

Meeting called to order by President Corey Hayes at 1:53 PM. Roll call was taken. All Clubs present except Cattaraugus RBA, Capital District, and Empire Region Polish Club. These clubs will have to attend the fall meeting in order to keep their NYS charter. Minutes from last meeting were handed out to delegates. Motion to accept made by Dan Kipp, seconded by Judy Blodgett, all in favor, none opposed.

An itemized treasurer's report was given out to all delegates present. Motion to accept report was made by Dan Kipp, seconded by Kevin Miller. All in favor with none opposed.

Committee Appointments:

Youth Committee: Kaitlin Smith reported on the Youth Committee and the upcoming Youth Decathlon that will be held on Friday evening and Saturday of the State Show. She states she is anticipating a good turnout and has many new additions and contests that will be outlined in the catalog. She is requesting more volunteers to help her with the breed ID and judging. The deadline for participation is October 1st.

Show Committee: Debbie reported that the banquet will again be at the Clarion Inn and they promised to have enough food this year! All judges have been hired, building reserved, and volunteer sheets have been handed out and are requested to be back to Debbie by September 1. Catalog is almost done and we would like to have it on line by August 1st. Room rates are \$79.00 per night this year and the block is opened to accept reservations. Much help is needed from all clubs for the state show as we are anticipating a large turn out with the date change to after convention.

- A. Promotional Sales- Joann McGowan has been appointed Chairman of this Committee. She would like to plan new items to add in the future and has been working on getting a new logo – Unsure if she will have items available by the fall show but is working on it.

Scholarship Committee: Ryan stated that he had one scholarship applicant so far for this year and is hoping to get at least one more. His committee consists of himself, Marty Earle and Suzette Glave. The Committee will work on getting the updated applications on the NYRCBA website as well as use social media to spread the word about the scholarship and the Roger Cota Fund for any youth that might be attending convention this fall.

Outreach Committee- Barb Downing reported on the outreach activities past and those she has planned for the future. She states they have been very well received by kids and parents. The rabbit hopping is also going over well and are being enjoyed by kids and adults. Barb has been in contact with many clubs and has many ideas for future events. She also reports the NYRCBA website has been updated. A new Youth page has been added to our web page however there have been no new news sent to her for updates. Barb also discussed some of the difficulties she has had with clubs requesting that a catalog be posted to the web site then emailing her and requesting that she make changes to the catalog a few days later. She stated that while she has tried to accommodate the clubs it is very time consuming and she will no longer make changes once the catalog has been sent to her for posting. Barb states the hopping events have been well received and new awards/Rosettes have been ordered for upcoming shows.

Sweepstakes Committee: Judy Blodgett/Suzette Glave states that they have had no issues with clubs this year and the numbers are remaining about the same as in past years. Most reports have arrived within the allowed 30 days and have included checks. Final results will be on line mid-July and they are giving people 14 days to reply to them with any discrepancies.

Sweepstake Award Committee- Ted McBride Chair stated the awards this year will again be purchased from Home Cort in Dryden. HE has been working with the owner Jeff, to find something unique. They will be on display and ready for pick up at the Awards banquet Saturday night of banquet.

Constitution Committee: Jack Bailey, Constitution Chair stated there was NOTHING TO REPORT!!

A motion was made by Venita Ackley to approve all committee reports, seconded by Dorothea Prine. None opposed.

Unfinished Business- - None

New Business

Show Dates calendar was handed out to all delegates for approval. Changes were made and a new report will be made to Barb for posting to the web site. Debbie mentioned that there are

many clubs who have not provided their show dates for 4 years in advance and asked the club secretaries to please send this information to her as soon as possible.

President Corey Hayes reminded Delegates of the Rabbit Auction to be held at the State show on Saturday. Rabbits must be free of Disqualifications and of good quality. He is asking for donations so please remember this when doing your summer culling to save back a good one for the rabbit raffle!

The states raffle table will be held on Saturday of the show and again we are asking for each club to donate a nice item for the table (please nothing used). Your Club will be recognized by your item with a placement card. We are also asking each club to donate a basket for the Roger Kids Fund. Over the next few years with convention being closer to NY we will have many kids attending the ARBA Convention. The Rogers Kids Fund was formed to be able to give \$100.00 to every youth applying that they can use at convention towards their expenses. The basket raffle is used primarily for this fund and is in the name of Roger who felt very strongly about supporting a youth to attend an ARBA convention.

Debbie discussed the fact that we have many Canadian exhibitors who love to come to our NYS Show but are finding it very difficult with the Canadian exchange on the American dollar being very high (Almost 40%). She discussed offering a discount in entry fees to all Canadian exhibitors for the three state shows. This discount would not apply to any Specialty shows but would include open and youth as well as cavy entries. A Motion was made by Jack Bailey for all Canadian Exhibitor entry fees (open and Youth) to be at a discounted rate of \$3.00 per rabbit/cavy entered. Motion was approved by Marty Earle and seconded by Venita Ackley. All in favor with none opposed. This change will be posted in our catalog.

Entry fees will be in US Funds and must be paid in cash with no Canadian checks accepted.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dan Kipp, seconded by Jenn Burr. All in favor. Next meeting scheduled for Friday August 28th at 7:00 PM. Pizza and drink will be provided for all present.