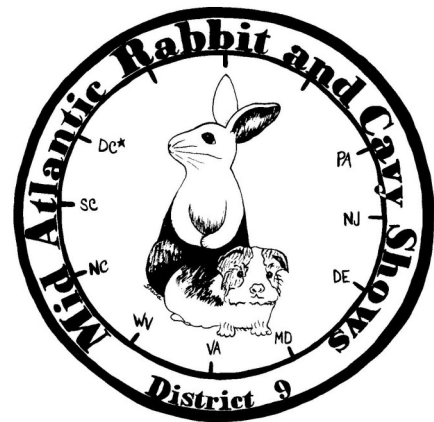


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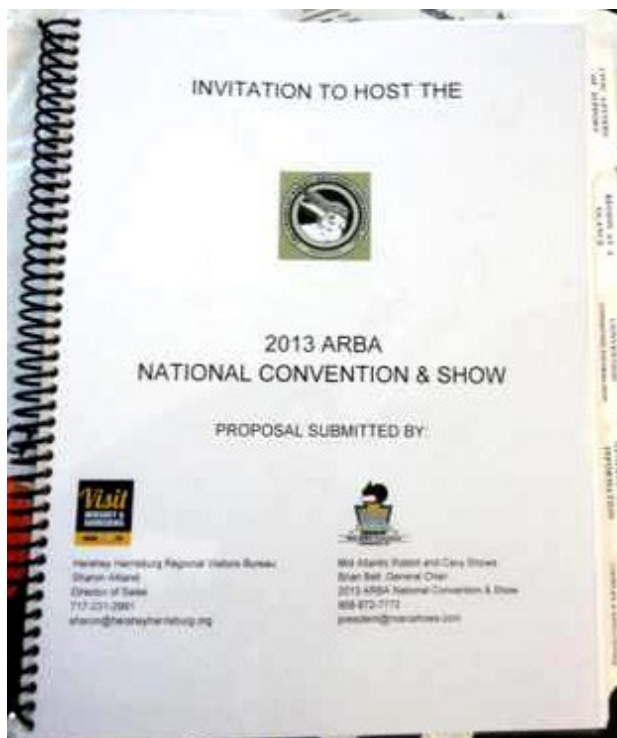
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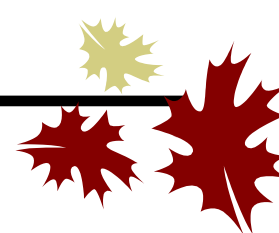


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Join us at the 2011 Indianapolis ARBA Convention as we present our hot off the presses bid to host the 2013 ARBA convention in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania!!

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President– Brian Bell (NJ)



Hello everyone,

Our official bid to host the 2013 ARBA Convention in Harrisburg, PA has been submitted to the ARBA Officers and Directors for their consideration. This is a huge step forward to achieving our goal of bringing the ARBA Convention and Show back to D9 for the first time since 1976. Thanks to Lori Jo Whitehaus, bid committee chair and the bid committee members Ruth-Ann Bell, Gerry Vaerywyck and Bill Whaley for their hard work and dedication in pulling together a great bid!

Although the bid had been submitted, our work is just beginning. The next step will be the face-to-face presentation given to the ARBA Board in Indianapolis. This will be done by a small group from the bid committee as well as a representative from the Harrisburg-Hershey Visitor's Bureau. We will likely hear later that day if our bid is accepted and if so, our official planning will begin. Additionally, we are sending a contingent of individuals to work with their counterparts from the Indy Convention group in order to learn as much as possible about how they pull off a successful convention.

MARCS has come a long way in a short time. It is somewhat hard to believe that we are submitting a formal bid for the ARBA convention just about 2 years after our formation. Without the assistance of our affiliated clubs, breeders and volunteers from all over D9 we would not have come so far so quickly. Thanks to everyone for all of their hard work and support. We have just begun so sit down and strap in...we will be having an exciting ride over the next few months and years.

See you all at the fall shows or ARBA Convention in Indy.

Regards,

Brian

Vice President– Lori Jo Whitehaus (PA)



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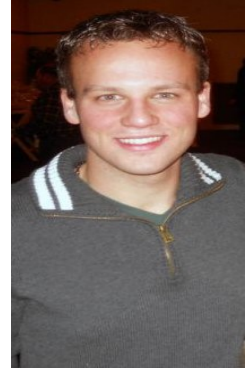


Secretary— Dr. Jay Hreiz (NC)

The clock is ticking! By the time you read this, we will be about two months away from the 2011 ARBA convention in Indianapolis. The bid for the 90th ARBA convention was completed and mailed to the ARBA Board in mid August. With 34 affiliated clubs, MARCS is a show circuit who in less than two years has sent a loud and clear message to the ARBA that they are ready and willing to host the ARBA convention. In the coming months, please make sure you keep your eyes and ears open for news regarding the bid. We should know the status of our acceptance by late October if all goes according to plan. In the mean time, please volunteer at our benefit shows and sign up for a slot at the MARCS booth at the ARBA convention. This is a volunteer effort so all help is greatly appreciated. Keep your fingers crossed that History Awaits in the Keystone State!

Sincerely,

Jay E. Hreiz, VMD
MARCS Secretary



Treasurer— Charlene Everette (VA)

We have sent in our bid presentation to the ARBA board hoping it will be enough to be voted on to be given the 2013 ARBA bid. We need for everyone to contact their Director and ask them to vote for District 9 to be given the ARBA bid for 2013.

Your support at the MARCS shows already tells us you want us to be given this bid. Now we need your District Director to support you by voting for us to be granted this bid.

I have seen the Presentation and it will blow you socks off. We have the Hotels, Airports, places to go and site seeing for everyone, Transportation and a lot more to offer than a lot of other Convention Bids.

We have not only provided for our Adults, but our Youth have been well provided for and not forgotten as their needs are just as important.

Our Bank account is growing Thanks to our support from all. This will not be a lengthy report I'm working Storms tonight since I work for the Electric Power Company, and work on an overnight outage group. Yes I worked Irene 12 – 16 hour days for nine days straight and was work out and need rest, but it show season here in Virginia and off to another show this weekend.

By the time this Newsletter comes out we will have attended the Delmarva RBA and a MARCS show 9/24 and then we are off the Lebanon PA for the MARCS show on 10/9. Hope to see you there.

Please consider donating part or all of your money paybacks back to MARCS to keep the funds in our Bank Account.

Charlene S. Everette
MARCS Treasurer



NJ, Foreign, States outside D9 Director– Ruth-Ann Bell (NJ)

Hello Everyone!



I hope that everyone has had a pleasant summer. It has been quite a busy one for our household between MARCS and 4-H events. In the middle of all of our business we thought the heat would never end. Now our area is still trying to recover from the effects of Hurricane Irene. Thankfully, we, ourselves, did not suffer any serious damage but as I write this there are still many without power and trees and debris still litter the area. Despite all that the weather has decided to throw at us this summer, it has been a productive couple of months for MARCS.

In a recap, the Broome County Rabbit Breeders hosted a Rabbit Festival back in June. Many thanks to the Broome County club for their hard work in making this effort happen. Also many thanks to those volunteers from PA who stepped forward out of their comfort zones to run the MARCS shows on Sunday. It is hard for the average exhibitor to understand the magnitude of work and effort that goes into putting on a show. I just wanted to express my appreciation for those who run these shows. A special “Thank You!!” goes out to those who step forward and volunteer to help with MARCS benefit shows.

The main event for the summer I am sure has already been noted elsewhere in this newsletter in Lori Jo’s report, the bid packet. It has been an amazing and yet daunting summer helping to put together the bid to host the 90th ARBA Convention. Brian and I have had a desire to be a part of hosting the ARBA Convention for a little over a decade now and it is a humbling and exciting experience to really see that goal start to take shape. Thank you to everyone who has helped to take MARCS to the goal to this point. The best is yet to come!

Respectfully,
Ruth-Ann Bell

Wash D.C, VA, WV Director – Stephen Trent (PA)

No Report Submitted

NC, SC Director– Brenda Smith (NC)

Hi Everyone: I do not have a lot to report for this Newsletter. We have spent the summer spending time with the family and raising Jr for ARBA convention.

I do know that the Charleston Show had a good turn out for their show in August with proceeds from the third show going to MARCS.

We can all be very proud of the awesome work Lori Jo and her committee has done on the bid catalog.

That's all for now from the south end of the district,
Brenda Smith

MD, DE Director– Stacy Hindt (MD)

Welcome from the great state of Maryland. Where the heat has had it's fist wrapped firmly on us, and fans and cooling devices have been going on overdrive to keep them rabbits cool. As you all have heard by now, we are submitting our bid at the Indy Convention to host our own Convention in our huge diverse region. What does this mean? Well... introducing other breeders to our diverse region with alternative lifestyles... ok... yes I mean the Amish, and Hershey Park. On a serious note, it's been over thirty years and now we're back. And ready to show what a great convention we can put on. It also means that many hands will make light work, and if you'd like to help out, ask!

Of greater note is the Indy convention coming up. The ARBA Youth scholarship and Research and Development booth is still looking for items and/or rabbits for their raffle table. I will be there everyday and will be more than glad to help take info for those who want to help at our convention.

When I look at show reports, D9 is a beehive of hopping activity and results are showing what quality rabbits we have in our region. Not only in open, but youth. We're on a great roll to keep this momentum rolling and make a huge impact at our convention. Way to go.

As we all get ready to make the trek to Indy... lets keep in mind that we're all in this together and brought together by a common interest, our rabbits. Take the time to smile at a new shower, and if you're not too busy, answer questions, lets keep them coming back, and to our convention!

May the fall show season shine favorably upon your rabbitry and the rabbit fertility goddess bless you with many large litters! See you in Indy!

Stacy Hindt
Cody Hollow Farm
ARBA Member & Youth Scholarship

PA Director– Peg Hailey (PA)

It seems like everyone here in Pennsylvania is anxiously waiting "the bid" outcome. a new group of people are investigating the possibility of re-activating the Delaware Valley RBA in anticipation of the convention coming to Harrisburg in 2013. One person said they felt they could help more working through a local club. Well, MARCS is welcoming to all who are able and willing to help when the time comes! We are looking forward to the MARCS show in conjunction with Lebanon Valley on October 8-9. This is always a first class show and with the MARCS specialty back to back it will be even better. Be there!

I'm sure the rest of the board joins me in extending sympathy to cavy breeder Elaine Martin on the terrible accident that took the life of her son.

Peg Hailey



Bid Committee Report

The Bid Committee is proud to announce that the completed Bid Book has been mailed to all members of the ARBA Board of Directors for their review. Rounds of applause go to Ruth-Ann Bell, Brian Bell, Jay Hreiz, Gerry Vaerewyck and Bill Whaley for their tireless efforts in getting this project completed. The 90-page book is quite professional due to the work of the staff at the Harrisburg-Hershey Regional Visitors Bureau. Sharon Atland and her staff made the project seem easy. So what do we do now? Wait. The Board will meet on October 28th to decide on the location and host of the 2013 National ARBA Convention. Let's all cross our fingers that it will be in Harrisburg, PA where History Awaits in the Keystone State!

Lori Jo Whitehaus, MARCS VP
Bid Committee Chair

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the latest info!
www.marcsshows.com



MARCS Board Meeting Minutes: 7/7/11, Teleconference, 5:00 PM EST

Roll call:

-Present: President Brian Bell, Vice President LJ Whitehaus, Secretary Jay Hreiz, Treasurer Charlene Everette, and Directors Ruth Ann Bell, Peg Hailey, and Stephen Trent

-Absent: Directors Brenda Smith, Stacy Hindt

-Stacey Sauter has resigned as a Director, Stephen Trent was appointed by President Bell and approved by the board members present

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report:

>Currently 34 clubs are chartered with MARCS

Treasurer's report:

>Account One: \$4,245.37 (\$4,000 was transferred to the second account)

>\$1,295.94 accounts for outstanding checks, duplicate deposit books, etc.

>Account One Total: \$3,149.53

>Account Two: \$5,408.00 (\$4,000 was transferred into here)

>TOTAL FUNDS: \$8,350.03

-Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Peg, seconded by Ruth Ann

Committee reports:

Bid Committee

>Logo: History Awaits in the Keystone State

~Logos submitted all have a keystone, rabbit, and cavy

~Overall goal: simple and getting the message across, not too "cartoony"

~LJ will take the three concepts and see if the graphic artist can render a logo

~It was assumed that there will be a fee associated with this

>Hotels: 4 hotels over Memorial Day weekend were toured by LJ and Ruth Ann

~We will be using the company Connections to secure hotels via the convention website

~Connections will work with the HHRVB (Hershey-Harrisburg Regional Visitors Bureau) who handles the Farm Show Complex

~Considerations included pet friendly status, shuttle availability, board rooms, lounge/bar, parking, and breakfast

~Downtown hotels were eliminated due to distance from Farm Show complex and price

~Best Western Premier was recommended as the host hotel. Union Deposit Rd. exit off of I-83. Recently redone, fridge and microwave in each room, breakfast included, \$120 per night, ball room is large, NOT pet friendly but will be accommodating for our event

~It was proposed to offer at least 5-6 "recommended" hotels in the catalog

>Presentation: It was asked what time, date, etc. Sharon should be ready to present the bid with the bid committee

>Budget: 12 scenarios, permutations of entry fee of \$12-14 with entries ranging from 16-20,000

~Proposed budget will be based on a conservative entry of 18,000 animals with a \$12-13 entry fee

~This proposed budget will be shared with some additional individuals outside of the board who requested it and are part of MARCS via affiliation

>Shuttle: Requested LJ to secure quotes for price

~LJ will also look into securing a shuttle from the host hotel to the Farm Show Complex along with stops along the way at smaller hotels

~The Best Western and other large hotels in the area offer a free shuttle service to and from the airport

~Guidelines state that we should provide a shuttle service and at the very least have a way to transport animals

Old Business:

Club bonding

>Tabled

Insurance

>Tabled

Ways & Means Committee

>Position still needs to be filled, volunteers welcome!

Indy Booth

>Booth chairman is still needed for this

>Will contact affiliated clubs to see if anybody is interested

Next Meeting Dates:

-Possible July 21st

-August 4th

-September 1st

-Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. EST

>Motion made by Charlene, seconded by LJ

MARCS Board Meeting Minutes: 8/4/11, Teleconference, 5:00 PM EST

Roll call:

-Present: President Brian Bell, Vice President LJ Whitehaus, Secretary Jay Hreiz, Treasurer Charlene Everette, and Directors Ruth Ann Bell, Peg Hailey, and Brenda Smith

-Absent: Directors Stephen Trent, Stacy Hindt

Officer Reports:

Secretary's report:

>Currently 34 clubs are chartered with MARCS

>Ruth Ann motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Charlene

Treasurer's report:

>Account One: \$5,155.43

>outstanding Jersey Wooly club sanction is present

>Account Two: \$5,408.00

>TOTAL FUNDS: \$10,573.43

-Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Peg, seconded by Brenda

Committee reports:

Website

>The proposed 2013 ARBA Convention website will begin to be developed

~Target date of October 1st for completion, launched October 28th if we win the bid

~The bid committee will work with Joyce Holton to transfer the materials into the new web site

Bid Committee

>Everything is assembled in one spiral bound book

~Will be sent to the printer this week, one week turnaround, and in the hands of the ARBA board by August 28th

~Copies will also be mailed to the new ARBA board officers

>89 pages long in total. Includes all components found in a normal bid

>The official bid will be held internally for the time being. Discussion was initiated to share it at the convention if we get the bid

>Sharon Atland will fly out to Indianapolis, her and LJ will make the presentation to the ARBA board, and Brian and Ruth Ann will be present for questions and answers

>Indy Booth: Deb Schmittel and LJ will chair this

~If we are the only individuals bidding for convention, a small quantity of ARBA Convention apparel will be made to sell if our bid is accepted

~The booth will be converted mid convention into the 2013 ARBA Convention booth if we win the bid

>Motion made by Charlene to authorize LJ to spend booth money in the amount of \$500. If additional funds are needed, board approval will be acquired

~Seconded by Peg, all in favor

>Discussion was made regarding auctioning off the banners of our logo at convention, booth donations should NOT include live animals, and a double booth was confirmed by Charlene

Old Business:

Insurance

>As stated earlier, a survey was sent out to all MARCS affiliated clubs regarding the possibility of insurance and piggybacking on our policy similar to PaSRBA or NCRBA

>Goal of the insurance is to NOT step on the toes of either of the state clubs

>The consensus of the board several months ago was to not pursue this endeavor due to commitment and workload associated with the bid

>6-8 clubs were interested from the survey of 20+ clubs at the time

>The board reached consensus that this is not something to pursue at the moment

~The issue will be revisited after the ARBA Convention in Harrisburg when the goals of MARCS are redefined post convention

>Charlene motioned to postpone discussion on insurance until a later date and a possibility of offering to affiliated clubs in the future.

~Seconded by Peg, all in favor

Club Bonding

>Charlene investigated into State Farm, the agency that bonds the Holland Lop Club

>Current offer is to bond the President, Treasurer, Secretary, Merchandise committee chairs, and show committee officials for \$225-250 per year

~Covers up to \$25,000.00-\$35,000.00 per person

~Bonding is a way of protecting the organization against theft

>It was discussed that officers and directors may need to investigate liability insurance in the future if we secure the bid.

>Discussion was made about adding riders for certain positions in the future

>Ultimate goal of protecting officers and directors from lawsuits and financial responsibility (1-2 million dollars of coverage)

Incorporation

>Discussions were made with Bob Kolb regarding incorporation

>Recommended to contact a PA based accountant

~We will work with Joyce Holton, PaSRBA Treasurer, to secure one

>Motion made by Peg to authorize Brian the authority to secure the advice of an accountant pro bono or at cost on incorporation.

~Seconded by Brenda, all in favor

Ways & Means Committee

>Joyce McKerns has been suggested as a possible chair of this committee. Details to follow

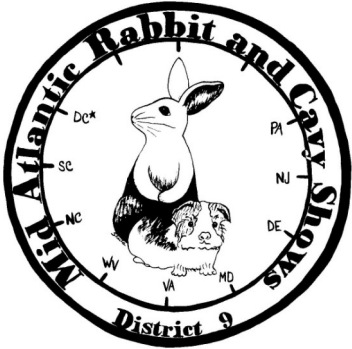
>Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:00 p.m. EST by Charlene, seconded by Peg

Next Meeting Dates:

-September 8th

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Application for Associate Membership

<p style="text-align: center;">INTENT TO BID ANNOUNCED!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bid Date: 88th ARBA Convention, 2011, Indianapolis, IN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSED CONVENTION: 90th ARBA Convention, 2013, Harrisburg, PA</p>	
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Membership is by association only. Once a club is affiliated with MARCS, all members of the club will be considered associate members of MARCS.

Club Name: _____

Officers: President: _____

Vice-president: _____

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: _____

Directors: _____

Secretary's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Associate Membership Fee:

-1 Year: \$25 -2 Years: \$40 -3 Years: \$55

make checks payable to **MARCS**

Please answer the following questions	Yes	No
Are you willing to hold benefit shows for MARCS?		
Are you willing to hold raffles or auctions at your show to benefit MARCS?		
Are you willing to hold specialty shows for MARCS?		

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September 24, 2011

**Delmarva Rabbit & Cavy Breeders
Easton, MD**

**Rex - Open
American Fuzzy Lop - Open
Himalayan - Open
Jersey Wooly - Open
Mini Lop - Open & Youth
Satin/Mini Satin - Open
Possibly more**

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October 8, 2011

**Double Youth Show in conjunction with
Lebanon Valley RBA Lebanon, PA**

October 9, 2011

Lebanon Valley RBA Lebanon, PA

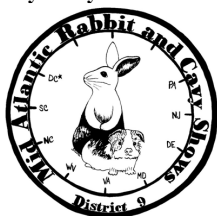
Open & Youth

Specialty Shows

**Flemish Giant
Holland Lop
Mini Lop
Mini Rex
Netherland Dwarf
Rex
Satin/Mini Satin
Possibly more**

Merchandise!

Contact Deb Schmittel at merchandise@marcshows.com to schedule an order and delivery of your merchandise!!



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Baltimore & Howard Co. R&CBA	Blue Ridge Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc.
Tidewater RBA	Blue Ridge Rabbit & Cavy Club
Hare Raisers 4H Youth Club	Richmond Rabbit Breeders Association
Lehigh Valley R&CBA	Carroll County Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association, Inc
Mid-Jersey Rabbit & Cavy Breeders	Charleston Fancy Rabbit Breeders Association
Color Me Dwarf Club	Coastal Plain Rabbit Breeders Association
South Jersey Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc.	Delmarva Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association
Eastern Carolina Rabbit Breeders Assoc.	Lebanon County 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Club
Mid Atlantic Cavy Breeders Assoc.	Lebanon Valley Rabbit Breeders Ass'n
Broome County Rabbit Breeders Assoc.	Majestic Mini Rex Specialty Club
York Co. Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Assoc.	Mid Atlantic Dwarf Hotot Club
Southern Pride Rabbit & Cavy Club	Mid Atlantic Lop Club
Butler Bunni Bunch	Mid Atlantic Tan Club
Eastern States Polish Rabbit Club	Mid Atlantic Satin RBA
Chesapeake Regional Dutch Breeders Association	National Capital Rabbit Breeders Association
Southern Flemish Giant RSC	North Carolina Cavy Breeders Association
Southeast Fuzzy Lop Club	North Carolina Rabbit Breeders Association
	Pennsylvania State Rabbit Breeders Assoc.

Want to donate to MARCS?

All donations can be made

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D9, It's About Time!

