



APRIL - MAY - JUNE 2016
NEWSLETTER

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LRBA YOUTH OFFICERS

Youth Chairpersons: Sherry Burns/Cheryl Moyers
Youth President: Jacob Austin
Youth Vice-President: Jade Burns
Youth Secretary/Treasurer: Jayden Austin

EBOARD MEMBERS:

South MSRBA – Tyrone Freeman & Tracey Freeman
Tiny Town RC – Kathy Elliot & Cheryl Moyers
Tri Parish Dutch Club – Yvonne Hebert & Megan Moyers
Bonne Terre RA – Julie Young & Sheila Spillers
South LRBA – Tommy Kemp & Bruce Spillers
La. Mini Rex RC – Gayle Zimmerman & Blair Guerin
Central LRBA – Collette Waters & Karen Guillory

Acadiana Area RC – Lynn Hebert & Dana Duhon
La. Jersey Wooly BC – Danny Burns & Tyrone Freeman
Southern Mini Lop Club – Robert LeBlanc

GREIVANCE COMMITTEE

Kathy Elliot
Lynn Hebert
Julie Young
Bruce Spillers
Blair Guerin
Glen Waters
Tracey Freeman

Calendar of events

Friday, May 27, 2016 7:00 pm
Mini Rex Rabbit Club Summer Specialty Show
Single Open / Single Youth Mini Rex Only
Show Secretary Ariana St,Pierre
Pre-entry fee, \$3.50/rabbit by May 25th
E-mail or call pre-entries to Ariana St.Pierre
aarabbitry@gmail.com
(985) 677-1298

Friday, 5/27/2016
LOUISIANA BAYOU NETHERLAND DWARF RA
Single Open Single Youth Netherland Dwarf Only
Show Secretary: Ronnie Duhon
RONNIE2430@YAHOO.COM

Friday, 5/27/2016
SOUTHERN MINI LOP CLUB
Single Open Single Youth Mini Lop Only
Show Secretary: SHONDA COMEAUX
SHONDA.COMEAUX@IRCO.COM

5/28/2016
TRI-PARISH DUTCH CLUB
Single Open/ Single Youth Dutch Only
Show Secretary: CHERYL MOYERS
DANDCMOYERS@HUGHES.NET

5/28/2016
SOUTHERN STATES NETHERLAND DWARF CL
Single Open/ Single Youth Netherland Dwarf Only
Show Secretary: LISA WAINWRIGHT
DWARFSPEC@GMAIL.COM

Friday 5/27/2016 (NOT LRBA sanctioned)
WOOLY LOVERS OF TEXAS
Single Open/ Single Youth Jersey Wooly Only
Show Secretary KATHY MOERBE
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5/27/2016 (NOT LRBA sanctioned)
RENEGADE SOUTHERN RABBIT CLUB
Open Californian Specialty
Show Secretary :STACY J HYATT
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5/28/2016 (NOT LRBA sanctioned)
RENEGADE SOUTHERN RABBIT CLUB
Triple Open & Youth All Breed
Show Secretary: STACY J HYATT
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5/28/2016 (NOT LRBA sanctioned)
SOUTHERN POLISH RABBIT CLUB
Single Open & Youth Polish Only
Show Secretary : MARY BETH BEARDEN
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Howdy folks,

I hope everyone is having a great and successful spring breeding season. I hope everyone's nest boxes are full of winners. Here at the Cajun Dwarf Ranch we are having a baby boom. We have 50 does with a total of 159 babies. Anyone need dwarfs?!!! 😊 LOL

I want to thank all the past officers for everything you did for LRBA. I also want to thank everyone that took on the new officer positions. As all the new officers are settling down in their new role, there has been a lot of good ideas talked about to try and improve LRBA.

I want to throw some ideas out there and see what everyone's feedback is.

1. Having membership running from Jan 1 to Dec 31. The reason why I would like to change this is because of sweepstakes. Sweepstakes is currently running from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Plus all affiliated charter run Jan 1 to Dec 31. It would make sweepstakes a lot easier to see who is a member and who isn't a member. Blair and I think it would be a lot easier this way. I would like to have your input on it.

2. As I read in the constitution Article II Section 2, it states that our goal is to encourage and promote the development of local clubs. It does not state affiliated club or non-affiliated club. There's a lot of all-breed clubs in Louisiana. Some that are affiliated and some that aren't. I was thinking we could charge a Sanction fee just like the national clubs or ARBA so that our LRBA members still can get points at non-affiliated clubs' shows. As I look at it, it's a win for LRBA member. They get extra cash for the club and their points count.

These are just some of the ideas that I have been thinking about. I would like to have your thoughts about them. You can email me at ronnie2430@yahoo.com. Remember this is your club too so let me hear your thoughts on making LRBA a better place.

Our goal for this year is to bring all local club and exhibitor back together as one and to have FUN showing our rabbits together. Let all the past be gone and let's start a new beginning. We all can work together to make LRBA the best club out there.

Ronnie Duhon
LRBA President

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Hello fellow rabbit enthusiasts!!!

I hope that the spring weather has brought nest boxes full of future grand champions.

I am excited to be back in office for LRBA and hope to help bring more positivity and education to the club. I expect many changes to happen over the next year, but don't worry they won't come all at once and hopefully we can get lots of input before implementing anything new.

For our Facebook group, the Eboard has been discussing how to handle non-affiliated shows and

advertising and it seems that the agreement reached is this:

Only LRBA sanctioned shows and 4H shows will be allowed to post a full flyer on the group.

Non-affiliated clubs may have posts with information about the show, such as date and who to contact for more information.

We are also looking at creating an ongoing list in the files section of all upcoming shows with contact info.

We definitely want to follow our mission statement of helping to promote the hobby and raising rabbits in generally as well as educating about the hobby.

I believe our new officers will work well together and communicate with each other as well as our members to see positive progress for our state club.

See y'all at the shows!

Ariana St Pierre, Vice President

FROM THE TREASURER

Hi! My name is Dani Jo LeBlanc. I have been married to my husband, Robert LeBlanc for almost 20 years. We have 3 kids, Courtney, Candice and Colton. We started out showing rabbits almost 3 years ago. We originally got into rabbits for Courtney to show in 4H. We were invited to our first rabbit show in Breau Bridge. Since then, it has actually become a "family" hobby. Our oldest daughter, Courtney, shows mini rex, my youngest daughter, Candice, shows polish and I show mini lops. We have enjoyed this hobby and the people we have meet and became really good friends with along the way. I laugh when I think back, we built our 1st rabbit hutch with 10 holes. Robert and I said "10 rabbits will be plenty." Well needless to say, after almost 3 years into this hobby, we now have our own rabbitry (Triple C Rabbitry) with lots and lots of more rabbit cages.

I am excited about being on the board of LRBA as treasurer and working with the other board members. I know there is a lot to learn and I am willing to do what it takes! With that being said, I ask that everyone to please be patient with me as I am learning. I will do my very best to work with

everyone to make sure our club grows and becomes the best state club. I am looking forward to seeing what this year brings to the club.

I want everyone to remember, we are all in this for the love of our rabbits!!! So let's all help one another out when needed, teach one another how to get better and show one another how to grow as a "family".

Sincerely,

Dani Jo LeBlanc , LRBA Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

I can only give a true report from the time I was elected as treasurer and can be held accountable for the information from that time forward and for the transactions I know for a fact. So with that being said, I know this may not be a "normal" financial statement of all the accounts but this is the best I feel like I could offer at this time.

Youth Scholarship Account –

3-18-16	balance	
	\$13,153.68	
Interest	.55	
4-11-16	deposit (state show 50/50 raffle)	
	<u>35.00</u>	
4-13-16	ending balance	
	\$ 13,189.2	
Year to Date Interest earned		\$2.22

Youth CD Account –

4-13-16	balance	
	\$10,318.43	
Year to Date Interest earned		\$.52
CD matures on 8-12-16		

Youth Operation Account --

4-13-16	balance	\$376.28
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***This account has been doing nothing but paying a \$10.00 monthly service fee. This account will be closed and combined with the Youth Scholarship Account.

LRBA Operation Account –

3-18-16	balance \$4,387.25
4-5-16	deposit (state show – entries) \$1,031.00
4-5-16	deposit (state show – raffle table) 299.00
4-5-16	deposit (state show – concession stand) 223.51
4-5-16	deposit (extra cash Sheila took out for judges) 100.00
4-7-16	deposit (membership fees) 300.00
4-11-16	deposit (Tiny Town show fees) <u>68.70</u>
4-13-16	ending balance \$6,409.46

FROM THE SECRETARY

Thank you for trusting me with the duties of LRBA Secretary. I still consider myself a rookie with this club having only been a member for 4 years. I will do my best to keep everything running as smooth as possible and keep the club growing.

I would like to tell a little about myself to members that don't know me. My son Brandon and I have been showing rabbits for about 4 years now. We started with a \$3.00 sell barn Dutch that earned my son his first 4H BIS which got us hooked. Having tried out just about every breed after that we have finally found one breed to focus on, Mini Lops. With this breed I earned my first BIS this past August at the Cowboys vs Cajuns first annual show and Brandon earning his first sanctioned BIS at the March LRBA show. This year also brought to us both Rookies of the year. WOW, mother and son winning such an award at the same time... Moments like that and seeing so many of our friends with all their accomplishments is what has kept us in this wonderful hobby.

I so look forward to the wonderful memories and moments to come in the future. Once again thank

you!! Please feel free to contact me about anything... I will do my best to help.

Shonda Comeaux, LRBA Secretary

EXPIRING MEMBERS:

Samuel Babineaux 4/13/16

Emmi Davis (Y) 4/25/16

Robert & Jackie Dakin 5/1/16

Christopher Guidry 5/1/16

Shelia Humphries 5/16

Samuel Neal (Y) 5/1/16

Ric Rosonet, Jr. 5/23/16

Linda Burkhart 6/1/16

Ronnie & Dana Duhon 6/1/16

Karen Guillory 6/1/16

Thomas Kemp 6/16/16

David and Susan Krauskopf 6/1/16

Dakota Manning (Y) 6/21/16

Coltin McGee (Y) 6/1/16

Lee Percle 6/1/16

Ariana & Artie St. Pierre 6/1/16

Shannon Tassin 6/1/16

LRBA Sweepstakes Program

I will be gathering your sweepstakes points for you this year. As the show secretaries send the show reports in, I will transfer the points. Quarterly reports will be posted on the LRBA website with current leaders listed. Missing show reports will also be included in that report.

Each LRBA sanctioned show secretary will receive an email from me with the forms needed for reporting your sweepstakes points. Included will also be a set of instructions that makes the process easy. Forms needed and instructions are also posted on LRBA website.

I have a concern or question about my points? In this order, my advice is to keep up with them at the show. Contact the show secretary to see what he/she has reported. Then check with me to see if I transferred what they reported correctly.

See you at the show,

Blair G.

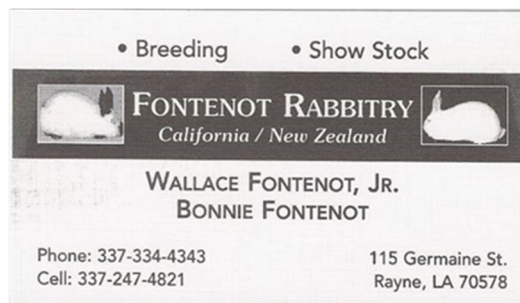
Louisiana Mini Rex Rabbit Club

Our club is thriving and doing well and so is the mini rex breed on the show tables. This past February in Shreveport at the COTS show was our largest show ever. 118 mini rex were shown in open and youth. But I have a feeling that our next show in May in Houma will break that record. A record number of our friends from Texas, Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Indiana, Missouri and Ohio have express interest in the show down south in Houma. As usual unique cypress awards will be awarded from our judge Allen Mesick.

Our door is always open for new members. We have members from more than just Louisiana and some without mini rex. Just walk up and ask how to join. Breeders in specialty breed clubs, may it be nationally, regional or state tend to improve their stock.

See you at the table,

Blair G.



FROM SOUTH MRBA:

A great time was had by all at the South Mississippi Rabbit Breeders Annual Show held at the Expo Center in Columbia, Ms. on 2-27-16;

Quinnie Conway won BIS twice in the open with 2 different Havanas. Not to be outdone Ryan Guerin won BIS twice in the youth with his Mini Rex.

The show went as follows:

Open A

BIS Quinnie Conway - Havana

1 RIS Shane Duhe - Champagne dargent

2 RIS Sandra Lowery/A Parker - Mini Rex

Open B

BIS Quinnie Conway - Havana

1 RIS Chase Dominique - Tan

2 RIS Thomas Kemp - Californian

Youth A

BIS Ryan Guerin - Mini Rex

1 RIS Dakota Manning - Mini Lop

2 RIS Emma Mallay - Netherland Dwarf

Youth B

BIS Ryan Guerin - Mini Rex

1 RIS Jude Coupel - New Zealand

2 RIS Gavin Sexton - Britannia Petite

Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 5, 2016

1. Roll Call (by Sign in Sheet) meeting was called to order at 10:48 AM. There were 15 members in attendance.
2. Reading of Minutes - the minutes were accepted as published.
3. Unfinished Business

Approval of Specialty Club Requests for 2017 Annual State Show. TPDC, LMRRC and TTRC

each had requests for the 2017 State show event. All approved of these requests.

4. New Business

A. Award Nominations

Hall of Fame

Gayle Zimmerman - LMRRC

Cheryl & David Moyers - TTRC

Tammy Lloid - SMRC

Tommy Kemp - BTRA

Tracey & Tyrone Freeman - LJWB

Ken & Monna Berryhill (Honorary) - CLRBA

Open Breeder of the Year

Blair Guerin - LMRRC

Heike Cooley - SMRC

Cheryl Moyers - TPDC

Megan Moyers - TTRC

Ronnie Duhon - AARC

Vikkie Lafollette - CLRBA

Open Rookie of the Year

Robert & Dani Jo LeBlanc - LMRRC

Richard Smith - CLRBA

Sherry Burns - LJWB

Youth Breeder of the Year

Martha Moyers - TTRC

Jacob Austin - BTRA

Russell Lisitsa - TPDC

Dakota Manning - SMRC

Ryan Guerin - LMRRC

Bradley Babin - CLRBA

Cheyenne Cooley - LJWB

Youth Rookie of the Year

Sophia Modares - TTRC

Kolton Young - BTRA

Courtney LeBlanc - LMRRC

Rikki Richey - LJWB

Isabella & Elizabeth Mathews - CLRBA

B. 2017 & 2018 Annual State Show

Site acceptance - the DeRidder site was accepted for both shows. The date will depend on site availability.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03.

Duly submitted - Sheila Spillers

Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., Annual State Meeting Minutes March 5, 2016

1. Roll Call (By sign in sheet) Meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM by Doug Girard.

There were 32 members in attendance.

2. Reading of the minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as published.

3. Election of Officers

A. President - Gwen Himel was nominated and she declined at this time. Ronnie Duhon was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were made. Ronnie Duhon will hold the office of President.

B. Vice-Vice-President - Ariana St. Pierre was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were made. Ariana St. Pierre will hold the office of Vice-Vice-PPresident

C. Secretary - Shonda Comeaux was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were made. Shonda Comeaux will hold the office of Secretary.

D. Treasurer-Dani Jo LeBlanc was nominated and accepted. No other nominations were made. Dani Jo LeBlanc will hold the office of Treasurer.

E. Youth Advisory Board Chairperson - Gwen Himel and Sherry Burns were nominated and both accepted. A vote was taken and Gwen Himel will hold the office of Youth Advisory Board Chairperson.

4. Unfinished Business

A. 2017 Annual State Show

Show Site - It was discussed that Camp Beauregard is no longer available. It was suggested to change the site to the DeRidder site which will be brought before the Executive Board for approval.

Show Superintendent - Douapproval

Show Secretary - the show secretary will change from Julie Young to Collette Waters

Judges Chairperson - Ariana St. Pierre will work on judges for the show.

Awards Chairperson -. Blair Guerin will organize getting bids for the awards.

Concession - awards. To be decided closer to the awards

Sanctions will depend on the breeds represented on the sweeps standings at the time.

Specialty Club Requests - to be approved by the Executive Board. Specialties were requested by Tri Parish Dutch and Louisiana Mini Rex RC. Tiny Town also requested the opportunity to hold a Friday night show.

B. 2016 Youth Scholarship Show

Submission of possible show sites - to be approved by the Youth Advisory Board. Blair Guerin and Shonda Comeaux will work on a list of available sites.

Appointment of Show Superintendent - Gwen Himel

Appointment of Show Secretary - Ariana St. Pierre

5. New Business

A. 2018 Annual State Show

Submission of possible show sites - to be approved by the Executive Board. The DeRidder site was submitted for consideration.

Appointment of Show Superintendent - Collette Waters

Appointment of Show Secretary - Tammy Lloid

B. 2016 Memorial Day Weekend Show - The show was discussed and the membership decided to cancel the event for this year. Ariana St. Pierre will work on cancelling the judges and will explore possibilities to use the flight for Drew Bliss which was already booked for the event. A request will be sent to ARBA to move the sanctions to next year.

2017 Memorial Day Weekend Show - May 26-27, 2017

A committee will be formed to perform a feasibility study for this event.

C. Appointed Positions

Equipment Manager - Cheryl and David Moyers

Historian - Tracey Freeman

Newsletter Chairperson

Sweepstakes Chairperson - Blair Guerin

Awards & Sweepstakes were presented and meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Duly submitted by Sheila Spillers.

**Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.,
Annual Youth Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2016**

1. Roll Call (by Sign In Sheet) There were 18 youth and youth advisors in attendance.
2. Reading of the Minutes - minutes were accepted as published.
3. Elections of Officers

President - Jacob Austin and Dakota Manning were nominated. A vote was taken and Jacob Austin will hold the office of President.

Vice-President - Jade Morrison was nominated and will hold the office of Vice-President

Secretary/Treasurer - Jayden Austin and Courtney LeBlanc were nominated. A vote was taken and Jayden Austin will hold the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

4. Unfinished Business

2016 Youth Show

Appointment of Superintendent & Secretary

The current youth ambassadors: Jayden Austin & Dakota Manning will coordinate with Gwen Himel and Ariana St. Pierre to co-super and co-secretary the show.

5. New Business

Discussion of possible fundraisers - candy bar sales and gift basket raffles were discussed.

Dakota Manning called the meeting adjourned.

Duly submitted by Jacob Austin/Sheila Spillers

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 25, 2016

Saturday, June 25, 2016, CLRBA will have a garage/bake sale to raise money in order to bring a national show to our local area. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact Collette Waters or Karen Guillory.

The event will take place at 322 Main Street in Pineville, Louisiana beginning at 7:30 a.m.

We would love to see you there!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE AS OF:				
LOUISIANA RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC				
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION				
NEW MEMBER <input style="width: 50px;" type="checkbox"/>		RENEWAL <input style="width: 50px;" type="checkbox"/>		
Name:				
Address:		City:		State:
Zip:				
Home Phone:		E-mail		
Cell Number:				
1 year membership- PLEASE CIRCLE ONE				
Youth \$10.00	Individual \$ 15	Combo \$25.00	Family \$20.00 plus \$5.00 per youth	
3 year membership-PLEASE CIRCLE ONE				
Youth \$ 25.00	Individual \$ \$40.00	Combo \$ \$70.00	Family \$50.00 plus \$12.00 per youth	
Name of youth members			Date of Birth	
Rabbitry Name (Add'l \$5.00 <u>per year</u>)				
Newsletter Mailing Preference		Email		Regular Mail
Please check one				New Members will be required to pay \$10 per year for newsletters mailed via regular mail.
Current Breeds				
Local Louisiana Club (must fill in if out-of -state member competing for state sweepstakes points)				
Referred By				

Mail To: Shonda Comeaux – 1458 Sawnee Dr., Lake Charles, La 70611 shonda.comeaux@irco.com

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