

INDIANA STATE 4-H RABBIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 7, 2003

The Indiana State 4-H Rabbit Advisory Committee met Saturday, June 7, 2003 at the Old County Buffet in Lafayette, IN. President Mike Young called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. Committee members introduced themselves. President Young thanked Vice-President Tony Poe for making the necessary arrangements.

A motion was made by Jerry Garber to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Paula Foster. Motion passed.

Bill Hunter, Secretary/Treasurer, gave the financial report. We have \$2,387.62 in the checking and savings account. The net income from the auction held on April 12, 2003 at the White County fairgrounds was \$171.94. A motion was made by Jerry Garber to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Tony Poe. Motion passed.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

State Fair Director Don Whicker proceeded with his report. Don asked if anyone had a feel as to whether or not the amount of different breeds will increase with the lifting of the restrictions on number of breeds an exhibitor may bring. No consensus was made. July 1 will begin barn set up with only minor changes, including an area for pigeons. Barn crew will remain same as last year. Pins have been ordered and judges are set. Parking spaces reserved for pickup/release will be opened up for regular parking during the week. Fifty new cages have been ordered. Poultry will release 1 hour before rabbits on Saturday.

Don made a quick presentation for Mike Hornbach. Everything is ordered and if any concerns, please let Mike know.

We proceeded to review various State Fair related items. Schedules will remain the same. Entry fees have been increased to \$15 per species. We discussed ticket distribution changes at the fair.

There are pending sponsorship changes being discussed by the fair board. This is in regards to a minimum level of funding to have name listed in the Catalog. Discussion followed regarding the potential changes and consequences. Photo area will remain in the same place as last year.

Vice President Poe passed around a listing of collections made for awards and expenses. We should have \$295.20 to carryforward to 2004. He added Manna Pro as a Royalty Rosette sponsor and we will have printing on this year's buckles. Total awards for 2003 are 139. We will post sponsor boards as in the past.

Jerry Garber reported that judges and awards are lined up for Illustrated Talks and Action Demos. Rabbits will precede Poultry at the Ag/Hort building for Illustrated Talks. If there are greater than 10 Poultry talks, additional judges will be necessary.

Paula Foster gave a report on Rabbit Royalty. She gave a brief report on the seminar held at Boone County. Changes will be made in various areas in the coming years.

Discussions turned to the pros and cons of listing judges in the Catalog. We also discussed the Buyers Club that is used for the Spotlight Sale. Don has forms for those interested in being a part of the Club. Jerry Garber requested additional signs for the building giving restroom directions and prevention of pets being brought into the building.

Colleen Brady reported on the Animal Science Workshop. Four people will be brought in as scholarship winners. They are from Ohio, Maryland and Kansas. Sandy Norris is taking care of the parade of breeds. We really need to promote this in all counties of Indiana.

A report from the Farm Animal Care committee was heard. They are reviewing different diseases and their prevention. The committee is searching for group direction and there is concern whether the committee will continue or not.

A brief report followed about the Indiana State Rabbit Breeders. The next meeting will be June 8 in Frankfort. They are in the process of preparing for the State Convention in September. A bid to host the 2005 ARBA National Convention in Indianapolis is being prepared. Marcia Rabb will replace Marilyn Poe as Secretary.

We will continue to have the auction next spring. Jerry Garber made the motion to continue and Paula Foster seconded. We will check with Jane DeCamp to see if they will host again.

President Young appointed the 2003 Nominating Committee. The committee consists of Jeff Young, Paula Foster and Jerry Garber.

Following nominations, it was decided to seek an update to Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits to coincide with the 2005 release of the Standard of Perfection. The Standard takes precedent over RRR.

The next meeting will be October 5, 2003 at 1:00 P.M. at the Indiana State Fair Administration Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M. after a motion was made by Jerry Garber and seconded by Paula Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hunter
IN 4-H RAC Secretary