

# *Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association*



*April - June 2015*  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Newsletter**

**Deadline:**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**2015**

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Lafayette

Bonne Terre RA - Houma

Central Louisiana RBA –

Alexandria

Magnolia State RBA –

Collins, MS

North Louisiana RBA –

Farmerville

South Louisiana RBA -

Opelousas

Tiny Town RC – DeRidder

Redneck Rabbit Fancier

Unlimited - Ruston

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La. Jersey Wooly

Breeders

La. Mini Rex Rabbit Club

La. Polish Rabbit Club

Tri Parish Dutch Club

Southern States NDC

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 published deadline to:  
 LRBA Secretary – Shelia Spillers

**\*\*\*Calendar of Events\*\*\***

**For complete details on the shows  
 please contact the show secretary!**

**May 22-23, 2015 – LRBA Annual Cajun  
 Classic Memorial Weekend Show - Triple  
 Open/Youth – Holland Lop, Netherland  
 Dwarf, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin/Satin,  
 & Californian Specialties - Alexandria, LA -  
 Show Secretary: Open – Sheila Spillers  
[bsfarms@ymail.com](mailto:bsfarms@ymail.com) 318-224-5191; Youth  
 and Specialties – Lisa Wainwright  
[dwarfspec@gmail.com](mailto:dwarfspec@gmail.com) 337-499-6102  
*Contact Sheila if you would like to donate  
 sanctions please do so by April 15<sup>th</sup> 2015!***

**May 22, 2015 – Louisiana Jersey Wooly  
 Breeders Specialty Open/Youth Show  
 Alexandria, La** Secretary: Sherry Burns  
[bsherry442@yahoo.com](mailto:bsherry442@yahoo.com) 318-447-0078

October 3, 2015 – **SLRBA Double  
 open/Youth with Mini Lop & Mini Rex  
 Specialties Opelousas, LA** Show  
 Secretary: Shelia Spillers  
[bsfarms@ymail.com](mailto:bsfarms@ymail.com) 318-224-5191

October 17, 2015 – **CLRBA Double  
 Open/Youth Alexandria, La.** Show  
 Secretary: Monna Berryhill  
[mamaminirex@centurytel.net](mailto:mamaminirex@centurytel.net) 337-468-2199

November 7, 2015 – **LRBA Youth  
 Scholarship Show Alexandria, La.** Show  
 Secretary: Julie Young  
[juliey1981123@yahoo.com](mailto:juliey1981123@yahoo.com) 318-880-2503  
**All sanctions are by donation only!  
 Contact Julie if you wish to donate a  
 sanction by October 6, 2015**

November 28, 2015 **AARC Double  
 Open/Youth Breaux Bridge, La.** Show  
 Secretary: Jerry Castille  
[JERRYCASTI@COX.NET](mailto:JERRYCASTI@COX.NET) 337-739-9010

**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

With springtime on us and our State Show behind us we are moving into another Show year. The LRBA is presently preparing for our annual Memorial Weekend Show. I hope to see you all there. We have a Great lineup of Judges at a beautiful Venue. There will also be another great raffle table and wonderful concessions. So make your plans to be there. The awards will be one of a kind!

It looks like our annual youth show will be held in Alexandria once again, judges are not know yet, but the date is set for Nov. There is an ongoing online auction being held for the youth. If interested in donating please contact Sam Neal, the Youth President.

I'm writing this article with Easter Weekend coming up. I wish everyone a Happy Easter. See Ya'll at the shows.

Sincerely,  
 Carl LaBiche

### **FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT:**



First off I would like to thank all of you who had enough faith to place me as the VP of the LRBA.

As it is easily seen, the LRBA has turned to turmoil lately.

- 1: Funds being misused
- 2: Lack of ARBA support
- 3: Lack of accountability
- 4: Members getting upset based upon rumors and quitting
- 5: Local clubs not supporting LRBA

For those of you not aware, these are 5 problems that the LRBA has been faced with over the last few years. With a little change and cooperation from everyone these 5 problems can be eliminated. Our President has done a great job over the last year trying to get the LRBA back on track. I understand some have had some issues with the way things were being run, but in the end Carl, Sheila and myself have the best interest of the club at hand. Most people don't like accountability, but it is something that must be done. There is no excuse for the misuse of funds. ARBA has not supported the previous officers and their decisions over this last year and we will try to get this changed. We will strive to

address and stop all the rumors and run this club like it should be run. Open and youth exhibitors are the future of the LRBA. Without all of you this club could never succeed. My challenge to everyone is to put everything that you may or may not deem suitable aside and continue with the efforts to make the LRBA the best.

Thanks

Doug Girard

### **FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER:**



First off, thank you all for your confidence in my abilities to perform the offices of Secretary & Treasurer for LRBA. I will do my utmost to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible.

This past month has been riddled with all sorts of situations that always comes with new officers, chairpersons and volunteers for the various tasks getting "settled" into the duties of their assigned tasks. Each of these positions are necessary for the success of our club and I'm sure that with all of us working together there will be no issue too huge that we can't overcome. This term of office started out with a bang and hopefully everyone has learned that good communication is the key!

The show reports and legs have long since been mailed to all the exhibitors. If you did not receive yours, please feel free to contact me.

I'm catching up on membership applications and all of those have been processed and mailed recently.

The CBL's have been revised and approved by the Executive Board. A hard copy will be available for each household at the MDW show in Alexandria, with those not delivered mailed shortly after. They can also be found posted on our new website!

The first quarter financial report will be included elsewhere in this issue. The 2014 yearly financial breakdown will be included in the next issue.

If there is ever any question that you feel you would like to ask, please contact me! My email is [bsfarms@ymail.com](mailto:bsfarms@ymail.com) – phone # is 318-224-5191.

**Welcome to Our Newest Members:**

Frank & Theresa Farrow  
Richard Smith  
Ahsyria Williams  
David Joseph Gilworth  
Gurley Maurin  
Sue & Britton Caraway  
Emily Freese  
Kelcie & Kenzley Walker  
Brandi Shyann Goodeaux  
Breanna & Benjamin Dunaway  
Anthony Amorello

**Reminders to Expiring Members:**

**March 2015**

Cierra Bennett  
Debra & Ivan Derric  
Michael Ellerbe (family)  
Shelby Jean  
Sable Jefferson  
Bill McNeer  
Curtis & Virginia Kimbrough (family)  
Dani & George Trosper (family)  
Edie & Danny Killian (family)

**April 2015**

Brandi Chatelain (family)  
Jerry Castille (family)  
Heike Cooley (family)  
Bryan Manning (family)  
Priscilla & James Ohl (family)  
Angela Stephens  
Brandi Tims (family)

**May 2015**

Angela Cavalier (family)  
Robert & Jackie Dakin (family)  
Jessica LaBiche (family)  
Christy Moss (family)  
Ken McCracken  
Greg Straughter  
Nancy Walker  
Susan Weaver

**June 2015**

Seth Babin  
Ronnie & Dana Duhon (family)  
Cheryl Guerin  
Karen Guillory  
David & Susan Krauskopf  
Jerry Norris  
Lee & Brandi Percle (family)  
Carol Petitjean  
Beth Roark  
Godfred Schexnayder  
Ariana & Artie St.Pierre (family)  
Shannon Tassin (family)  
Blake & Hannah Cormier (family)  
Dakota Manning  
Tate Price  
Billy Smith  
Dire Thetford

***Shelia Spillers, LRBA  
Secretary/Treasurer***



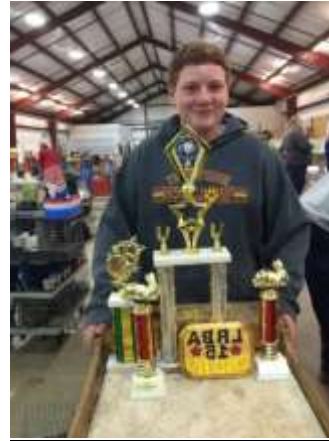
***Rest in Peace Ms Molly Franks***



**As most of you have already heard, We lost a dear friend and a great person last week. Molly Frank—LRBA Rookie of the year 2008. She will be missed dearly. Molly showed rabbits with her daughter Mary for several years. She then left us to do something most of us could not think of. She took on the task of training dogs for wounded Warriors and Sherriff's Dept. She has dedicated much of her time to helping injured vets and this threw a glow on her face as she was in her comfort zone.**

**Molly will be missed by a lot but we know she is in the heavens watching down.**

**RIP Molly Frank**



Reed Wilson had a great weekend at State Show and meeting in Deridder, taking 1st Runner up in show at Tiny Town show on Friday night with his mini lop, and Sat. taking 2nd runner up in show with another mini lop. Reed also has been recently been elected LRBA youth secretary/treasurer.



### **WEBSITE UPDATE:**



Hello LRBA members,

As many of you are aware we have once again changed to a new website. Our new website address is, [www.louisianarabbitbreeders.weebly.com](http://www.louisianarabbitbreeders.weebly.com). The website is an ongoing project. If you have any suggestions or pictures you would like included on the website please email me at [louisianarabbits@gmail.com](mailto:louisianarabbits@gmail.com). I would like this website to represent our club and its members as much as possible.

Jessica LaBiche

Web spinner

### **Sweeps Update...**



Welcome to the 2015 Sweeps Year. The year is off and running with several shows so far... The Bonne Terre Shows in Alexandria, La, the LRBA State Show and Tiny Town Show in Deridder, La. Sweeps updates should be completed soon and posted to the LRBA Members

Only page as well as the newly competed LRBA website. Thank you to the show secretaries for the awesome jobs with the Sweeps Reports sent to me. I really appreciate your help. It's definitely a team effort. If you are a new member and do not see your name on the sweeps report or have shown a breed for the first time and don't see points on that breed that should be there, please do not hesitate to contact me, either through a Facebook message or email at [dwarfspec@gmail.com](mailto:dwarfspec@gmail.com). Good luck and best wishes to all of you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Wainwright  
Sweeps Chairperson



Carl LaBiche and Wallace Fontenot winning BOB/BOS under Judge Tom Green!



Brandon Comeaux with his BOBO under Judge Don Mersiovsky!

**From the Youth Vice President:**



Hello, my name is Destiny Bearden. I am the LRBA youth vice president 2015. First of all, I would like to thank you for nominating and appointing me for this position. It is truly an honor! While I will do my best to fill the duties of the LRBA youth vice president, please know that I am here to serve our youth in any way possible.

Our new youth chair person, Terri Wilson, is asking all youth to get involved in our fundraisers and youth scholarship show. It's good to see lots of great ideas coming in! There is already an auction started to raise funds for the youth scholarship show 2015. The name of the page is LRBA Youth Fundraisers; please look it up on Facebook and donate (it's not limited to rabbits and cavies)! We will be starting a "crazy hair" contest very soon, so be watching for details. I want to thank all the adults who volunteered to be judges for this contest! We now have all the judges we need!

No matter how tired I am at the end of a show, I am always looking to see which one is next! I look forward to our upcoming spring shows and the opportunity for us all to show off our upcoming juniors. If any of the youth have questions or comments, I am here.

Thank You,  
Destiny Bearden

**From the Youth Secretary/Treasurer:**



Hello everyone,

I would like to thank all the LRBA youth for believing in me and voting for me for youth secretary/treasurer position. What an honor! We have a ton of fun headed our way with planning our annual Youth Scholarship Show in November. We have several fundraisers going on right now and we ask for all our clubs to pitch in and support the LRBA Youth to make this the best show ever. If you would like to make a donation monetary or auction item contact Terri Wilson, youth Chair @terriwilson70@yahoo.com, all donations would be appreciated.

We have an online auction going on named LRBA youth auction page, with nice animals and all kinds of nice donated auction items.

We also have plans to do a north vs south bake sale competition to see who raises the most money, as well. I am super excited about all of the things coming up for our youth program and look forward to seeing ya'll at the next show.

Reed Wilson

LRBA Youth Sec/Treasurer



**From the Youth Chairman:**



Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank the LRBA for electing me as the youth chairperson this year. I look forward to working with our youth by creating lifelong memories with them. In the past several years I have had the opportunity to work with and mentor new kids interested in showing, it has to be one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. I love to see kids excited about their animals and I feel it is important to teach them responsibility as well. I would like to encourage our LRBA youth to reach out in their community and help new kids that maybe in 4-h or have a rabbit and are interested in showing but aren't sure of how to get started in showing. That is how Reed and I got started showing was by people who were willing to explain and groom us in the right direction. I challenge my youth to do the same, let us see how many kids we can encourage to join us with our hobby we love so much.

We now have our date and location decided for our Annual youth Scholarship Show, November 14, 2016 at Camp Beuregard in Alexandria. This is an all donation show which means fund raising at its best! We have several fundraisers going on right now and the youth are reaching out to their local

business for donations for auction. We want to make this the biggest and best Scholarship show to date but to do that we need all of our members to come together and support our Youth Program. Any Donations big or small are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made by contacting me @ [terriwilson70@yahoo.com](mailto:terriwilson70@yahoo.com) or 318-386-9009/601-870-8196. Our youth are working hard to make this show one for the record books.

Thanks again for all your support.

Terri Wilson, Youth Chair

**Louisiana Mini Rex Rabbit Club News:**

Louisiana Mini Rex Rabbit Club an ARBA Regional Specialty

2014 was a good year for our LMRRC youth members. They had national ranking, national wins as well as national exposure in the Mini Rex magazine.

Our club is still growing in membership and the number of mini rex being shown at shows still holds strong. With growth come future plans for the club.

Thank you goes out to Monica and Larindy Guidry for donating a trio of mini rex to the next new youth member that joins the LMRRC. That offer saw scooped up in 30min from notice to all.

We continue to hold 3 Mini Rex Specialties a year with very unique awards. Our Summer Specialty is shaping up to be huge.

In Youth:

Bradley Babin ranked #13 in sweepstakes, #7 in Quality, #2 in District 6 out of 47 shows attended.

Ryan Guerin ranked #23 in sweepstakes, #34 in Quality, #4 in District 6 out of 21 shows attended.

Chase Domingue ranked #28 in Quality out of 21 shows attended. He also won Best of Breed at Mini Rex Nationals.

Thanks for your support,

Blair G.



Terry Herman winning BIS at the LRBA State Show!

**Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc.**  
**Annual State Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

1. **Roll Call (By Sign-in Sheet)** Per the sign in sheet there were 35 open members in attendance and 7 youth in attendance at the meeting. Meeting was called to order by Carl LaBiche at approximately 8:15 AM
2. **Reading of Minutes** – Collette Waters – Motion was made to accept minutes as written – all in favor
3. **Report of Secretary** – Collette Waters – Collette advised 11 clubs renewed their affiliation, 1 new club affiliated. We have 114 Youth members and 195 Open members.
4. **Report of Treasurer** – Monna Berryhill – Monna advised she did not prepare the Treasurer's report as she resigned her position in February due to the fact that the duties of the office were just too overwhelming. She apologized to the membership and was thanked for her service as Treasurer.
5. **Report of Executive Board** – Sheila Spillers – Eboard report was read to the membership with no questions posed – The report will be published elsewhere in this issue.
6. **Report of Committees**
  - A. **Youth Advisory Committee** – Beth Roark – None given – not in attendance
  - B. **Audit Committee** – Karen Guillory, Julie Young, Terry Herman, and Bruce Spillers – Julie Young and Terry Herman both spoke on the audit findings which were published in the January newsletter. Both highly stressed the importance of keeping up with expenditures, keeping

receipts and documentation for all transactions whether it be an expense or money coming in. Bryan Manning spoke about different ways to make this an easy task.

- C. **Budget Committee** – Carl LaBiche, Monna Berryhill, Collette Waters, Gayle Zimmerman, and Julie Young – Carl LaBiche spoke of the budget report published in the January issue and reminded everyone that the working budget would be revisited after the upcoming shows were completed.

**7. Election of Officers**

- A. **President** – Carl LaBiche was nominated for the office of President – No other nominations were made – Carl LaBiche wins by acclamation.
- B. **Vice President** – Doug Girard was nominated for the office of Vice-President – No other nominations were made – Doug Girard wins by acclamation.
- C. **Secretary/Treasurer** – Sheila Spillers was nominated for the office of Secretary/Treasurer – no other nominations were made – Sheila Spillers wins by acclamation.
- D. **Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson** – Terri Wilson was nominated for the office of Youth Chair with Shonda Comeaux nominated as Co-chair – no other nominations were made – Terri Wilson will serve as Chairman with Shonda Comeaux serving as Co-Chair

**8. Unfinished Business**

**A. 2016 Annual State Show**

- Show Site – Camp Beauregard – March 5, 2016
- Appointment of Show Superintendent – Sheila Spillers
- Appointment of Show Secretary – Julie Young
- Judges Committee – Julie Young and Mary Beth Bearden
- Awards Committee – Terry Herman, Terri Wilson, Julie Young, Mary Beth Bearden – Committee is to get bids to present to the Budget Committee and Executive Board
- Concessions –
- Sanctions – by donation – with payback on donation if there are 10 or more in the breed

**B. 2015 Youth Scholarship Show**

- Submission of possible show sites – To be approved by the Youth Advisory Board Sites proposed were Camp Beauregard - Alexandria, Ward II – Winnsboro, Burton – Lake Charles
- Appointment of Show Superintendent – Cheryl Moyers
- Appointment of Show Secretary – Julie Young – Alexandria, Mary Beth Bearden – Winnsboro, Lisa Wainwright – Lake Charles

**9. New Business**

**A. Voting on Proposed CBL Changes**

**B. 2017 Annual State Show**

- Submission for possible Show Sites – to be approved by the Executive Board – Camp Beauregard
- Appointment of Show Superintendent – Doug Girard
- Appointment of Show Secretary – Julie Young

**C. 2016 Memorial Day Weekend Show**

- Submission of show site proposals – to be approved by the Executive Board – Evac Center - Alexandria
- Appointment of Show Secretary – Sheila Spillers & Julie Young – All Breed shows, Lisa Wainwright - Specialties
- Appointment of Show Superintendent – Bruce Spillers & Doug Girard

- Judges Committee Chairperson – Julie Young, Lisa Wainwright, Doug Girard
- Awards Committee Chairperson – Julie Young
- Concessions –
- Suggestions on Judges bid requests for both LRBA events – Stacey Easton, Chris Hayhow, Chris Zemny, David Moll, Mikey Franke, Allen Messick, Justin & Danielle Lowe, Robert Caldwell, Piper Smith, Kelly Flynn, Briony Barnes, Gail Krall, Drew Bliss, Lee Engel, Danny Long, Donyelle Smith, Josh Humphries, Rusty Westhoff, Wade Burkhalter, Johnny Haussener
- The subject was brought up by Kathy Elliott that they had attended a 4-H function at the Evac Center in the past and had been allowed to use the dormitories upstairs – after contact with the Center, the dorms are only available for Extension Service activities.

**D. Appointed Positions**

- Equipment Manager – Cheryl & David Moyers
- Historian – Sam Neal
- Newsletter Committee – Julie Young, Celeste Orgeron, Sheila Spillers
- Sweepstakes Chairperson – Lisa Wainwright
- Web Spinner – Jessica LaBiche

**10. Call for Any Other Business** - None

**11. Discussion** - None

**12. Sweepstakes and Quality Points awards presentation** – Sweepstakes winners and Annual Award Winners were announced. Winners of the Annual Awards were:

Megan Moyers – Open Breeder of the Year  
 Jerry Castille – Open Rookie of the Year  
 Chase Domingue – Youth Breeder of the Year  
 Sam Neal – Youth Rookie of the Year

**Duly submitted – Sheila Spillers – Secretary**

**Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc.  
 Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
 March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- 1. Roll Call (By Sign-in Sheet)** 12 Eboard members were in attendance representing their clubs along with the 3 current Officers
- 2. Reading of Minutes** – Motion was made to accept minutes as written – all in favor
- 3. Unfinished Business** – Requests to hold specialties with the 2016 State show were presented and approved from Southern State Netherland Dwarf Club, Tri Parish Dutch Club & Louisiana Polish Rabbit Club
- 4. New Business**
  - A. LRBA Award Nominations**
    - Hall of Fame – Ken & Monna Berryhill – CLRBA; Destiny Bearden – LPRC; Carl LaBiche – BTRA; Lee Engel – NLRBA; Lynn Langley – SSNDC; Collette & Zeke Waters – SMRBA; Bruce & Sheila Spillers – SLRBA; Karen Guillory - TTRC
    - Breeder of the Year – Lynn Langley – CLRBA; Ronnie and Dana Duhon – AARC; Heike Cooley – BTRA; Tammy Lloid – SMRBA; David Moyers - TTRC

- Adult Rookie of the Year – Terry Herman – SSNDC; Jessica LaBiche – BTRA; Tommy Kemp – SLRBA; Bill McNeer – NLRBA; Shonda Comeaux - TTRC
- Youth Breeder of the Year – Martha Moyers – TTRC; Bradley Babin – CLRBA; Destiny Bearden – NLRBA; Micheala Castille – AARC; Caroline Zimmerman – SLRBA; Stone Manning – SSNDC; Cheyanne Cooley - SMRBA
- Youth Rookie of the Year – Jacob Austin – BTRA; Sam Neal – LPRC; Emily Freese – SSNDC; Aleah Lukaszewski – AARC; Sophia Modares – CLRBA; Chase Herman – SMRBA; Brandon Comeaux - TTRC

**B. 2017 Annual State Show**

- Site Acceptance – Alexandria - approved
- Set Date – March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**C. 2016 Memorial Day Weekend Show**

- Site Acceptance – Approval of site or setting of Site Budget if none submitted – Evac Center – Alexandria - Approved
- Set Date – May 27-28<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Any other New Business** – It was discussed that Alyssa Lloid has won Youth Breeder of the Year 3 times and therefore will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. All effort will be to announce her award at the MDW show in May.

**5. Adjournment**

**Duly submitted – Sheila Spillers – Secretary**

**Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc.  
Annual State Meeting Youth Minutes  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**1. Roll Call (By Sign-in Sheet)** - Meeting called to order By outgoing president Chase Domingue. Roll sheet passed around for roll call. There were 25 youth members in attendance.

**2. Election of Officers**

A. President - Elections for President-nominations were Sam Neal, Reed Wilson and Dakota Manning. Motion to accept nominations, Sam Neal motioned, Martha Moyers Seconded motion. Election by ballot for president-Sam Neal Elected.

B. Vice President - Election for Vice President-nominations were Destiny Bearden and Dakota Manning. Motion to accept nominations, Courtney Leblanc motioned, Sam Neal Seconded. Election by ballot for Vice President-Destiny Bearden Elected.

C. Secretary - Discussion of combining both secretary/treasurer position brought forth by Alyssa Lloid, youth club agreed to combining both positions to one. Election for Secretary/treasurer -Nominations were Reed Wilson and Courtney Leblanc. Motion to accept nominations, Chase Domingue and seconded by Alyssa Lloid. Election by ballot for sec/treasure-Reed Wilson Elected.

**3. New Business**

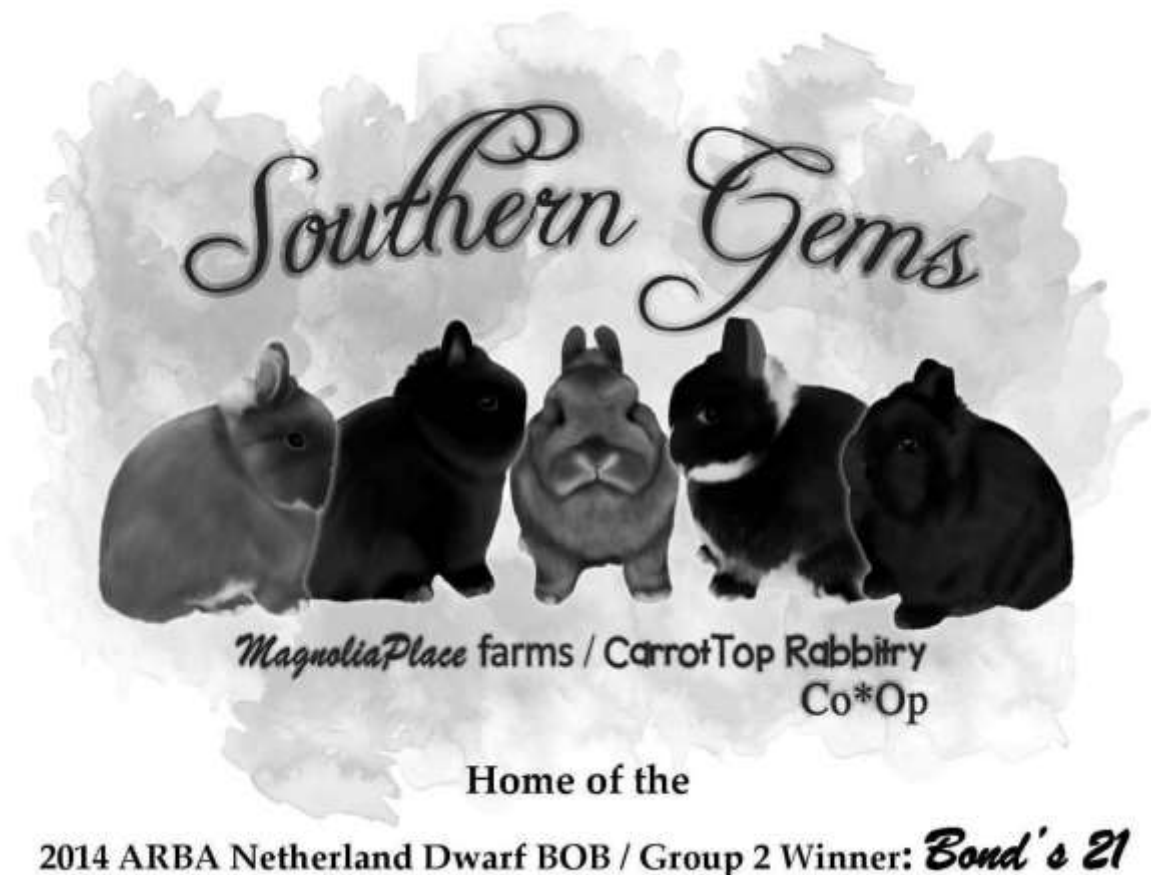
A. Discussion of possible fundraisers - Fundraising ideas were discussed, possible bake sale, T shirt design contest, online auction as well as suggestion about asking Walmart for



donations suggested by Mr. Terry Herman. Fund Raising committee- Destiny Bearden , Courtney Leblanc and Ryan Hebert

**4. Discussion** - Round table discussion regarding Youth Show, Possible site choices, Different Contest, possible 4-h show to be added, discussion of helping local 4-h kids in getting started in showing LRBA. Also discussed adding a mixed breed to the 4-h contest. Discussion about new contest for the youth show-Breeders choice contest, showing an animal that was bred and born from your rabbitry, possible brood stock contest, Ugly rabbit apparel to possible sponsor the ugliest rabbit contest, rabbit quiz, breed id, rabbit hopping, rabbit drop trail contest, rabbit jeopardy or quiz bowl.

**5. Adjournment** - Meeting Adjourned by Chase Domingue and seconded by Reed Wilson  
**Duly submitted – Reed Wilson – Youth Secretary/Treasurer**



<b>LRBA Treasurer's Report - First Quarter 2015</b>			
<b>General Fund Savings</b>		<b>Scholarship Accounts</b>	
Balance 1-1-15	\$2,594.37	Balance 1-1-15	\$10,865.79
Interest	\$0.16	Interest Jan - March	\$1.34
Fee for deposits	(\$0.40)	Transfer from Gen Fund Savings	\$2,081.25
Transfer to Scholarship Fund	(\$2,081.25)	<b>Balance 3-30-15</b>	<b>\$12,948.38</b>
<b>Balance 3-30-15</b>	<b>\$512.88</b>	<b>Balance CD - Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$10,317.35</b>
<b>General Fund Checking</b>		Note: The proceeds of the November 2014 youth scholarship show was deposited on 12/24/14 into the General Fund Savings account, therefore were transferred into the Youth account	
Balance 1-1-15	\$4,984.04	.	
<b>Incoming:</b>		<b>Youth Operational Account</b>	
Memberships January:	\$87.00	Balance 1-1-15	\$657.12
Memberships March:	\$900.00	Service fees Jan-March	(\$34.00)
Affiliations January:	\$60.00	<b>Balance 3-30-15</b>	<b>\$623.12</b>
Affiliations March:	\$50.00		
Sanctions March:	\$208.60		
State Show Proceeds	\$3,994.01		
<b>Outgoing:</b>		<b>Total Youth Accounts</b>	
Supplies January - Monna	(\$71.93)	<b>\$23,888.85</b>	
Supplies March - Collette	(\$155.41)		
Supplies March - Sheila	(\$59.80)		
Changes to Flights February - Monna	(\$990.00)		
Postage March - Collette	(\$62.93)		
State Show Expenses	(\$2,374.39)		
Secretary of State - changes	(\$30.00)		
NSF Items & Fees: Berryhill	(\$115.00)		
MDW - Awards	(\$701.42)		
MDW - ARBA Sanctions	(\$80.00)		
<b>Balance 3-30-15</b>	<b>\$5,642.77</b>		
<b>Total General Fund Accounts</b>	<b>\$6,155.65</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:</b>	
Only one item included in the expenses has no documentation for backup - \$71.93 online purchase to Office Depot - M. Berryhill		<b>\$30,044.50</b>	

***The following Proposed changes were brought before the General Membership and were passed:***

***Proposal #1: All in favor - PASSED***

As stated:

**Section 2:** Internal Audit Committee – The Vice President along with three non-elected general members appointed by the President and Executive Board shall comprise the Internal Audit Committee.

A. The Internal Audit Committee will be responsible for:

1. Reviewing financial reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and any person appointed in a capacity to spend money for club business or functions.
2. Conduct Annual audit of receipts and expenditures.
3. Present Annual audit results to the Executive Board for their approval.
4. Publish results of Annual audit in the newsletter immediately prior to the Annual meeting and present said report at the Annual General Membership meeting.

Proposed change:

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4. Publish results of Annual audit in the newsletter immediately after the Annual meeting.
5. ALL records, receipts for expenditures, bank statements, deposit records with detailed explanation of the contents, breakdowns of fundraisers, etc. for the General and Youth accounts should be turned in to the Audit Committee at the Annual Meeting. The Audit Committee will in turn have 60 days until the next scheduled newsletter to complete their findings, list problem areas if any and present to the Executive Board for approval.

**Reason for change: This will allow the Audit Committee to audit records that are not ongoing with the current offices so as not to get in the way of the day to day operation of the club.**

***Proposal #2: Majority in favor -1 opposed - PASSED***

As stated:

**ARTICLE VII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the LRBA, Inc. He/She shall fill all vacancies in office, with the approval of the Executive Board. He/She shall appoint all chairmen of committees with the approval of the Executive Board. He/She shall perform all duties as is necessary in connection with his/her office. He/She shall have other powers as provided by the Executive Board. He/She shall appoint an audit committee to check the LRBA, Inc. books and present a report to the membership. He/She shall appoint each year a sweepstakes chairperson.

Proposed change:

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**Reason for change: Reiterate some of the additional duties of the office.**

***Proposal #3: All in favor - PASSED***

As stated:

Section 2. Vice-President: The duties of the Vice-President shall be the same as those of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President. He/She shall be responsible for updating and making necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the LRBA, Inc.

Proposed change:

Section 2. Vice-President: The duties of the Vice-President shall be the same as those of the President in case of the absence or disability of the President. He/She shall be responsible for updating and making necessary changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the LRBA, Inc. He/She shall be responsible for the annual awards program. He/She shall be part of the Internal Audit Committee as outlined elsewhere in this document.

**Reason for change: Reiterate some of the additional duties of the office.**

#### ***Proposal #4: All in favor - PASSED***

As stated:

Section 4. Treasurer: Duties of the Treasurer:

A. The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining the bank account of the LRBA, Inc.

B. He/She shall issue a financial report quarterly to be published in the quarterly newsletter. This report shall be presented for approval to the members of the Executive Board in such time that approval can be reached by the newsletter deadlines.

C. He/She shall present the annual report to the General Membership at the Annual State Meeting and issue a report to any member upon request.

D. He/She shall coordinate with anyone appointed to spend club funds in any capacity including but not limited to the Secretary and show committees.

All financial records shall be kept in duplicate and made available to the General Membership upon request.

Proposed change:

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C. He/She shall present the annual report to the General Membership at the Annual State Meeting and issue a report to any member upon request.

D. He/She shall coordinate with anyone appointed to spend club funds in any capacity including but not limited to the Secretary and show committees.

All financial records shall be kept in duplicate and made available to the General Membership upon request.

Add:

E. He/She shall be a member of the Budget Planning Committee

**Reason for change: Reiterate some of the additional duties of the office.**

#### ***Proposal #5: All in favor – PASSED***

As stated:

Section 6. Executive Board: The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors, and immediate Past President shall constitute the Executive Board, who shall conduct all business of the LRBA, Inc. including the services of the officers and committees. Voting by the Eboard. The Eboard will be called upon occasionally to vote for extra expenditures or matters regarding the CBL's during the span of the year from annual meeting to annual meeting. Eboard voting will take place via forum on the official website. Voting will occur within (2) weeks, or fourteen (14) calendar days of the issue being posted/emails. Majority vote passes or defeats the issue. This is majority vote OF THE EBOARD THAT ACTUALLY VOTED, NOT the majority of the total Eboard membership.

Proposed change:

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**Reason for change: Open it up so that the voting can be moved to a more functional forum to make it more accessible and promote more involvement of all members. Also allows for separate forums for youth advisors and executive board which are currently sharing the forum with no way to restrict either side from the other.**

### **Proposal #6: All in favor - PASSED**

As stated:

#### **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP & PRIVILEGES**

Section 1. Membership fees in LRBA, Inc. to be as follows:

- Adult \$15 per year, \$40 for three years
- Youth (through the age of 18) \$8.00 per year, \$25.00 for three years
- Combination (two adults-same address) \$25.00 per year, \$70.00 per three years
- Family (one or two adults- same address) \$20.00 + \$2.00 per year per youth; \$50.00 (one or two adults-same address) + \$5.00 per youth for three years

Section 2. Failure to renew individual, youth, or any combination membership within thirty (30) days following the expiration date shall result in automatic termination of membership.

Section 3. Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) per annum to register his/her rabbitry with the LRBA, Inc.

Section 4. Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for a lifetime membership.

Section 5. Youth members are entitled to vote and hold elected office in Youth Division only.

Section 6. Any payment made by a member or prospective member for dues which results in an NSF charge will result in the member being responsible for a \$25.00 NSF charge, and all check writing privileges shall be revoked.

Any further payments for dues or fees at any LRBA function will only be accepted in the form of cash, cashier's check or money order.

Proposed change:

- Family (one or two adults- same address) \$20.00 + \$5.00 per year per youth; \$50.00 (one or two adults-same address) + \$12.00 per youth for three years

**Reason for change: Our liability insurance costs the club \$3.61 per year per member. Having the youth dues with the family put the club at a loss on each of those members after paying insurance.**

### **Proposed change: All in favor - PASSED**

Add to section 1:

All new members requesting the newsletter be sent via regular mail in lieu of email shall pay a fee of \$10.00 to defray printing and postage costs.

**Reason for change: If passed this change would take affect as renewals are processed.**

### **Proposal #7: All in favor - PASSED**

As stated:

#### **ARTICLE VI. EXPENSES**

All expenses of the LRBA, Inc. shall be paid from money coming in, and the Secretary/Treasurer shall be allowed a petty cash fund to operate the business of the LRBA, Inc. by the Executive Board.

Proposed change:

Add: LRBA shall maintain its own website with the fees for said website approved by the Executive Board. A webmaster and assistant webmaster shall be appointed by the President.



**Reason for change: LRBA needs to own and maintain its own website. Having an assistant webmaster to help when life gets busy or the webmaster is indisposed and cannot fulfill the requests for changes will keep the website up to date in a more timely manner.**

### **Executive Board Notes 2014-15**

Approval of Julie Young & Gayle Zimmerman as members of the Budget Committee  
14 votes to approve

The committee chosen to look into the viability of holding the MDW show presented to the board that their findings indicate it will be viable.

11 voted to have the MDW show

5 voted against having the MDW show

Carl LaBiche requested that Sheila Spillers be named the Secretary for the 2015 Annual State show as Stacy Hyatt has resigned the position

15 voted to approve - none opposed

Approval of Tri Parish Dutch and La. Mini Rex RC to have a specialty along with the 2015 State Show

18 voted to approve - none opposed

Approval of South La. Netherland Dwarf Club to have a specialty along with the 2015 State Show

19 voted to approve - none opposed

Approval was requested to include a Cavy sweepstakes with the annual sweeps awards

13 voted against - none in favor

Renegade Rabbit Club made an offer to the Eboard to allow LRBA to hold the Friday night show along with their MDW show in exchange for use of the LRBA tables for the weekend, LRBA labor to put said tables up and tear down, along with other considerations.

16 voted against - one voted in favor

Charges of conflict of interest in the matter of Renegade RC and Steven Hyatt acting Chair were brought before the board. A vote was taken whether to remove Mr. Hyatt as Chair or to keep him in the position.

18 voted to remove, 6 to keep, 1 abstained, 1 opted out.

Youth Advisory Board seeks approval of decisions made by the board to open an operational account & to move \$8000 from the money market checking account to the CD which will mature in August.

13 voted to approve - 0 opposed

Carl LaBiche asked the Eboard to approve Sheila Spillers as interim Chair of the Board

13 voted to approve, 4 voted no

Mary Beth asked that the board approve allowing the Renegade Club to have their show with LRBA sanctions and LRBA have their show on another weekend for 2015 only.

12 opposed - 2 approved

Eboard was asked to approve the Evac Center in Alexandria for the MDW show in 2015.

14 approved - 1 opposed

Eboard was asked for permission to pursue collections of a \$236 check written by Stacy Hyatt in reimbursement for the charges she made with the club card in taking out themselves, judges and guests for dinner the night before the 2014 meeting. Collections are requested as Ms. Hyatt made a Stop Payment on the reimbursement check.

9 voted not to pursue

Amanda Olson offered to design a new Cajun Classic logo for the LRBA MDW show in order to avoid confusion between the two shows. Neither club would have permission to use the old logo if a new one is approved.

6 voted for a new logo - none opposed

The new CBL's were presented to the Eboard for their approval.

9 voted to approve - none opposed

Members were requested to contact Carl LaBiche if they had the qualifications and would like to serve on the Audit Committee.

Terry Herman, Julie Young & Bruce Spillers contacted Carl and were presented for approval for the committee.

The above three were approved.

Gayle Zimmerman and Carol Petitjean were presented to the board for approval as the awards committee to count the ballots.

8 approved - none opposed

The Audit Committee report was presented to the Eboard for their approval so that it can be published in the upcoming newsletter

9 voted to approve the findings of the committee - none opposed

The Budget Committee report was presented to the Eboard for their approval  
5 voted to approve - none opposed

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**Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assoc., Inc. Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Membership Fees: (Circle One)</b>			
<b><u>Youth:</u> 1 year \$10.00</b>	<b>3 year \$25.00</b>	<b><u>Individual:</u> 1 year \$15.00</b>	<b>3 year \$40.00</b>
<b><u>Combo (2 adults same address):</u> 1 year \$25.00</b>		<b>3 year \$70.00</b>	
<b><u>Family:</u> 1 year \$20.00 plus \$5.00 per youth</b>		<b>3 year \$50.00 plus \$12.00 per youth</b>	
<b>Rabbitry Name: \$5.00 <u>per year</u> in addition to membership fees</b>			

Name of Youth Members:

Date of Birth:


Newletters are provided via email to most members. Beginning 3-7-15 all new members requesting their newsletter via regular mail are required to pay an additional \$10.00 per year.

I WOULD LIKE MY NEWLSETTER VIA REGULAR MAIL AND HAVE INCLUDED THE NECESSARY FEES: Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Current Breeds Raised:</b>
<b>Local Louisiana Club:</b> (must fill in if out of state member competing for state sweepstakes points.)
<b>Referred by:</b> _____

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**Please join us for our Annual Memorial Day Weekend Cajun Classic to be held May 22-23, 2015!**

**We are very excited to have David Moll, Penny Jezuit, Maddie Pratt, Kelly Flynn, Gene & Sue Gillispie and Frank Farrow judging our show this year!**

**Friday will be an Open & Youth Sanctioned All Breed Show along with Mini Rex, Mini Lop, Holland Lop, Netherland Dwarf specialties. The Louisiana Jersey Wooly Breeders will also hold a specialty!**

**Saturday will be Double Open & Youth All Breed shows along with Californian, Mini Satin and Satin specialties.**

**Cash Awards have been donated to the show and will be awarded as follows:**

**\$100.00 to each OPEN Best In Show**

**The Top Breed with the most rabbits exhibited in the 3 All Breed OPEN Shows will be awarded \$100.00 to the Best of Breed winner.**

**\$100.00 will be awarded to the Best of Breed in the OPEN Californian Specialty.**

**In order to win the cash awards, exhibitors must be present and must have entered into at least two (2) of the All Breed Shows!**

**The event will be held at the spacious**

**LSU Evac Center in Alexandria, LA**

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