rabbit Breeders, Upper Midwest Angora Club, Upper Midwest Dutch Rabbit Club, WI Californian Rabbit Breeders, WI Polish Rabbit Club, WI Satin Breeders Association.

The meeting was called to order by President Nathan Semb at 7:53pm following the banquet meal and the announcement of our WSRBA Membership Awards, 2025 WSRBA Scholarship Winner, 2025 Royalty, 2025 National Teams and 2024-2025 Overall Open and Youth Sweepstakes Awards. Congratulations to Diana Scribner and Charlotte Swade for being awarded the WSRBA Honorary Member award this year.

Roll Call was taken. *Terry Kelman moved to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Bulletin. Tiffeny Heroiux seconded. Motion Passed.* The treasurer's report was read. Currently there is a balance of \$5,199.41 in checking, \$4,165.89 in savings, and \$23,702.85 in our scholarship cd for the total WSRBA funds of \$33,068.15. *Nichole Wilson moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jessie Wimann seconded. Motion Passed.*

Committee Reports:

Convention: Thank you to everyone who joined us at this year's State Convention, It was a great day. The 2026 State Conventions will be in Neillsville, WI at the Clark County Fairgrounds on September 12 & September 13. We will be back in Fond du Lac in 2027 & 2028.

Budget: Our membership increase goes into effect Oct 1, 2024. Starting with our Fall Bulletin, all memberships will include and electronic copy of the Bulletin. Printed copies will be provided for an additional fee. Emails and letters have been sent out to all members regarding the pro-rated status of the Bulletin for the remainder of their current membership. Driving this increase is two factors – our expense to print and deliver the Bulletin has gone up \$2,700.00 annually since 2021, while the number of Bulletins we are sending decreased substantially. At the same time the income coming in from membership fees, sanctions and sweepstakes has gradually decreased. Everyone was asked to come to the registration area on Sunday to make sure their membership is up to date.

Constitution: We will be reviewing the proposals under new business. Thank you to everyone who brought donations for today's raffle. Congratulations to the Central WI Rabbit Club and The Semb Family who donated the items Saturday who had the most tickets.

Education: Everyone was encouraged to attend the Judges Conference on Sunday morning and reminded to pick up their Sweepstakes awards.

Youth Contest Chair: Thank you to all of the volunteers, the participants and their parents. We look forward to supporting the royalty kids in Indianapolis. Today we had 16 youth participate in the National Teams Contest, 18 in the Royalty Contest, 9 in the Achievement and 9 in the Management Contest.

Publicity: Congratulations to all of the members who participated in the contests this weekend. If you have ideas for the Publicity Committee please reach out to Larry.

Youth: In 2026 we will have the rabbit auction and in 2027 we will have the Benefit Show. If you'd like to help with the planning of those events please reach out to Sandy.

Bulletin: No Report

Webmaster: Please send pictures to Kersten at wrsbaweb@gmail.com

Sweepstakes: Everything through the July 2025 shows is current. Thank you to all of the clubs for getting the reports in on time.

Youth Liaison: This year we did Breed Id, Showmanship, Rabbit Toy Making and Quiz Bowl at the local shows. Raedyn will be reaching out via Facebook and email asking for new ideas in 2026.

WSRBA Store: A new design was launched today.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

2026 WI State Convention: We will be at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Neillsville, WI. Please reach out to Nathan or Barb if you'd like to see changes or have ideas. Next year will be our 80th Anniversary – we should look at doing something special. For all chartered clubs if you are interested in making a little extra money, please consider submitting a bid to do the equipment at next years Convention.

Constitution Proposals: We will have three proposals included on the ballot with the elections this year. Pat read each of those proposals, discussion followed.

WSRBA Elections: Expectations of Board Members were reviewed. Nominations for Vice President – Phil Krueger, *Barb Semb moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Diana Scribner seconded. Motion Passed.* Nominations for Director were – Tim Baker, Terry Kelman, Larry Livingston, Barb Semb, Jessie Wileman & Sandy Zimdars *Terry Kelman moved to close nominations. Lynn Galbraith-Wilson seconded. Motion Passed.* Fox Valley Rabbit Club will count the ballots, Melody Stremkowski will be the contact. *Barb Semb moved to accept the club counting ballots. Tiffeny Herioux seconded. Motion Passed.*

Public Forum:

- Thank you to the Friendly Rabbit Club for providing the equipment at this year's State Convention.
- Nichole Wilson inquired on the status from last year's public forum regarding changing the show award structure to Best In Show, Reserve In Show and Second Reserve In Show. The Convention Committee had reviewed what surrounding states do and decided that based on those states to keep the structure as is. It was suggested that we include the question on our ballot to get members' feedback. We have one of the best State Associations chartered with ARBA, our State Convention should reflect that. It was suggested that we also review what Regional Clubs do for their award structure. Would it be feasible to alternate the structure each year?
 - o A poll was taken via show of hands of members present at the All Membership Meeting. This will be taken into consideration by the Board when discussing at the next Board Meeting.

- In Favor of Best In Show, Best 4 Class and Best 6 Class – 15
- In Favor of Best In Show, Reserve In Show, Honorable Mention – 30
- In Favor of Any Other Method - 0

Terry Kelman moved to adjourn. Amanda Smith seconded. Motion Passed.