

# **LRBA NEWSLETTER**



# **AUGUST 2010**

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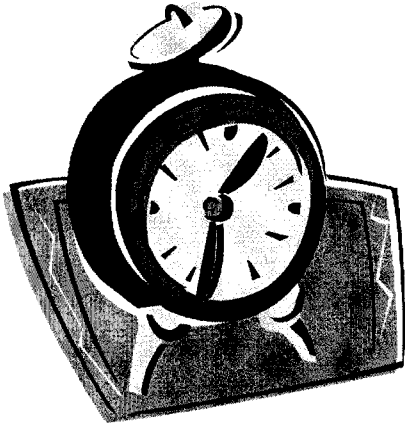
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**Mary Byrd** – Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn.

**Lance Gendron** – Louisiana Mini Rex Rabbit Club

**Tracey Freeman** – Magnolia State Rabbit Breeders Assn.  
**Sheila Spillers** – South Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn.  
**Roger Carr** – South Mississippi Rabbit Breeders Assn.  
**Gwen Himel** – Tri Parish Dutch Rabbit Club  
**Lynn Hebert** - member  
**Lori Neagle** - member  
**Kevin LeBlanc** – member



## Calendar of Events

October 2, 2010 – SLRBA Double Open/Double Youth – Lafayette, LA – Sheila Spillers, Secretary  
[bsfarms@bayou.com](mailto:bsfarms@bayou.com)

October 16, 2010 - CLRBA Double Open/Double Youth – Alexandria, LA – Mona Berryhill, Secretary  
[mamaminirex@centurytel.net](mailto:mamaminirex@centurytel.net)

October 30, 2010 – State Fair Show – Single Open/Single Youth – Shreveport, LA – Sheila Spillers, Secretary, [bsfarms@bayou.com](mailto:bsfarms@bayou.com)

November 13, 2010 – LRBA Youth Scholarship Show – Addis, LA

November 20, 2010 - AARC Double Open/Double Youth - Breaux Bridge, LA  
Shirley Rome, Secretary [calmart01@aol.com](mailto:calmart01@aol.com)

December 4, 2010 - South Mississippi RBA- Double Open/Double Youth - Poplarville, Mississippi  
Tracey Freeman – Secretary  
[tntcountrycriters@hotmail.com](mailto:tntcountrycriters@hotmail.com)

January 8, 2011 - Bonne Terre RA - Double Open/Double Youth - Raceland, LA - Lance Gendron, Secretary  
[lgen0290@yahoo.com](mailto:lgen0290@yahoo.com)

February 12, 2011 - Magnolia State RBA - Double Open/Double Youth - Collins, Mississippi - Marge Drake, Secretary  
[showingrabbits@yahoo.com](mailto:showingrabbits@yahoo.com)

March 12, 2011 – LRBA Annual State Show – Raceland, LA – Gwen Himel, Secretary  
[gwenhimel@yahoo.com](mailto:gwenhimel@yahoo.com)

April 9, 2011 - Southern Show  
Ariana St. Pierre, Secretary  
[aarabbitry@gmail.com](mailto:aarabbitry@gmail.com)  
Baker, LA

LRBA Memorial Day Weekend Show  
March 27, 2011 - Single Open/Single Youth  
March 28, 2011 - Double Open/Double Youth  
Church Point, LA - Lori Neagle, Secretary  
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\*\*Specialties to be added later\*\*



### **From the Desk of the President**

I want to thank everyone for trusting in me enough to keep me on as president of the LRBA, Inc. for the coming year. I promise to do my best to live up to that trust. If there is anything that any of you think of that I can do to make the LRBA a better organization, please let me know. I will always be willing to hear what you have to say and if it seems to be in the best interest of the club, I will do my best to make it happen.

The 2010 Annual Meeting was held on June 26<sup>th</sup> in Raceland at the Lafourche Parish Ag Center. This year for the second year there was a rabbit show held in conjunction with the LRBA annual meeting. Just like last year, there was a larger than usual turnout at the meeting especially in the youth attendance. I believe the show that followed has to be the reason for the larger turnout. I want to thank Bonne Terre Rabbit Club for hosting the LRBA annual meeting and putting on such a nice show. I want to have the same type of event next year, but as I mentioned when we first started having the meeting with a rabbit show, I would like to move this event around. It is only fair that we move the event around the state so that the same members are not traveling far every year. I would like to see this event held up near Alexandria or even farther north next June. The only question is, "which club wants to host the event". Any club interested in hosting the event please, please let me know. If any member knows of a suitable facility for the meeting with a rabbit show and would like LRBA to host the whole event there, please let us know. There are only three requirements for the facility. It must be of suitable size, climate controlled and of little or no cost to the LRBA. LRBA can put on this event, if there is not a club interested in doing so. Please help me to make this happen.

I hope everyone had a good spring breeding season and now have cages full of future winners as the fall show season approaches. Collette has been busy working to bring the web site up to date and has a nice list of upcoming LRBA sanctioned shows posted on the Calendar of Events. I hope to see you there.

I would like to say in closing that it has been a pleasure to serve as your president for the past three years and I look forward to serving as your president for the coming year. Have a nice fall show season and may God bless.

**Lynn Hebert**  
LRBA President

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### **From the Desk of the Vice-President:**

I would first like to thank the LRBA membership for giving me the opportunity to serve as Vice President this year. I look forward to working with my fellow officers and the local clubs to make our club better for all of us.

I will be contacting the award nominees shortly. We will need a biography from the nominees for the next newsletter (November). See the issue from last November for an example. Ballots will go out in November, with awards being issued at the state show in Raceland in March. Good Luck to all.

If anyone ever has a question, please feel free to call or e-mail. Hurry up October. See ya'll at the South Louisiana show on October 2, 2010 in Lafayette.

**Kevin LeBlanc**  
LRBA Vice President

## FROM THE SECRETARY:

I would like to thank the LRBA members and officers for the opportunity to serve as your state secretary. It has taken me some time to get things together and I appreciate everyone's patience. I have been updating our member roster and those of you who have sent renewals to me can expect your new membership cards in the mail shortly. Find below a list of upcoming renewals.

### Members up for Renewal:

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Roy & Dawn Brammer        | Jun-10  |
| Linda Brown               | Jun-10  |
| Dena Gendron              | Jun-10  |
| Tom Green                 | Jun-10  |
| Ken & Angelle Kraemer (F) | Jun-10  |
| Guy & Ethel Leger         | Jun-10  |
| Kathy Elliott (F)         | Jul-10  |
| Rachel Granberry          | Jul-10  |
| Eric Himel                | Jul-10  |
| Floyd & Charmaine Rudolph | Jul-10  |
| Brent Vidrine             | Jul-10  |
| Chris Borne               | Aug-10  |
| Judy LeBlanc (F)          | Aug-10  |
| James & Liane Baird       | Sept-10 |
| Danny & Raelena Luquette  | Sept-10 |
| Mallory Nicholson         | Sept-10 |
| Billy & Stacy Taylor (F)  | Sept-10 |

I would also like to welcome new members to the LRBA:

Toria "Shellie" Gruenwald  
Donnie Dixon (Y)  
James Gruenwald (Y)  
Beth Roark  
Jenny & Derick Harman

I am looking forward to a great 2010-2011 show season and wish everyone the best of luck.

Amy Lukaszkeski  
LRBA Secretary

## Hello Fellow Rabbit Breeders

It is time for our Annual Banquet that will be held after the State Show at the Ag Building in Raceland on March 12, 2011.

Cast your vote for the meal you would prefer:

Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Bread Pudding

### OR

Chicken/Sausage Gumbo with Potato Salad and Bread Pudding

Please include how many people will be attending and how many plates are needed. We are thinking approximately \$8.00 per plate. Once we have feedback from everyone and know how many people will be attending, we will know exactly how much each meal will cost.

It is important that we get responses from everyone interested in attending. If we do not have at least 50 responses, we will not be able to have the banquet.

Anyone interested in joining us for the banquet, please send an email message to Angelle Kraemer at [kraemerscajunbunnies@yahoo.com](mailto:kraemerscajunbunnies@yahoo.com) by December 31, 2010.

Hope to see everyone there!!! Thank you,

Angelle Kraemer

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### **News from Acadiana Area Rabbit Club**

I hope everyone is coping with this heat! We're keeping the fans going to help our bunnies survive the heat.

Our club has a show scheduled for **November 20, 2010** in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. It will be a double open/double youth show (no specialties).

Mr. Wallace will be cooking his famous crawfish etouffee again this year. I know I can't wait! Mr. Wallace is such a great cook!

We also plan on having a nice raffle table along with the show.

I know I can't wait for the show season to begin. We finally have rabbits in the barn to show! We've been building cages to keep up with the bunnies! LOL

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you in the fall!

Shirley Rome  
AARC Secretary

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### **Minutes of Annual State Meeting**

LRBA, Inc.  
Annual State Meeting  
6/26/10

The Annual State Meeting of the Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assoc., Inc. was called to order at 8:28 AM on June 26, 2010 in Raceland, LA with President Lynn Hebert presiding.

Roll call was taken by means of a sign-in sheet with 29 adult members and 24 youth members present.

Gwen Himel moved to accept the minutes as read by Kevin LeBlanc, LRBA Secretary; Seconded by Lance Gendron, motion passed. Kevin LeBlanc, LRBA Secretary presented the Report of the Secretary. Membership: 233 overall members, 145 adult and 88 youth.

There are 8 clubs affiliated with LRBA at this time, Central Louisiana, Magnolia State, South Mississippi, South Louisiana, Bonne Terre, Acadiana, Tri-Parish Dutch and Louisiana Mini Rex.

Glenn Waters moved to accept the Report of the Treasurer as presented by Lori Neagle; seconded by Lance Gendron, motion passed.

Lance Gendron moved to accept the Executive Board Report as presented by Lori Neagle; seconded by Gwen Himel, motion passed.

Reports of committees: Trailer Acquisition Committee (Lynn Hebert, Lance Gendron and Kevin LeBlanc) reported that a trailer was purchased under budget and the Audit Committee (Amy Lukaszkeski and Tyrone Freeman) reported that balances were ok. Youth Advisory Committee (No Report)

Unfinished Business: 2011 Annual State Show Superintendent will be Kevin LeBlanc and Secretary will be Gwen Himel. Gwen Himel reported that the following judges were hired; Briony Barnes, Lee Engel and Tom Green. The show will be held in Raceland. Awards are pending. Bonne Terre will handle concessions. Raffle table- no volunteers to chair. Youth activities pending. After show banquet, Angelle Kraemer volunteered to chair. Ariana St. Pierre to handle local publicity.

New Business: CBL Proposed Changes

### **Constitution Article V. Officers Section 7** **pg 3**

*Currently reads:*  
All officers of the LRBA, Inc. must also be members of the ARBA, Inc. and be an active rabbit breeder.

*Proposed change:*

All officers of the LRBA, Inc. must also be members of the ARBA, Inc.

Change approved unanimously.

**By-Laws Article IV. Election Section 3  
pg 7 (related to above proposal)**

*Currently reads:*

No member shall be placed on the ballot unless he or she is an active rabbit breeder.

*Proposed change:*

delete

Change approved unanimously.

**By-Laws Article II. Annual State Meeting  
Section 1 pg 5**

*Currently reads:*

The LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting is to be held the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) weekend in June each year. A newsletter/notice will be issued thirty (30) days before to inform each member.

*Proposed change:*

The LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting is to be held on a weekend in June each year. A newsletter/notice will be issued thirty (30) days before to inform each member.

Amended by unanimous vote to read: The LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting is to be held on a weekend in June each year. A newsletter/notice will be issued thirty (30) days before to inform each member.

Amended change was approved unanimously.

**By-Laws Article XI. Annual State Show  
Section 4 (2) pg 12 (regarding specialty  
clubs hosting a show)**

*Currently reads:*

Furnish its own tables and judge(s) (not one hired by the LRBA, Inc.).

*Proposed change:*

delete

Change approved unanimously.

**ARTICLE XIII. YOUTH DIVISION Section 3.  
Youth Division Meetings A.**

*Currently reads:*

The Annual Youth Meeting will be held on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Saturday in June in conjunction with the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting. Other meetings may be called during the year as needed.

*Proposed change:*

The Annual Youth Meeting will be held on a weekend in June in conjunction with the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting. Other meetings may be called during the year as needed.

Amended by unanimous vote to read: The Annual Youth Meeting will be held on a weekend in June each year in conjunction with the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting. Other meetings may be called during the year as needed.

Amended change was approved unanimously.

Proposed Changes to Awards

Criteria:

**LRBA Breeder of the Year Award  
Qualifications (1)**

*Currently reads:*

To qualify, the individual(s) must be a current member of LRBA, Inc., a resident of the State of Louisiana, breed and exhibit rabbits in the State of Louisiana.

*Proposed Change:*

To qualify, the individual(s) must be a current member of LRBA , Inc., breed rabbits and exhibit rabbits in the State of Louisiana.

Change approved unanimously.

**LRBA Rookie of the Year Award**  
**Qualifications (1)**

*Currently reads:*

To qualify, the individual(s) must be a current member of LRBA , Inc., a resident of the State of Louisiana, breed and exhibit rabbits in the State of Louisiana.

*Proposed Change:*

To qualify, the individual(s) must be a current member of LRBA , Inc., breed rabbits and exhibit rabbits in the State of Louisiana.

Change approved unanimously.

2012 State Show: Site proposals were for Crowley Rice Festival Building and Livingston Fair Building. The membership recommended the Livingston site to the LRBA Executive Board by majority vote. No appointments were made for Superintendent or Secretary for the show pending location. Suggestion was made to use judges from the liked judges list from the LRBA survey on the website.

2011 Southern Show: LRBA to sponsor by unanimous vote. Eric Himel volunteered to be superintendent and Ariana St. Pierre volunteered to be secretary. Amy and Kenneth Lukaszski to handle concessions. Suggestion was made to use judges from the liked judges list from the LRBA survey on the website.

2011 Memorial Day Weekend Show: Church Point Community Center at a cost of \$500 was proposed by Lori Neagle. Motion to accept location was made by Gwen Himel and seconded by Amy Lukaszski, passed unanimously. Lance Gendron volunteered to be Show Superintendent and Lori Neagle Show Secretary. Wallace Fontenot to handle concessions. Awards, trophies for breeds with 15+ rabbits exhibited and rosettes for anything under. To check into medallions for youth. Specialties suggested for the show were Mini Rex, Holland Lop, Dutch and Netherland Dwarf. It was suggested to have 6 judges and 1 backup judge.

Other Business: Lori Neagle moved to up late registration fees at LRBA sponsored events to \$4.00. Seconded by Ariana St. Pierre, motion passed.

Elections of Officers for the 2010/2011 year were held with the following results:

Lynn Hebert-President  
Kevin LeBlanc-Vice President  
Amy Lukaszski-Secretary  
Lori Neagle - Treasurer  
Dale Latham - Youth Advisory Chairperson.

Sweepstakes awards were presented by Kevin LeBlanc, Sweepstakes Chairperson.  
Motion to adjourn by Tracey Freeman , seconded by Lance Gendron, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Submitted by  
Kevin LeBlanc  
LRBA Secretary



**LRBA INC  
Statement  
FYE 6/10**

*beginning balance*  
 savings \$6,049.72  
 checking 699.69  
 petty cash 62.00  
total cash \$ 6,811.41

*receipts*  
 show receipts - MDay 7,771.50  
 show receipts - state  
 show 2,714.75  
 show receipts - Southern 2,417.00  
 memberships 2,134.00  
 sanctions 508.10  
 sale of equipment 325.00  
 affiliations 120.00  
 patches 60.00  
 ads 48.00  
 interest 0.56  
total receipts 16,098.91

*disbursements*  
 show expenses - MDay (4,690.45)  
 show expenses - state  
 show (3,278.03)  
 show expenses - Southern (1,625.68)  
 equipment (4,106.55)  
 awards (393.93)  
 insurance (379.04)  
 supplies (309.80)  
 secretary fee (264.21)  
 postage (222.11)  
 gifts/donations (43.80)  
 bank fees (38.00)  
 other fees (25.00)  
total disbursements (15,376.60)

*ending balance*  
 savings \$6,050.36  
 checking 1,408.36  
 petty cash 75.00  
total cash \$ 7,533.72

**LRBA INC  
Shows  
FYE 6/10**

|                       | <b>Annual Show</b> | <b>Southern</b> | <b>M Day</b>  |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| entries               | \$ 2,129.50        | \$ 1,616.00     | \$ 6,432.50   |
| raffle                | 555.25             |                 | 503.50        |
| concession            |                    | 801.00          | 835.50        |
| donations             | 30.00              |                 |               |
| <u>total receipts</u> | \$ 2,714.75        | \$ 2,417.00     | \$ 7,771.50   |
| judges                | (1,057.86)         | \$ (1,165.41)   | \$ (2,713.25) |
| awards                | (1,382.29)         |                 | (656.15)      |
| facility              | (400.00)           |                 |               |
| concession xps        |                    | (226.27)        | (248.80)      |
| sanctions             | (254.00)           | (234.00)        | (973.00)      |
| supplies              | (183.88)           |                 | (99.25)       |
| <u>total xps</u>      | \$ (3,278.03)      | \$ (1,625.68)   | \$ (4,690.45) |
| <u>net proceeds</u>   | \$ (563.28)        | \$ 791.32       | \$ 3,081.05   |



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## **CALLING ALL YOUTH!!**

Mark your calendars for **November 13, 2010**. I hope you are getting your bunnies ready for our LRBA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP SHOW. It will be here before we know it. We are going to have LOTS OF FUN!!!

We are having lots of contests such as Breed ID, Showmanship, Quiz Bowl, Bunny Tail and a Poster Contest. We will have door prizes and a youth raffle table. So start looking for stuff to put on the table.

The topic for this year's poster contest is "My Favorite Breed that I like to show is ..." Please use a tri-fold board for your poster presentation.

The location for this year's show is at the Addis VFW Building which is located in Addis, Louisiana, 7 to 8 miles south of I-10 off LA-1.

Seniors and intermediates are to have detailed information about the characteristics, history, and uses of their favorite breed; tell the reasons why this breed is special to you.

Pee Wee's and Juniors should include what sets your breed apart from others, basic characteristics, and why the breed is special to you.

Pictures and illustrations are allowed, but no people should be visible other than hands that are posing a rabbit. No identifying names anywhere on the poster.

THANKS SO MUCH,  
Dale Latham  
Animallane1@charter.net  
225-324-6149

## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

LRBA, Inc.  
Annual Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
6/26/10

The Annual LRBA, Inc. Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 10:47AM on June 26, 2010 with Chairperson Lori Neagle presiding.

Roll call was taken by sign in sheet with the following members present:

Lori Neagle -LRBA Treasurer/E-Board Chairperson, Lynn Hebert - LRBA President, Lance Gendron - (LMRRC), Kevin LeBlanc - LRBA Secretary, Eric Himel (TPDC), Al Boudreaux (BTRC), Wallace Fontenot (SLRBA), Lynn Langley (SLRBA), Peggy Boudreaux (BTRC), Ariana St. Pierre (LMRRC), Dale Latham (TPDC), Amy Lukaszewski (AARC) and Glenn Waters (CLRBA).

Wallace Fontenot moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed in the news letter; seconded by Lynn Langley, motion passed.

### **Unfinished Business:**

2011 Annual State Show - Plans for the show were reviewed. Request for Specialties were approved for Mini Rex and Dutch.

### **New Business:**

LRBA Award Nominations: Hall of Fame - Lee Engel, Leonard Musk and Gwen Himel. Breeder of the year - Allen Creduer, Ford Eastin, Wallace Fontenot and Lynn Hebert. Youth Breeder of the Year - Kristen Petitjean, Alyssa Lloid, Nicole Jackson and Eileene Mast. Open Rookie of the Year - Dale Latham, Linda Burkhart Brown, Kevin Breaux and Ariana St. Pierre. Youth Rookie of the

Year – Bradley Babin, Tori Carriere and Amber Latham. All nominees were approved by better than a 2/3 vote.

2012 LRBA Annual State Show - Sites presented, Livingston Fair Ground \$350 with \$100 back if LRBA cleans up (presented by Dale Latham) and Crowley site, \$400 with kitchen. Al Boudreaux moved to have the show in Livingston, seconded by Peggy Boudreaux and motion passed 9-2. Show Superintendent will be Dale Latham and the Show Secretary will be Ariana St. Pierre. The date was set for March 31, 2012, unanimous vote. Amy Lukaszewski moved to set the judges budget at \$2,000 and awards budget was set at \$1,200, seconded by Lynn Hebert, motion passed.

With no further business, Eric Himel moved for adjournment, seconded by Lance Gendron, motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Submitted by  
Kevin LeBlanc  
LRBA E-Board Secretary

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### **PURINA WEIGHT CIRCLE PROGRAM**

The LRBA Youth Scholarship Fund recently received a check in the amount of \$309.00 from Purina.

Over the last few years Purina has sponsored a program where weight circles from rabbit feed could be redeemed for cash. Numerous LRBA members cut and saved these proofs of purchase from bags of feed.

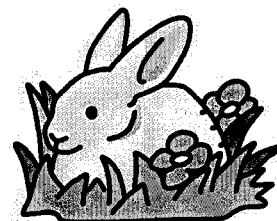
The LRBA Youth Scholarship Fund received almost \$1,200.00 total from the program –

enough to pay for one of our four year scholarships.

Unfortunately, Purina has discontinued the program. Jessica Mast, outgoing LRBA Youth Director, was successful in making the last redemption before the program deadline.

Thanks to those LRBA members who have contributed to the program, to those members who assisted in processing applications and to Purina for helping us to support our youth members.

Lori Neagle  
LRBA Treasurer



### **Easy Rabbit Farm**

**Eric & Gwen Himel**

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**Both are ARBA Registrars**

**SLRBA will be having a club meeting  
Sunday Sept 5th at the livestock barn  
behind the Blackham Coliseum at 1:00.  
Anyone wishing to attend is invited do so**

## CONGRATULATIONS !

Bryce Williams, an LRBA member, was recently awarded 1st place in the State of Louisiana for Small Animal Production and Proficiency Award in Entrepreneurship through the National FFA for his rabbit business, B&B Bunnies.

He received a plaque, a certificate and banner, and a cash award. Bryce also won 1st place at Northwestern State University for public speaking on Rabbit Production.

In the Fall, Bryce is off to college at Louisiana Tech to pursue a career in Agricultural Education.

Congratulations and Best Wishes !!

### EASTIN RABBITRY

New Zealand White

Californian

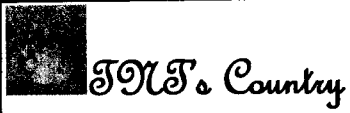
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## CLRBA SHOW

OCTOBER 17, 2010

### ARBA & LRBA SANCTIONED

Alexandria, Louisiana  
Rapides Parish Coliseum  
Coliseum Drive (Hwy 28 W.)

#### ENTRY FEES

\$3.00 per rabbit. When pre-entered  
\$4.00 day of show

**Mailed entries** should be postmarked no later than October 11, 2010 and sent to **512 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Mamou, LA 70554. Please indicate Open or Youth on entry and if Shows A & B.**

**Phone and Email entries** must be received by 10 PM Wednesday October 13, 2010.

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**Changes can be made by phone up to 8:00 PM Friday, October 15, 2010.** After this only same class substitutions will be allowed. No refunds will be given for scratched entries after Friday's deadline.

**Entry Fees and Day of Show Entries will be taken between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM.**

Show Superintendent: Glenn Waters,  
cell phone: (318) 663-9309  
And Ken Berryhill

Show Secretary: Monna Berryhill  
Phone 337-468-9290

#### Judges

*Gene Gillispie – Missouri*  
*Sue Gillispie - Missouri*  
*Carrol Hooks - Texas*  
*Tony Bell – Texas*  
*Cheryl Blackman – Texas*

## MORE FUN STUFF

### **Bunny Costume Contest:**

Time to trot out the top hat and tails. The contest, open to both youths and adults, will be held during the lunch break. The \$1.00 entry fee will be donated to the Youth Scholarship Fund. Sign up at registration.

Raffle Table:

**All Donated items will be accepted and appreciated.  
There will be a silent auction for a hand made wooden box.**

### Rapides Parish Fair

**The CLRBA Fall Show is held in conjunction with the FAIR. Come prepared to enjoy the fun, games, rides, and exhibits!**

## FOOD AND LODGING

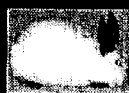
Food Vendors will be available on the Fair Grounds. Due to traffic and parking issues plan to eat there or brown bag it.

**From South:** Find best route to I-49. Take the US-71/US-167S exit, Exit 80 towards MACARTHUR DR. Merge onto US-71/N. MACARTHUR DR. Enter TRAFFIC CIRCLE and exit onto US-165N / 71N MACARHTUR. Turn LEFT onto LA 28. Go about 2 miles. Coliseum will be on the Right

**From Northwest:** Find best route to I-49. Merge onto LA-28W via EXIT 86 towards Fort Polk/Leesville. Turn Right onto LA-28W Go about 2 miles. Coliseum will be on the Right.

**From Northeast:** US-165 S. US-165 S becomes MONROE HWY Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto US-165 S/US-71 S. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto LA-28 W. Coliseum will be on the Right.

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## LRBA Youth Advisory Board Meeting

### Minutes of Annual Meeting June 26, 2010

Meeting was called to order with newly elected Youth Advisory Chairperson Dale Latham presiding. The following members were in attendance: Amy Lukaszewski (AARC), Eric Himel (Bonne Terre), Zeke Waters (Central), Ariana St. Pierre (LA Mini Rex), Shecky Carriere (South LA), Lance Gendron (Tri-Parish), Lori Neagle (Secretary), Lynn Hebert (member), Kevin LeBlanc (member). Lynn Hebert moved to accept minutes of previous annual meeting held June 27, 2009 as published in newsletter; motion passed. Secretary Lori Neagle read minutes from meeting held March 13, 2010 at the LRBA Annual State Show; Ariana St. Pierre moved to accept minutes as read; motion passed. Lance Gendron, show secretary, reported on the Youth Scholarship show held November 14, 2009. Ariana St. Pierre was appointed as the Youth Advisory Board Secretary for 2010-2011. Plans were made for the upcoming Youth Show. Show will be held on November 13, 2010. Show sites were discussed and the following will be investigated for cost and availability: (1) Port Allen - Kevin LeBlanc, (2) Irwinville - Kevin LeBlanc, (3) Livingston - Dale Latham, (4) Raceland. Supply of BOB/BOS patches will be used for awards. Leftover trophies from LRBA Annual State Show to be refurbished for 1<sup>st</sup> RUP, 2<sup>nd</sup> RUP, Best BOS & BIS. Lance Gendron in charge of rabbit show awards. Contests to be coordinated as follows: knowledge test & bunny tail game – Ariana St. Pierre, showmanship – Kevin LeBlanc, breed ID – Lance Gendron (pending judge's license), poster – Lynn Hebert, quiz game - Eric Himel. Lori Neagle to make certificates for award winners. Gwen Himel to head up concession committee with Angela Cavalier to assist.

| <b>LRBA INC YOUTH FUND</b> |                            |                             |                    |
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| <b>Statement</b>           |                            |                             |                    |
| <b>FYE 6/10</b>            |                            |                             |                    |
| <i>beginning balance</i>   |                            |                             |                    |
|                            | CD                         | \$10,237.58                 |                    |
|                            | money market               | 2,354.65                    |                    |
|                            | petty cash                 | -                           |                    |
|                            | <i>total cash</i>          | <u>                    </u> | \$12,592.23        |
| <i>receipts</i>            |                            |                             |                    |
|                            | show receipts              | 1,353.65                    |                    |
|                            | donations                  | 72.00                       |                    |
|                            | interest                   | 24.29                       |                    |
|                            | <i>total receipts</i>      | <u>                    </u> | 1,449.94           |
| <i>disbursements</i>       |                            |                             |                    |
|                            | show expenses              | (323.48)                    |                    |
|                            | scholarships               | (300.00)                    |                    |
|                            | pizza party                | (181.41)                    |                    |
|                            | fees                       | (16.00)                     |                    |
|                            | <i>total disbursements</i> | <u>                    </u> | (820.89)           |
| <i>ending balance</i>      |                            |                             |                    |
|                            | CD                         | \$10,258.07                 |                    |
|                            | money market               | 2,963.21                    |                    |
|                            | petty cash                 | -                           |                    |
|                            | <i>total cash</i>          | <u>                    </u> | <b>\$13,221.28</b> |

Ariana St. Pierre to cook chili for hot dogs; Lori Neagle to donate drinks. Hannah Rhodus & Emily LaMarca to run the raffle table. Judges for the show will be Lori Neagle & Lance Gendron (pending license). Youth members to host 50/50 raffle at LRBA shows to raise funds for extra activities. Lynn Hebert to research show site in Alexandria for the 2011 show. Kevin LeBlanc moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

L Neagle  
Outgoing Youth Advisory Board Secretary

### **NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:**

I had planned to write an article regarding cures/treatments for the "common ailments" of rabbits for this edition of the newsletter. Unfortunately, I have not received enough responses to do an article as informative as I had hoped. So with that said, I ask again for input from all of you "old timers"! What do you keep around in case of GI stasis? What would you use to clear up "nest box eye"? Do you have an herb garden especially for your rabbits? Do you have a bunny medicine chest and what would you recommend keeping in it?

We have a lot of newcomers to our hobby and I know that any information shared will be of great value! You know, the kinds of things you've learned over the years from tried and true methods and other rabbit breeders along the way.

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### **SURVEY HELP NEEDED:**

I am helping Franco Rios survey the rare breeds on behalf of the Rare Breeds Rabbit Group. The

goal is to cover all of the breeds by the 2010 ARBA convention.

Surveys for the Beveren, Silver Fox, American and Blanc de Hotot have been ended, but the surveys for the Cinnamon, Silver, Palomino, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla and Belgian Hare are in progress. Currently, Franco Rios is working on the Belgian Hares, Matthew Hinderman is working on the Giant Chinchillas and American Chinchillas and I am working on the Cinnamons, Silvers and Palominos. After these are finished, Franco Rios will have the Giant Angoras and Satin Angoras, Matthew Hinderman will have the Lilacs, Rhinelanders and Crème d'Argents and I will have the Standard Chinchillas and American Sables.

The information that we need for the surveys is how many weaned bucks and does you have, your state and whether or not you are a member of your breeds National Specialty club.

No one's name, or email address will be in the survey report and this is not connected with any government program. Information collected will not be sent to any such agencies.

You can contact Franco Rios at [francorios2000@yahoo.com](mailto:francorios2000@yahoo.com), Matthew Hinderman at [matthewhinderman@yahoo.com](mailto:matthewhinderman@yahoo.com), or me at [silverstarrabbitry@yahoo.com](mailto:silverstarrabbitry@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Thank you,  
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