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Calendar of Events

May 23 & 24, 2014 – LRBA Memorial Day Weekend Show – Evergreen Cajun Center, Houma

Show Secretary - Collette Waters – collettewaters@hotmail.com

Judges: Randy Shumaker, Allen Mesick, Michael Franke, Ken McCracken, Nate Burgidge, Cheryl Blackman, Rosa Fields, Leann McKinney, Wade Burkhalter, Todd Naragon

June 21, 2014 – LRBA Annual State Meeting & Fun Show – Single Open &

Youth Sanctioned show. – Winnfield, LA Show Secretary – Sheila Spillers bsfarms@bayou.com

Note: All Specialty club sanctions will be by donation only. Meeting to begin at 9AM – Show to follow completion of meetings.

Judges: Mikey Franke & Wade Burkhalter

August 2, 2014 – Summer Sizzler 4-H show – Ruston, LA Contact Sheila Spillers for more information.

October 4, 2014 – SLRBA Double
Open/Double Youth with Mini Rex and
Netherland Dwarf Specialties –Opelousas,
LA - Show Secretary- Sheila Spillers
bsfarms@bayou.com
Judges: Tom Green, Don Mersiovsky, Justin
& Danielle Lowe

October 11, 2014 – CLRBA Double
Open/Youth AND Cavy show – Alexandria,
La – Show Secretary – Monna Berryhill
mamaminirex@centurytel.net
Judges: Scott Rodriguez, Josh Humphries,
Rusty Westhoff, Tom Green, Piper Smith,
and Arma Cabrera

ALSO October 10, 2014, in conjunction with the CLRBA show - Louisiana Polish Rabbit Club Specialty – Show Secretary – Destiny Bearden – aakede@hughes.net Judge: Armando Cabrera

October 25, 2014 – Louisiana State Fair 4-H show. Secretary: Sheila Spillers bsfarms@bayou.com Watch the State Fair website for entry deadlines www.statefairoflouisiana.com

January 24, 2015 - South Mississippi RBA Double Open /Double Youth

February 14, 2015 - Magnolia State RBA Double Open/ Double Youth, Collins, Mississippi – Show Secretary – Marge Drake showingrabbits@yahoo.com

February 21, 2015 - "Corners of the South Rabbit Show" – Shreveport, La - North Louisiana Rabbit Fanciers Double O/Y ARBA Sanctioned Show, Open & Youth: Holland Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Mini Rex, Britannia Petite and Jersey Wooly (LJWB) Specialties – Show Secretaries - Beth Roark/ Bet Loe roarkbeth@yahoo.com

Judges: Chris Zemny, Allen Mesick, Scott Rodriguez, Wade Burkhalter, Josh Humphries, Rusty Westhoff, Cheryl Blackman

March 7, 2015 – Annual State Show – Derrider, Louisiana

MEANWHILE, AT NEARBY SHOWS......

June 6, 2014 - East Texas RBA Rare Breed Specialty – Canton, Texas in the Canton Civic Center – Show Secretary- Pam Rowlett

Judge: Michael Franke

June 7, 2014 – East Texas RBA – Double Open/Youth – Canton, TX., Secretary Pam Rowlett – Rowlettefarm@yahoo.com

June 14, 2014 - Texas Mini Lop Club & Texas Dutch Rabbit Club Double Mini Lop & Dutch Night Show And Covered Dish - 12868 FM 58, Lufkin, Texas – Mini Lop Show Secretary – Teresa Farrow, Dutch Show Secretary - Ginger Valentino

Judges: Gail Krall & Cheryl Blackman

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:

Hi all, I hope this issue of the newsletter finds you all doing well. As always, we have had some crazy weather here in LA. I hope that all of you and yours have survived without too much damage. As I write, we have two very important events coming up for our club.

Our Memorial Day Cajun Classic show is less than a month away. This show has exploded into quite an event. Friday night has an all-breed show as well as several specialties: Lionhead, Dutch, Jersey Wooly, Netherland Dwarf, Mini Rex, and the Lopapalooza. Saturday promises to be action packed as well, with a double all breed rabbit show and a double cavy.

Shortly after the Cajun Classic, one of our most important events will take place. I encourage you to come to the June 21st State Meeting and Show. This year, it takes place in Winnfield. I know that several proposals have been submitted. I, myself, have submitted quite a few.

One of the things that I have heard loud and clear from our membership, is that people want change. Change is essential to moving our club forward. We cannot exist in a vacuum. Our original CBL's have been sufficient since the beginning of our existence, but as times change, so must our CBL's. Help me bring them into the 21st century.

I would encourage all members to go to the website or Facebook group and READ ALL PROPOSALS submitted by all members. The meeting will go quickly if we all have an idea of which way we want to vote on an issue. I would also ask you to make plans to attend the meeting. Your vote counts and your voice should be heard. One of the things that I am most proud of is a greater transparency in our club. I think we are heading in the right direction with people communicating and making suggestions. Our accounting practices have dramatically improved.

As our state meeting approaches, I want to say a big thank you to all of our officers this year. Sheila has kept us all on track, Bryan has kept us all accounted for, and Collette has worked diligently behind the scenes on everything from accounting practices and by laws to actual show venues and equipment management.

So please, educate yourself. Make suggestions, ask questions, and vote. It's your club. Let's make it what we want it to be. And by the way, I new website is www.louisianarabbits.com. Our other web hosting program went by the wayside, and Collette has worked hard to get a new one up and running.

Steven Hyatt, LRBA President 2013-14

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

Random thoughts from your vice-president

I am a little excited right now and a little sad.

I am a little sad, because some people who have worked hard for the club feel as if their efforts were in vain. I am sad because some people who are armchair generals are the first to call foul or complain about what IS being done but are the first to leave the room (or the show) when there is work to be done. I am sad because I often hear from people on how "I" should do something but when time comes to do it – they are nowhere to be found. I am sad about how quickly people are to jump in and stir the pot but offer no real solutions to the problem.

I am excited because I am seeing more young people step up and help out at shows. I am pleased that some people are beginning to realize that you catch more flies with honey than vinegar and that good manners goes a long way in making a good show, club, life. I am a little excited because there is the upcoming State Meeting and elections, therefore the opportunity for change. The possibility for new faces in the roles of club leadership and hopefully with new faces come new ideas and new energy. I hope to see some of the committees that have fallen by the wayside to be brought back to life and people who are interested in the good of the whole club appointed to those committees. I hope to see more than one person raise their hands when the question is asked, "who wants to be show secretary or super?" "who wants to be in charge of the raffle table?", "who will be on this or that committee?" and then have those people follow through and do the job. I am excited about the (potential) changes to the constitution and bylaws. It is only right that there should be carefully thought out change, after all even the Constitution of the United States has been amended a time or two (27 times with the last in 1992). I am excited about LRBA as a club doing more

things for youth and the state club working with 4-H & FFA on the state livestock show. I am excited because Peach had four babies on Easter Sunday! Mostly I'm excited because I have more good things to remember about this year as your vice-president than bad things. See you at the show! See you at the meeting!

Collette Waters, LRBA Vice President

FROM THE SECRETARY:

I hope everyone is having a good time at the spring shows. I want to congratulate our youth for their wonderful placings at the spring nationals this year. While we have a good many youth with great class placings, I want to extend a big Congratulations goes to Chase Domingue for his Best In Show/Best of Breed win at the Mini Rex Nationals and Martha Moyers for winning Best In Show/Best of Breed and Best Opposite of Breed at the Belgian Hare Nationals. All of our youth are certainly representing Louisiana well this year! I'm proud to see all that hard work paying off! I'm sure everyone will be watching closely for our youth at this year's Convention!

Our meeting/fun show will be held in Winnfield LA on June 21st. Michael Franke & Wade Burkhalter will be our judges. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with the show following shortly after the conclusion of the meetings. Please make plans to attend and vote on your officers and the proposed changes. Plans will also be in the works for the upcoming shows. If you have any locations that are available in your area, please present them at the meeting. Locations will be needed for the fall Youth Scholarship show for this year, State show 2016, and Memorial Weekend show 2015. If you have any questions concerning the type building needed, feel free to contact me or any of the officers.

We have a new website! Thanks so much to Collette Waters for working so hard getting everything moved. It's still in progress but due to problems with the old site, Collette had to find us a new home on the web. The new site is www.louisianarabbits.com and it's looking great!

Congratulations to all of our Sweepstakes and Quality Points winners for 2013! The awards will be presented at the Annual meeting! Anyone not attending the meeting/show will have their awards mailed to them. Thank you to all the secretaries for working with me this term and making sure your reports were as they should be. We are well on our way with new standings for 2014!

I want to thank everyone for your confidence in me and for the opportunity to serve as your Secretary and Sweepstakes Chair this term. I will not, however, be taking any office for the upcoming term. Bruce, Jessie and I will be concentrating our efforts on other areas, adventures and having some much needed fun along the way! Thank you so much to those of you who have helped and supported me through this term! I appreciate you all more than you realize. I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting/fun show and visiting at our annual SLRBA show in October! October and November are going to be super busy this year! Good luck to everyone and I wish all of our clubs a very successful show year.

Sheila Spillers

Welcome New Members!

Brandi & Seth Chatelain – Mansura, LA Angela Stephens – Merryville, LA Brandi & Chloe Tims – Mooringsport, LA Sable Jefferson – Monroe, LA Frances Kimble – Walker, LA Matthew Proctor – Pearl River, LA

Membership Reminders

Expired March 2014

Al & Peggy Boudreaux Cherri Foster Ashlee Hawkes Hannah Rashall Monica & Larindy Guidry Ovey Viator, Jr.

Expired April 2014

Brent Harrington Hannah Ortego Davin Korn Douglas Slaven

Expiring May 2014

Angela Cavalier, family Robert & Jackie Dakin, family Jessica Hough, family Christy & Kat Moss Stevie Wilson

Expiring June 2014

Michael Babin, family Lynn & Sue Boudreaux Sherry Burns, family Ronnie & Dana Duhon, family Shellie Gruenwald, family Karen Guillory Shelia Humphries David & Susan Krauskopf Coltin McGee Reese Patrick Lee & Brandi Percle, family Carol Petitjean Beth & Austin Roark Godfrev Schexnavder Shannon Tassin, family Shane & Becky Thornton, family

Expiring July 2014

Amy & Kenneth Lukaszeski Kristen Petitjean

Expiring August 2014

Addie & Jared Duet, family Frank Still

REMEMBER: In order to keep your sweepstakes points active, you must renew within thirty (30) days of expiration, i.e. October expiration needs to be paid no later than November 30th. Not paying within thirty (30) days will result in loss of all points accumulated to that point. A membership application can be found at the end of this publication.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the LRBA for selecting me as the scholarship recipient for this year. It is an incredible honor and I am excited that the board thought of me as a candidate. I plan to attend Northwestern State University in Natchitoches and double major in Instrumental Music Education and Aquaculture. This scholarship is welcomed as it will help to fund my post-high school education. I once again want to thank LRBA for awarding me this scholarship.

Sincerely, Alyssa Lloid

YOUTH NEWS:

The Youth Advisory Board held a meeting on March 1, 2014 in Ruston, Louisiana. There were 10 members present. The meeting was called to discuss Scholarship Applicants and the Youth Competition Team Workshop. Alyssa Lloid was our only Scholarship Applicant. Alyssa met all the requirements and the Board awarded her a \$1200.00 scholarship.

The Board also approved a \$400.00 budget for the Youth Workshop expenses.

The meeting was adjourned.

From the LRBA Youth Secretary:

I hope everyone made it through the winter okay. It is an exciting time of year at my barn! The weather has warmed up, young senior rabbits are molting and the upcoming show season is looking good. I have some nice kits coming on that will be my fall junior and young senior competitors. Some of these will make their way to the convention for showing and sales.

Speaking of convention, I emailed Mr. Don Mersiovsky and he says that convention youth competitions will start on Saturday, November 1st, 2014 and that *youth have to check in Friday, October 31, 2014 for the competitions.* He also said that youth who wish to compete need to watch the ARBA site for entry forms. Please make plans to attend the Fort Worth ARBA convention, November 1st-5th so Louisiana youth can be well represented!

I encourage all youth to make the summer state meeting so you can voice your opinions on our upcoming year events. It will take all of us working together to make a great upcoming show year, so all of your ideas and feedback are important! Please keep in mind that officer elections will take place at this meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please contact Beth Roark to find out more about the responsibilities of each officer.

Good luck to you all at the LRBA Memorial Day Weekend show!

Destiny Bearden, LRBA Youth Secretary

LRBA Youth Minutes:

The 2013/2014 State youth meeting was called to order. Roll call was done by sign in sheet. The officer's election was held. Austin Roark ran for President and was elected. Chase Domingue ran for Vice President and was elected. Emily LaMarca ran for Secretary and was elected. Russell

Lisitsa ran for Treasurer and was elected. Emily LaMarca stepped down as Secretary and Destiny Bearden was appointed around mid-August. There was no old business. New business was brought the floor. The youth scholarship show location was discussed. Plans for the show, including competitions and ideas for fund raisers were discussed. A motion to dismiss the meeting and a second was made. Meeting adjourned.

YOUTH ADVISORY CHAIRPERSON:

WOW!!!! I am very proud of our Louisiana Youth on the National Level. Chase Domingue winning the Mini Rex Nationals, Martha Moyers winning the Belgian Hare Nationals, Bradley Babin winning best fur at Mini Rex Nationals, Ryan Guerin having top placements at Mini Rex Nationals, Morgan Wainwright and Morgan St Pierre placing at Netherland Dwarf Nationals, Ryan Hebert, Gavin and RJ Duhon at Netherland Dwarf Nationals. Louisiana Youth are awesome.

The Youth Workshop planned for June in Alexandria has been cancelled due to the State Meeting Show scheduled for the same day in Winnfield. As soon as the show is over we will be having the workshop. Please all youth that would like to compete at the Fort Worth Convention plan on staying we will be there at least 2 to 3 hours, it is very important that you attend the workshop. Chase Austin will be there to discuss cavvs and some of the unusual breeds and to talk about the contest held at convention. Our plans are to schedule another workshop before school starts in the fall in the Alexandria area. Please contact me or Austin Roark about any questions about the workshop. We also need to know who wants to compete, we need to get T-Shirts ordered, Judging Coats and get everyone's name turned in. The ARBA website and the LRBA website will have the different types of contest listed. Please let

me know if you would like to compete. Parents it is very important if your child would like to compete that they attend these workshops.

At the State Meeting we will also hold the LRBA Youth Meeting, all present officers need to attend and anyone wanting to run for office needs to be there. All elected officers will need to attend the Youth Scholarship Show and be responsible for an activity at the show, be prepared to hold fundraisers and assist the LRBA when needed.

There will be a Youth Advisory
Board Meeting held that day also, please
check with your clubs and see who is on the
board, we need one from every club
present. We have several things on the
agenda to discuss and I really
need everyone attendance.

Thanks,

Beth Roark

THANK YOU!

My Name is Tabitha LaBoyteaux I started showing rabbits in 4-H 6 years ago at my first show I met Mr. Kevin He was my mentor I fell in love with the mini rex, Thrianta, Holland lop, Netherland dwarf and French lop. I worked hard for years and was paid off with many home grown Grand champions . I was very happy to help anyone who needed it and enjoyed my years of showing. I applied for the LRBA youth scholarship and was awarded it I then went to follow my dream of studying criminal Justice I graduated from Remington college 5-1-14. I thank all who helped me along the way and after I get my life settled, I want to start back showing again. I have already started a small herd of French lops and breeding now for future show prospects. . I would like to tell all the LRBA youth to strive

for the LRBA scholarship as it is an honor to be the recipient of it and it helped greatly in my education.

YOUTH PRESIDENT:

Hello,

The youth group has been very active recently. First off I would like to apologize to all youth members on the cancellation of our workshop. The LRBA planned their state meeting for that day, and was a conflict. Read more about the workshop under the youth advisor column.

Huge congrats to Martha Moyers for BOB & BOS at Belgian Hare Nationals. Congrats to Chase Domingue for BOB at Mini Rex Nationals.

Thanks, Austin Roark



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Judge Tony Bell with Reed Wilson who won 1st Reserve in the Polish Specialty Show in Ruston at the State Show. He won with his sr. Polish buck "Jiffy".



Judge Cheryl Blackmon and Reed Wilson who won 1st Runner up in Show A at the lowa show with his homegrown jr. Polish buck "Payday".



Destiny Bearden won Best in Show in Ruston at the State show with her Polish.



Reed Wilson – Grand Champion Showmanship in the Jr. Division, 1st Runner up Destiny Bearden, 2nd Runner up Alexis Cavalier at the State show in Ruston.





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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CBL'S

CHANGE #1:

Proposed change: Add

Article? – Departments and Committees

Section ?: Budget Planning Committee – The President shall be responsible for heading the Budget Planning Committee and collaborating with at least 2 members (preferably with a financial background) appointed by the Executive Board from its members along with the Secretary and Treasurer in creating a yearly budget to be presented in the quarterly newsletter immediately prior to and at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

A: The President shall present the operating budget to all members of the Executive Board for approval in such time that it can be published in the newsletter immediately prior to the Annual Meeting.

B: The budget shall be made based on the previous year's income and expenditures.

C: The budget shall be reviewed on a quarterly basis and adjusted accordingly to ensure LRBA stays within the financial limitations of yearly income.

D: Any changes to the annual budget must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Executive Board.

Proposed by Terry Herman

CHANGE #2:

Proposed change: Add

Article? – Departments and Committees

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

- A. The 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 by Terry Herman

CHANGE #3:

Currently reads:

Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining bank account of the LRBA, Inc. He/She shall issue an annual report to the General Membership at the Annual State Meeting and issue a report to any member upon request.

Proposed change:

Article VII. Duties of Officers

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 by Terry Herman

CHANGE #4:

Currently Reads:

Article VII. Duties of Officers

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.

Proposed change:

Article VII. Duties of Officers

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, committees and any other duties as outlined in this document.

The Executive Board must approve all expenditures not connected to the normal operation of the club. Normal operating costs are defined as any expense for the normal operation of the secretarial and treasurer offices of the club. All other budgets, expenditures must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Members of the Executive Board.

Proposed by Terry Herman

CHANGE #5:

Proposal:

Not to have more than one LRBA sanction show per weekend/day at different locations. This is in Article XI Local Clubs, Section 2- C Sanctions.

Reason:

On January 25th 2014 there were two LRBA sanction shows that our members could attend. By doing this it split our member's attendance to both shows. This also reduced funding and support for both of the clubs. There are 52 weekends in a year. This could have been avoided with communication.

As stated in By-Laws
ARTICLE XI. Local Clubs
Section 2 Sanctions

Letter C. No two local shows can be sanctioned by the LRBA, Inc. for the same day in the State of Louisiana unless said shows are held in conjunction with one another and in the same location. Fair shows are to be exempt from this rule. All local clubs are to file show dates with the LRBA, Inc. Secretary and dates worked out as to when show dates do not conflict with each other.

Change in By-Laws

ARTICLE XI. Local Clubs Section 2 Sanctions Letter C.

Only one local show can be sanction by LRBA, Inc. for the same day. Clubs may combine their LRBA sanctioned shows in conjunction with each other on the same day as long as it is at the same location. All local clubs are to file their proposed show dates with the LRBA, Inc. Secretary. Dates will be worked out so that shows do not conflict with each other.

Fair shows are to be exempt from this rule.

By Blair Guerin 3/5/14

CHANGE #6:

Proposal: EXISTING:

The current state meeting and show is a single show.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

I propose that the state show be a double show. I propose that we have a Friday night, all breed single, and a Saturday all breed single which begins promptly after a morning meeting.

REASON: The state show needs increased revenue. Typical judges bids include a hotel room the night before a show and a flat fee for 250 rabbits. At the 2014 State Show, only Allen Mesick approached this number at 224 rabbits judged. Our expenditures currently include the typical judge rate and hotel room. By having another show, we would DOUBLE our entry money, but NOT our expenditures. Proposed by: Stacy Hyatt

CHANGE #7:

Proposal: EXISTING:

State Show Budget is \$2500 for judges and \$1500 for awards. Cajun Classic Budget is currently \$8000 for judges and \$3000 for awards.

PROPOSED CHANGE: I propose that the current treasurer, superintendents, and secretaries from these two shows form a committee to review and lower these budgets.

REASON: As a show super and secretary, I feel that these budgets can be adjusted to lower levels.

Proposed by: Stacy Hyatt

CHANGE #8:

Proposal . EXISTING

Entry fees are \$3.00 per rabbit/cavy entry.

PROPOSED CHANGE: I propose that the fee be raised \$.50 per entry.

REASON: Clubs around us have found it necessary to raise the fee this amount to combat the rising costs of venues. I think we should follow suit.

Proposed by: Stacy Hyatt

CHANGE #9:

Proposal: More definition to directors, duties and where they come from.

Existing:

Constitution – Article VII. Duties of Officers

Section 5. Directors: The directors shall be members of the Executive Board.

Proposed Change:

Section 5. <u>Directors:</u> The directors shall be members of the Executive Board. Each affiliated local club may appoint one Director to serve on the Executive Board. Anyone appointed will be expected to fulfill the duties of serving as a director. Duties include but are not limited to: responding to items that come before the board in a timely manner, willing to serve on or chair committees that fall within their area of expertise, willing to make financial decisions for the club along with other members of the Board. If for any reason the appointed director is unable to fulfill their duties, the local club will be asked to make a replacement.

CHANGE #10:

Proposal: Accountability for those appointed in a capacity to spend club funds.

Existing:

Constitution – 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:

Constitution - 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.

Anyone appointed or elected to a position which includes the need to spend club funds must make a monthly reconciliation with the Treasurer providing receipts for all charges.

Proposed by: Julie Yarbrough

CHANGE #11:

Existing:

By-Laws: Article IV. ELECTION

Section 1. Officers shall be nominated and elected at the Annual State Meeting. The term of office is to run from close of Annual State Meeting to close of Annual State Meeting.

Section 2. Any member in good standing is entitled to vote each year, members shall be entitled to witness the counting of the ballots.

Section 3. Any member in good standing may be a candidate for the office of his or her choice.

Section 4. The President is to appoint an election committee to consist of a Chairman and two members. The duties of this committee are to certify total eligible voting members present, count the votes, tabulate the results and report the results to the membership.

Proposed change:

By-Laws: Article IV. ELECTION

Section 1. Officers shall be elected at the Annual State Meeting. The term of office is to begin at the close of Annual State Meeting. The term of office for all Officers and Directors shall be one year. All candidates are required to announce the position and their intention to run in the newsletter immediately prior to the Annual State Meeting. Petitions for positions should be provided to the Secretary before the newsletter deadline.

Section 2. Any member in good standing is entitled to vote each year, members shall be entitled to witness the counting of the ballots.

Section 3. Any member in good standing may be a candidate for the office of his or her choice.

Section 4. The President is to appoint an election committee to consist of a Chairman and two members. The duties of this committee are to certify total eligible voting members present, count the votes, tabulate the results and report the results to the membership.

Proposed by: Julie Yarbrough

CHANGE #12:

Existing:

BY-LAWS:

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP & PRIVILEGES

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

- Adult \$12 per year, \$30 for three years
- Youth(through the age of 18) \$8.00 per year, \$20.00 for three years
- Combination(two adults-same address) \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 per three years
- Family(one or two adults- same address) \$16.00 + \$2.00 per year per youth; \$45.00(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 one dollar (\$1.00) per annum to register his/her rabbitry with the LRBA, Inc.
- **Section 4.** Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a lifetime membership.
- **Section 5.** Youth members are entitled to vote and hold elected office in Youth Division only.

Proposed change:

Add:

Section 6. Any payment made by a member or prospective member for dues which results in an

NSF charge will be result in the member being responsible for a \$25.00 NSF charge and all check writing privileges revoked. Any further payment for dues or fees at any LRBA function will only be accepted in the form of cash, cashier's check or money order.

Proposed by: Julie Yarbrough

CHANGE #13:

Existing under Show Guidelines:

Show Secretary:

SHOW CATALOG:

- responsible for production of original show catalog to be forwarded to LRBA, Inc.
 Secretary/Treasurer or LRBA, Inc. Youth Advisory Board Secretary/Treasurer for reproduction and distribution
- collect ads for show catalog at the following rates:

 8½x11
 full page + free booster
 \$35.00

 8½x5½
 ½ page
 20.00

 4x5½
 ¼ page
 10.00

2x4 business card 5.00

1x2 booster 2.00

Proposed change:

Add the following:

The following rule should be added to the show rules in the catalog:

Any NSF payments received will result in a \$25.00 NSF fee along with payment due. All further payments will only be accepted in the form of cash, cashier's check or money order.

Proposed by: Julie Yarbrough

The following proposed changes are being made by Steven Hyatt:

Constitution Article II	Currently reads:		
Objects:			
	Section 1 . To encourage and promote the production of domestic rabbits in Louisiana.		
	Section 2. To encourage, instruct, and promote the development of local clubs.		
	Section 3 . To provide a center of information and to distribute data to prospective rabbit breeders.		
	Section 4. This club will strive to unite all local clubs affiliated with the LRBA, Inc. and to encourage them to work for one goal—the promotion and production of better rabbits.		
	Proposed change #14:		
	Section 1. To encourage and promote the production of domestic rabbits		
	and cavies in the state of Louisiana.		

Section 2. To encourage, instruct, and promote the development of local clubs in the state of Louisiana.

Section 3. To provide a center of information and to distribute data to prospective rabbit breeders.

Section 4. This club will strive to unite all local clubs affiliated with the LRBA, Inc. and to encourage them to work for one goal—the promotion and production of better rabbits in the state of Louisiana.

Section 5: To hold an annual show for its members and meetings of its members and officers, inside the state of Louisiana, for club business.

REASON: to solidify the occurrence of at least one annual (state) show; to include cavies

Constitution Article IV Membership

Currently reads:

- **Section 1.** Any person, club or Association may become a member of the LRBA, Inc. upon payment of dues as provided in the By-Laws and by agreeing to comply with all rules, regulations and mandates of the LRBA, Inc.
- **Section 2.** The Executive Board reserves the right to accept or reject, for cause, any application for membership or renewal.
- **Section 3.** All individual members shall have the right to vote in person in their respective divisions at the Annual State Meeting. Individual members may not vote by proxy. No individual member may have more than one vote.

Proposed change #15:

Section 2: The Executive Board (hereafter may be referred to as Eboard) reserves the right to accept or reject, for cause, any application for membership or renewal.

Add.....Section 4. The EBoard may elect as an Honorary Member any person distinguished for his political, scientific, industrial or administrative capacity. Honorary members shall be exempt from all dues, fees or subscriptions, but shall have no right to vote at any meeting of the Association unless also a regular paid member of the Association in good standing.

REASON: to recognize contributors to our club and hobby (i.e. people like Joel Petrus

<u>Add Section 5</u>. All members shall be entitled to all information available to the industry which is in possession of the Association.

REASON: To make club records and info transparent

Add Section 6. All individual members, except youth members, shall have the right to vote in person at annual or special meetings of the Association. Affiliated organizations which are members of this Association shall have the right to vote at annual or special meetings as provided by the By-laws. Individual members may not vote by proxy. No member under the age of nineteen (19) years shall be eligible to sign petitions for elective offices, amendments, or resolutions to the Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. Constitution and By-laws.

REASON: To maintain adult representation only in the business of the club.

Constitution Article V Officers: Section 1 and 3

Currently the article reads (2) two members from each affiliated club serving on the Eboard. Currently the article has all officer terms as 1 year. Currently reads:

- Section 1. The officers of the LRBA, Inc. shall be members of the LRBA, Inc. and shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and two (2) Directors from each Local and Specialty affiliated club. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. These officers shall compose the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President shall be Chairman of the Executive Board.
- **Section 2.** No more than two (2) elected officers shall come from the same local all breed club if three (3) officers are elected. No more than three (3) elected officers shall come from the same local all breed club if four (4) officers are elected.
- Section 3. Officers shall be nominated and elected at the LRBA, Inc. Annual Meeting. The term of office to run from close of LRBA, Inc. Annual Meeting to close of the LRBA, Inc. Annual Meeting the following year. The term of one year shall be for all Directors and Officers.
- **Section 4.** Vacancies in office shall be filled by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.
- **Section 5.** No fees, expenses, or other allowances will be allowed any officers except upon authority of two-thirds (2/3) of the Executive Board except as provided and stated in this instrument.
- **Section 6.** The LRBA, Inc. Secretary shall be paid ten percent (10%) of all membership and sanction fees.
- **Section 7.** All officers of the LRBA, Inc. must also be members of the ARBA, Inc.
- Section 8. All officers of local affiliated clubs must be LRBA, Inc. members.

Proposed Change #16:

The officers of the LRBA, Inc. shall be members of the LRBA, Inc. and shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and one (1) Director from each Local and Specialty affiliated club.

REASON: to streamline the decision making process.

	Proposed Change #17:			
	Section 3: The term of 2 years shall be for all directors and officers			
	REASON: to allow directors and officers to actually implement and try on changes.			
Constitution Article 5 Officers: Section 1	Currently reads: Section 1. The officers of the LRBA, Inc. shall be members of the LRBA, Inc. and shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and two (2) Directors from each Local and Specialty affiliated club. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. These officers shall compose the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President shall be Chairman of the Executive Board.			
	Proposed change #18: ADDThe office of Secretary and Treasurer can NOT be combined. REASON: maintain checks and balances in our accounting procedures			
Constitution Article 5 Officers: Section 1	Currently reads: Section 1. The officers of the LRBA, Inc. shall be members of the LRBA, Inc. and shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a			
	Treasurer and two (2) Directors from each Local and Specialty affiliated club. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined. These officers shall compose the Executive Board. The Immediate Past President shall be Chairman of the Executive Board.			
	Proposed change #19: ADDThe Eboard shall consist of the current officers with current president			
	acting as Chairman of the Executive Board for 2 years. Each must be a member			
	in good standing of the organization for the entire term of office.			
	Reason: Most past presidents want to scale back on their involvement. The board will balance the current president.			
Constitution Article 5 Officers: Section 1	Currently the article reads (2) two members from each affiliated club serving on the Eboard. Currently the article has all officer terms as 1 year. Currently reads:			
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- **Section 7.** All officers of the LRBA, Inc. must also be members of the ARBA, Inc.
- **Section 8.** All officers of local affiliated clubs must be LRBA, Inc. members.

Proposed Change #20:

ADD.....Section 9. In the event that no member runs for Secretary or Treasurer, the Secretary and Treasurer may also be appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board, to serve a minimum term of two years; either or both may be reappointed by the EBoard, who may also remove by a two-thirds majority either or both from office, for cause, during any term of office.

BY LAWS Article VII Parliamentary Authority

Currently reads:

The rules of parliamentary procedure comprised in ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER shall govern the proceedings of the LRBA, Inc.

Proposed Change #21:

ADD Section 1: This Association shall have the authority to make such laws, establish such rules, and adopt such regulations, as may be necessary for the governing of its members.

ADD.....Section 2. To require members to obey its mandates in all matters pertaining to the Standard of Perfection and ethics peculiar to the industry.

ADD....Section 3. The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be considered as the final authority for this Association on all questions not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-Laws

REASON: coordinate with ARBA

Constitution	Currently reads:					
Article VI						
	All expenses of the LRBA, Inc. shall be paid from money coming in, and the					
Expenses	Secretary/Treasurer shall be allowed a petty cash fund to operate the business of					
	the LRBA, Inc. by the Executive Board.					
	Proposed change #22:					
	All expenses of the LRBA, Inc shall be paid from money coming in, and the Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be allowed a petty cash fund to operate the					
	LRBA, Inc by the Eboard. ADD. Club expenses, excluding approved show budgets,					
	over \$300 must be approved by 2/3 majority of the EBoard. REASON: better accounting practices					
Constitution	Current duties are incomplete and vague.					
Article VII	Currently reads:					
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.					
	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.					
	Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for processing membership					
	applications and maintaining a membership roster for the LRBA, Inc.					
	He/She shall process and keep record of local club affiliations and					
	sanctions. The Secretary will document minutes of meetings,					
	maintain correspondence and any other records as needed.					
	Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining bank					
	account of the LRBA, Inc. He/She shall issue an annual report to the					
	General Membership at the Annual State Meeting and issue a report					
	to any member upon request.					
Section 5. <u>Directors</u> : The directors shall be members of the Executive						
	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.					
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	Proposed change #23:					
	Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of LRBA,Inc, and act as					
	chairman of the Eboard, with full power and prerogatives, appoint all					

committees, call special meetings of the LRBA,Inc, or of the EBoard, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws, and perform other duties as usually pertain to his office. He shall have such other powers as may be conferred upon him by the E Board at any meeting of such Board. He shall be an ex-officio member of the EBoard and of all committees.

Section 2. The duties of the Vice-President shall be the same as those of the President, in the event of the absence or disability of the President. He shall be an ex-officio member of the EBoard.

Section 3: The duties of the secretary shall be processing membership applications and maintaining a membership roster for the LRBA, Inc. He/She shall process and keep record of local club affiliations and sanctions. The Secretary will notify members of meetings and notify members prior to the expiration of their membership via publication. The Secretary will document minutes of meetings, maintain correspondence and any other records as needed. The secretary shall devote sufficient time and attention to this office, and to such other duties as the President and Eboard shall direct. The secretary shall address all correspondence directed to his or her office in a timely manner. The secretary shall (within 90 days of a meeting) inform the editor of the newsletter of all changes in the regulations of the association. The Eboard shall have full authority to revise or adjust the secretary's compensation. Such compensation shall be remitted quarterly. The secretary shall sign an acknowledgement of receipt of such compensation.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall accept and keep a record of all monies turned over to him from any source. He shall pay outstanding accounts, other than those herein authorized in writing by the President; he shall also pay itemized bills presented to him by the Chairman of a Committee when such bills are within an authorized budget. Any committee bill in excess of its authorized budget must be approved by the President and Eboard. The Treasurer shall make quarterly financial reports to the membership via the newsletter, and an annual report, for each fiscal year ending June 30th, at the annual meeting of the Association. He shall be an ex-officio member of the E Board and Chairman of the Budget Committee.

Section 5. The E Board of Directors shall be comprised of the current officers and (1) one member of each affiliated club or specialty club. Each club will supply this one member and shall have an alternate member. The alternate member will stand in for the appointed member in his absence.

The Eboard shall have charge of the various business transactions, and authorize the expenditure of monies by and for the Association and pass on any and all special legislative matters found desirable. It shall have the power to make contracts in the name of the Association as necessary in the promotion of the work by any or all departments, or as may hereafter be provided, require that the books of the Secretary and Treasurer be audited at the end of each fiscal year and upon their retirement from the office.

	Section 6: 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				
	YAHOO! Group and/or email. Voting will occur within (2) weeks, or fourteen (14)				
	calendar days of the issue being posted/emailed. 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. REASON: to provide a specific job description of duties required by each offic				
	To provide clarity of authority for officers. To better align with ARBA. To provide quarterly financial information to club members. To streamline and improve the				
	efficiency of the Eboard voting system.				
Proposal to add a	Proposed change #24:				
Budget Committee to	. BUDGET COMMITTEE				
the By Laws	(The BUDGET COMMITTEE shall consist of a Chairman and two members, one of				
	whom shall be the Treasurer of this Association. Their duties shall consist of				
	requesting and receiving a proposed schedule of estimated expenditures from				
	each officer, Department, and Committee Chairman, no later than June 30 for				
	the ensuing fiscal year. Based upon these estimates, records of past expenditures and the current assets of the Association, they shall prepare a budget for the				
	next calendar year, which shall include show budgets. These show budgets will				
	be voted on by the membership. No budget shall call for expenditures in excess of estimated receipts or actual assets. After adoption of the budget, no budget item may be exceeded unless				
	approved by the President and Eboard. The committee shall furnish such				
	additional fiscal information and estimates as may be requested by the President or the EBoard of Directors.				
	REASON: better checks and balances of accounting practices				
BY LAWS	Currently reads:				
Article II	ARTICLE II. ANNUAL STATE MEETING				
Annual State Mtg	Section 1. The LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting is to be held prior to the				
	Annual State Show. A newsletter/notice will be issued thirty				
	(30) days before to inform each member. In the event the				
	Annual State show is held as a double show, the meeting will				
	be held during a break between the two shows. (This will				
	begin with the 2015 State Show)				
	Section 2. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of				
	the LRBA, Inc. No person shall act as a proxy for any member.				
	Section 3. The President shall preside and the Secretary act as secretary				
	at the Annual State Meeting. The Vice-President shall preside				
	in the event the President is absent.				
	Section 4. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during the meeting.				

	Proposed change #25:			
	Section 2. Eleven (11) members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the			
	LRBA, Inc. No person shall act as a proxy for any member.			
	REASON: 6 members is not enough to represent the club. Also an odd number allows for a tie breaker vote. A decision can be reached regarding a matter.			
BY LAWS	Currently roads			
Article III	Currently reads:			
Section 1	Section 1. Membership fees in LRBA, Inc. to be as follows:			
Membership and	 Adult \$12 per year, \$30 for three years Youth(through the age of 18) \$8.00 per year, \$20.00 for three 			
Privileges	 years Combination(two adults-same address) \$20.00 per year, \$50.00 per three years 			
	 Family(one or two adults- same address) \$16.00 + \$2.00 per year per youth; \$45.00(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 one dollar (\$1.00) per annum to register his/her rabbitry with the LRBA, Inc.			
	Section 4. Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a lifetime membership.			
	Section 5. Youth members are entitled to vote and hold elected office in Youth Division only.			
	Proposed change #26:			
	ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP & PRIVILEGES			
	Section 1. Membership fees in LRBA, Inc. to be as follows:			
	Adult \$15 per year, \$30 for three years			
	 Youth(through the age of 18) \$10.00 per year, \$20.00 for three years Combination(two adults-same address) \$25.00 per year, \$50.00 per three years 			
	Family(one or two adults- same address) \$20.00 + \$2.00 per year per			
	youth; \$45.00(one or two adults-same address) + \$5.00 per youth for three years			
DV/1 414/6	REASON: needed fee increase			
BY LAWS	Currently reads Section 3. Any LRBA line member may navia fee of one dellar (\$1.00) nor annum.			
Article III Section 3	Section 3. Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) per annum			
Section 5	to register his/her rabbitry with the LRBA, Inc. Proposed change #27:			
	Section 3. Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of five dollar (\$5.00) per annum to register his/her rabbitry with the LRBA, Inc.			
	REASON: needed fee increase			

BY LAWS	Currently reads					
Article III	Section 4. Any LRBA, Inc. member may pay a fee of one hundred dollars					
Section 4	(\$100.00) for a lifetime membership.					
	(+					
	Proposed change #28:					
	Section 4. LRBA life membership will be granted to those individuals who have					
	been a member in good standing for at least 20 consecutive years.					
	a section of the sect					
	REASON: 9 years of fees does not a LIFE member make					
BYLAWS	Currently has a 3 step, non effective policy					
Article VIII	Currently reads:					
DISCIPLINE	Section 1. Charges of misconduct of members shall be made in writing to the Secretary. The Executive Board shall consider the charges along with the defense in voting on the charges. A member may be suspended or expelled by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board.					
	Section 2. A grievance committee will be formed with membership consisting of one (1) member from each affiliated club. The members from each affiliated club to hear the grievance from the club first. If grievance is not satisfied, grievance will then be heard by complete the committee at called meeting or in writing.					
	Section 3. If a special meeting is needed to satisfy a grievance, all complaints shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of one hundred (\$100) to defray the costs attendant on the implementation of the procedures. In the event the Executive Board or committee elects not to consider the complaint it shall return fifty dollars (\$50) of the deposit					
	Proposed change #29: REPLACE WITH ARBA PROCESS:					
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	 Charges of misconduct of members shall be made in writing to the Vice President. The Eboard shall consider the charges, along with the defense, in voting on whether to pursue the charges. A member may be suspended or expelled by 2/3 vote of the Eboard. 					
	2. TOTALLY REMOVE SECTION 2 and 3 of the current article.					
	To be replaced with the following from ARBA					
	Section 2. The interpretation by the EBoard of Directors of this Association of the					
	Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, Notices, Resolutions, Properties, and					
	of Association Documents and Orders shall be binding upon all members of this					
	Association.					
	Section 3. All notices required to be sent to any member of this Association shall be sent by regular mail, prepaid to the member's address as it appears on the					
	books of the Association, and such mailing shall be presumptive evidence of the					

service thereof. Any change of address must be sent promptly to the office of the Secretary of the Association. Section 4. The EBoard of Directors may impose penalties upon any member of the Association for conduct which, in its judgment, warrants such action. Such penalties include but are not limited to expulsions and suspensions for a period of time determined by the Eboard. Section 5. If a complaint of misconduct in office is brought against any elected officer or director of this Association, the EBoard of Directors shall be polled as soon thereafter as possible, and (a) If the E Board of Directors determines that there is a reasonable basis for such complaint and that the Association could be adversely affected by the retention in office of said officer or director, the board may in its own discretion suspend such person pending a final determination as set forth herein. (b) If any officer be charged, the EBoard of Directors, shall appoint a special committee to investigate the complaint and within a reasonable time report its findings. (c) The EBoard of Directors shall receive the findings of the special committee and shall determine whether a special meeting of the Board shall be convened for a hearing on the complaint and consideration of the committee report or to defer action on the complaint until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the **EBoard of Directors.** (d) The complainant and the accused shall be notified of the date of any meeting of the Board of Directors and shall be afforded the opportunity to present evidence relating to the charge. (e) The determination of the Board of Directors shall be a final resolution of the matter, subject to the appeal process set forth in Section 8 hereof. (f) IF a special meeting must be called to settle the complaint, a non-refundable fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) will be paid by the filer to defray the costs attendant on the implementation of the procedures. Section 6. If a complaint alleging matters affecting the Association is made against another member or an affiliated organization, the provisions of Section 6 of this Article VII shall be followed, except that the Board of Directors shall have sole and absolute discretion whether to consider the complaint and implement the procedures set forth above. In the event the board elects not to consider the complaint it shall return one hundred dollars (\$100) of the deposit. Section 7. An appeal may be taken from any ruling of the Board of Directors to the next annual business meeting of the members of the Association. Section 8. Any complaint submitted pursuant to Sections 6 or 7 of this Article may not be for instances or events occurring more than one hundred eighty (180) calendar days prior to the date of receipt by the President and/or Eboard (if both are involved) of the complaint **REASON: ARBA coordination** BY LAWS Currently reads: ARTICLE XI **ARTICLE XI. LOCAL CLUBS** Section 3 Section 1. Affiliation A. Local clubs within the state of Louisiana may become affiliated

- with the LRBA, Inc. by submitting an application to the secretary along with the necessary affiliation fees.
- B. Affiliation fees shall be \$10.00 for an adult local club and \$5.00 for a youth local club.
- C. Fees for affiliation must be paid within sixty (60) days of January 1st of each year.
- D. A \$10.00 late fee will be required if the affiliation renewal fees are not received within sixty (60) days of January 1st.

Section 2. Sanctions

- A. Affiliated local clubs, which sponsor an ARBA sanctioned show must also sanction, said show with the LRBA, Inc.
- B. Sanction fees and show reports are due from local clubs within thirty (30) days from the date of the show.
- C. No two local shows can be sanctioned by the LRBA, Inc. for the same day in the State of Louisiana unless said shows are held in conjunction with one another and in the same location. Fair shows are to be exempt from this rule. All local clubs are to file show dates with the LRBA, Inc. Secretary and dates worked out as to when show dates do not conflict with each other.
- D. The sanction fee for LRBA, Inc shall be ten cents (\$.10) per rabbit in open and youth shows. All fur classes are to be excluded. No sanction will be official until all fees are paid and the Secretary has received the ARBA sanction number.

Proposed change#30:

ADD... General Rules Applying to all Affiliated Clubs:

- (a) Affiliated clubs and associations operating under their own constitution and by-laws within the basic framework of the Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., shall be responsible for any and all problems arising that pertain to the operation of their own club or association.
- (c) No club or association shall have rules or regulations that are in conflict with the constitution and by-laws of the LRBA, Inc, OR American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.
- (d) It shall be the duty of the officers and directors of all LRBA-affiliated clubs and associations to see that its members abide by the constitution and by-laws of the club or association. Failure to do so may be cause for probation or loss of affiliation.
- (e) A copy of the constitution and by-laws of all clubs or associations seeking an LRBA affiliation shall accompany the affiliation application and all amendments approved by the membership (after being affiliated) shall be filed with the renewal fees.
- (f) A affiliation, once issued, shall be in force forever unless revoked by this association for just cause, or being voided for failure to pay a renewal fee. Failure to pay the renewal fee within sixty (60) days of January 1 of each year shall result in the affiliation being declared null and void.
- (g) A affiliation that has been forfeited cannot be renewed. Members of the club or association may make application for a new affiliation under a different name in accordance with the rules and regulations of this association.

	(i) No affiliation shall be renewed unless all requirements of the original				
	affiliation have been complied with.				
	(j) No affiliation will be issued without the specific type club's outlined				
	procedures being adhered to, and any affiliation questioned must have the				
	approval of the LRBA EBoard of Directors.				
	(k) No LRBA-affiliated club shall issue affiliation.*********************************				
	that no other club has confirmed this date for a show. No LRBA affiliated clubs				
	will hold a show on the same day unless both shows are at the same venue. Fair				
	shows are to be exempt from this rule.				
	REASON: to avoid splitting club support and profit				
BY LAWS	Currently reads:				
ARTICLE XI					
Section 2	Section 2. Sanctions				
Sanctions	A. Affiliated local clubs, which sponsor an ARBA sanctioned show				
	must also sanction, said show with the LRBA, Inc.				
	B. Sanction fees and show reports are due from local clubs within				
	thirty (30) days from the date of the show.				
	C. No two local shows can be sanctioned by the LRBA, Inc. for the				
	same day in the State of Louisiana unless said shows are held in				
	conjunction with one another and in the same location. Fair				
	shows are to be exempt from this rule. All local clubs are to file show dates with the LRBA, Inc. Secretary and dates worked out as				
	to when show dates do not conflict with each other.				
	D. The sanction fee for LRBA, Inc shall be ten cents (\$.10) per rabbit in				
	open and youth shows. All fur classes are to be excluded. No sanction will be official until all fees are paid and the Secretary has received the ARBA sanction number. Proposed change #31: ADD Local clubs, which sponsor an ARBA sanctioned show must also sanction, said show with the LRBA, Inc.				
	REASON: shows held in LA should benefit LRBA since they are affiliated with				
	ARBA and exist in harmony with LRBA.				
BY LAWS	Currently reads:				
Article x	Section 1. The Annual State Show will be sponsored by the LRBA, Inc. It will				
Annual State Show	be held during the month of March in Louisiana. The President will				
	appoint a Show Superintendent and a Show Secretary for the show				
	two years in advance. The Executive Board will approve the site				
	and operating budget.				
	Section 2. The LRBA, Inc. will furnish awards for Best in Show, 1 st Runner-Up to				
	Best in Show, 2 nd Runner up to Best in Show, Best Opposite Sex in				
	Show. Awards for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex of Breed will				

	be furnished by LRBA, Inc. and be awarded for all ARBA, Inc. recognized breeds.				
	Section 3. Any club wanting to hold a Specialty show along with the Annual State Show would be required to adhere to the following: (1) Submit in writing a request to the LRBA, Inc. at the Annual State Meeting. (2) Do all paperwork for their show (entries, tail cards, control sheets, show reports, etc.) (3) Obtain a sanction with the ARBA, Inc. and the LRBA, Inc. along with Specialty Club. (4) An affiliated club cannot have a raffle table at the Annual State Show, but they may have a drawing for prizes for a big ticket raffle. (5) Any cooping or extra building space required to hold the specialty shows will be the responsibility of the specialty club, not LRBA, Inc. Specialty shows held in conjunction with the Annual State Show must be approved at the Annual State Meeting. If a request is received from more than one affiliated club which covers the same breed, approval will be made on a rotating basis.				
	Proposed change #32:				
	The President will submit the written requests to the superintendent he				
	appoints.				
BY LAWS	Currently Reads:				
Section 4	Section 4. Annual Youth Scholarship Show				
Annual Youth Scholarship Show	 A. The Annual Youth Scholarship Show is to be held on a date to be determined by the LRBA Youth Advisory Board. The Youth Division is responsible for the operation of this show. B. The Youth Show is to be ran by youth officers, along with help from the appointed Show Superintendent and Secretary. The Youth President and Vice President shall Co-Superintendent the show with the appointed adult Superintendent. The Youth Secretary and Treasurer shall Co-Secretary the show with the appointed adult Secretary. C. Proceeds from this show are to be dedicated to the Youth Scholarship Fund. 				
	Proposed change #33: A. The Annual Youth Scholarship Show is to be held on a date to be determined by the LRBA Youth Advisory Board and checked for conflict with the LRBA secretary before finalizing and advertising.				

Proposed change #34:

CURRENT:

Section 2. Sanctions

C. No two local shows can be sanctioned by the LRBA, Inc. for the same day in the State of Louisiana unless said shows are held in conjunction with one another and in the same location. Fair shows are to be exempt from this rule. All local clubs are to file show dates with the LRBA, Inc. Secretary and dates worked out as to when show dates do not conflict with each other.

PROPOSED:

Section2. Sanctions

C. No two affiliated LRBA shows can be sanctioned by the LRBA, Inc. for the same day unless said shows are held in conjunction with one another and in the same location. Fair shows are to be exempt from this rule. All LRBA affiliated clubs are to file show dates with the LRBA, Inc. Secretary and dates worked out as to when show dates do not conflict with each other.

REASONING

There were two LRBA affiliated shows held on the same date in 2014 that were not held in conjunction with one another and in the same location. I feel this is unfair to the LRBA members as many would like to have attended both shows. Also this may hurt each club with a poorer turnout.

SUBMITTED BY Tracey Freeman

Proposed change #35:

Currently Reads:

<u>C.Advisory Board Members</u>. Membership is to consist of one adult from each local and specialty club affiliated with the LRBA, Inc. Other adults that would benefit the Advisory Board may become members upon approval by the Advisory Board. All Advisory Board members must be current LRBA, Inc. members.

Proposed Change to Read:

C. Advisory Board Members. Membership is to consist of one adult from local and specialty club affiliated with the LRBA, Inc., and the LRBA Youth Division President and Secretary. Other adults that would benefit the Advisory Board may become members upon approval by the Advisory Board. All Advisory board members must be current LRBA, Inc. members.

Reason for change:

To have direct representation of the Youth Club on the Advisory Board. To better inform the LRBA Youth Advisory Board of Youth Club.

Proposed by Beth and Austin Roark.

Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc. Annual State Meeting Agenda June 21, 2014

- 1. Roll Call (By Sign-in Sheet)
- 2. Reading of Minutes
- 3. Report of Secretary
- 4. Report of Treasurer
- 5. Report of Executive Board
- 6. Report of Committees
- 7. Election of Officers
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Secretary
 - D. Treasurer
 - E. Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson
- 7. Unfinished Business
 - A. 2015 Annual State Show
- 8. New Business
 - A. Volunteer Positions
 - B. 2016 Annual State Show
 - C. 2015 Memorial Day Weekend Show
 - D. Voting on Proposed Changes
- 9. Discussion
- 10. Sweepstakes and Quality Points awards presentation
- 11. Adjournment

Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc. Executive Board Meeting Agenda June 21, 2014

- 1. Roll Call (By Sign-in Sheet)
- 2. Reading of Minutes
- 3. Unfinished Business
 - A. 2015 Annual State Show
- 4. New Business
 - A. LRBA Award Nominations
 - B. 2016 Annual State Show
 - C. 2015 Memorial Day Weekend Show
- 5. Discussion
- 6. Adjournment

Note: If you have anything you would like to have added to the agendas for discussion, please let Sheila Spillers or Steven Hyatt know asap. Thanks!

Texas Mini Lop Club & Texas Dutch Rabbit Club Double Mini Lop & Dutch Night Show

And Covered Dish Supper June 14, 2014 12868 FM 58, Lufkin, Tx

Entry Fee: 3.00 per rabbit each show, day of show, late entry only

Double Youth and Open shows for both breeds

Judges: Gail Krall & Cheryl Blackman BOB & BOS Awards will be given.

Where: At the home of Frank & Theresa Farrow

Mini Lop Show Secretary:

Theresa Farrow

12868 FM 58, Lufkin, TX 75901

Phone 936-829-5040

Email: Theresaannfarrow@aol.com

Dutch Show Secretary:

Ginger Valentino

615 25th Street, San Leon, TX 77539

Phone 832-561-6497

Email: gingermom13@gmail.com

What to Bring: A covered dish to go with Barbeque (salads, vegetables, fruit, breads, desserts, etc.) Frank and Theresa will do the meat. You will also need to bring your own soft drinks & lawn chairs.

Raffle: We would greatly appreciate any raffle items you could donate. We hold our raffle between A & B shows. Raffle donations will be split between the clubs.

5:00 - 6:00 P.M. May start entering rabbits. Try and be here by 5:30 p.m. to unload before we eat.

6:00 P.M. – Covered Dish Supper

7:00 P.M. – Texas Mini Lop Rabbit Club meeting. Remember to pay you club dues (\$4.00 adult, \$1.00 youth)

Parents are responsible for the actions of their children. Please keep your children in the area of the rabbit show. No children will be allowed around the pond or in the rabbit barn without a parent. You

Official ARBA Sanctioned Show: Erick Stewart, Ex. Director, P.O. Box 5667, Bloomington, IL 61702 Email: eric@arba.net Dues: \$15.00 per year H/W \$20.00 per year.

Official TRBA Sanctioned Show: Ken McCracken, 13550 Spring Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX 77429-2095

texasrba@vahoo.com website: texasrba.net Dues: \$13.00 H/W \$25.00 H/W - \$17.00

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Motels (more on internet)

- (1) Best Western-Diboll Inn 936-829-2055, 910 N. Temple Dr. (Hwy 59), Diboll
- (2) Comfort Suites 936-632-4949, 4402 S. 1st, (Hwy 59) Lufkin
- (3) Hampton Inn 936-699-2500, 4400 S. 4400 S. 1st, (Hwy 59) Lufkin
- (4) Executive Suites, 103 Harmony Hill Dr. (FM 1877 E) Hwy 59@Loop 287, Lufkin
- (5) Holiday Inn 936-699-3000, 4404 S. 1st, (Hwy 59) Lufkin
- (6) La Quinta 936-634-3351, 2119 S. 1st, (Hwy 59) Lufkin

<u>Directions from Lufkin:</u> Exit off Loop 287 on to FM 58 (S. Chestnut). Next to Lowe's. Go south for about 10.02 miles. Our house is on the right. We have a sign in the shape of a rabbit with FARROW on it and white PVC pipe driveway markers.

<u>Directions from Diboll:</u> From Hwy 59 turn right on to FM 1818. Beside Georgia Pacific) Go approx. 8 miles and turn left on FM 58, go almost 1 mile. We are on the left, look for rabbit shape sign with FARROW on it, and white PVC pipe driveway markers.

<u>Directions from Woodville:</u> From Hwy 69, turn left on FM 1818 about 4 miles north of Zavalla. Go approx. 14 or 15 miles (Keep going straight at the Shawney Church) Turn right on FM 58. We are almost 1 mile on the left, look for rabbit sign with FARROW and white PVC pipe driveway markers

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<u>Tracey Freeman – Registrar</u>

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LOUISIANA DARRIT REFERENS ASSOCIATION INC				
LOUISIANA RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION				
NAME:				
ADDRESS:				
PHONE #	E-MAIL			
YOUTH \$8.00 ()	INDIVIDUAL \$12.00 () COME	3O \$2	20.00 ()
YOUTH 3YRS \$20.00 ()	YOUTH 3YRS \$20.00 () INDIVIDUAL 3YRS \$30.00() COMBO 3YRS \$50.00 ()			
FAMILY (\$16.00 + \$2.00	PER YOUTH) () 3YR	(\$45 + \$5 P	ER Y	OUTH) ()
AGE & NAME OF YOUT	H MEMBERS			
RABBITRY NAME (ADD	TL \$1.00 PER YR)			
NEWSLETTER MAILING	PREFERENCE	E-MAIL ()	REGULAR MAIL ()
CURRENT BREEDS				
LOCAL LOUISIANA CLU	JB			
	(MUST FILL IN IF OUT-OF-ST	ATE MEMBER	COM	PETING FOR SWEEPSTAKES POINTS)
REFERRED BY				
Mail to:				
Sheila Spillers				
771 Hwy 146				
Ruston, La 71270				
bsfarms@bayou.com	318-251-2442			