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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 1, 2011

SLRBA – Double Open/Youth, Opelousas, Louisiana

Holland Lop Open & Youth Specialty show, Netherland Dwarf Open & Youth Specialty Show

Sheila Spillers, Show Secretary,
bsfarms@bayou.com

Judges: Travis Finkle, Michael Franke, Don Mersiovsky, Tony Bell, Bob Lawrence

OCTOBER 15, 2011

CLRBA Double Open/Youth Show, Alexandria, Louisiana

Monna Berryhill, Show Secretary,
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Judges: Tex & Tonna Thomas, Michael Franke, Carrol Hooks, Lee Engel

NOVEMBER 19, 2011

AARC – Double Open/Youth Show, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana

Judges: Tex & Tonna Thomas, Bob Sorrels, Tanner Biggs

From the Desk of the President:

To start, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as President of LRBA. It is a responsibility that I don't take lightly and I hope I can fill the office with as much dedication and pride as Lynn Hebert did. Hope everyone's summer is going better than mine; work, work and more work.

At this time I would like to thank Karen Guillory for retaining her spot as newspaper editor, Collette Waters in her spot as web spinner and Shana Neilsen for taking over sweepstakes. There are still a few volunteer spots available for anyone that is interested. Namely, equipment manager and historian. Equipment manager would deal with housing, transporting the LRBA trailer to LRBA sponsored events and facilitating minor table repairs. The historian's job would be basically scrapbooking. If interested in either position, please give me a call at your earliest convenience.

The State Meeting and Show on June 25th was a big success, lots of breeders and plenty of rabbits. Again this year we will ask any club interested in hosting the meeting and show to let us know as soon as possible. Air conditioned facility a must for this function.

In closing, I hope everyone has had a successful spring breeding and is ready for the competition in the fall. See you at the shows in the fall.

Kevin LeBlanc
LRBA President

From the Vice President:

Hi, LRBA members! I just want to say how much I appreciate that you have put your trust in my ability to represent you as Vice President this year. I promise that I will do my best not to disappoint you.

I would like to congratulate all of you who were nominated for awards and urge you to send in your biographies so that all the members can know you and know you and see why you were nominated. If you need help with this I suggest, first of all, that you look in the newsletter of last November. The

biographies need to be in by the end of October so that they can be published in November's newsletter. Ballots are sent out shortly after that and awards are presented at the State Show on March 3, 2012, in Baton Rouge. Good luck to all of you!

The summer is such a lonely time for the rabbit exhibitor in Louisiana... unless you decide to travel north where it is supposed to be cooler. We look forward to the cooler season when we don't have to worry about losing bunnies to the heat or the hurricanes even. Our first show for the next season will be the SLRBA show on October 1, in Opelousas. So, here's hoping the show season comes quickly and that your bunnies all survive the summer in Louisiana.

If any of you need help, please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll see what I can do.

Yvonne Hebert
LRBA Vice President

News from the AARC Club

I hope everyone is keeping cool this summer. It's definitely been hot! We enjoyed a nice spring, so hopefully we have a real fall!

We've been gearing up for the fall season. We plan to attend convention this year. Hopefully Louisiana will have a strong showing there. We really have some awesome rabbits in our state!

I wanted to congratulate everyone on their appointments at the state meeting. Louisiana has a great rabbit family!

We are having our club meeting on 8/7/11. For those who couldn't attend and would like information on our club please call me at 225-921-8014 or email me at calmart01@aol.com.

We want to invite everyone to our Double Open/Double Youth show. It will be held in Breaux Bridge, LA on November 19th. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Mr. Wallace makes a wonderful crawfish etoufee!

Keep your rabbits cool!
Shirley Rome
AARC Secty.

LRBA Annual State Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2011

The annual general membership meeting was called to order at 8:21 AM by President Lynn Hebert. Roll call was done by sign in with 38 adult members signing in. Minutes of last year's meeting were read by Ariana St. Pierre. Yvonne Hebert motioned to accept as published in newsletter with Monna Berryhill seconding the motion and the motion passed. The report of the secretary was read next.

Total membership= 293
Adult membership=176
Youth Membership= 117

10 affiliated clubs and they are: Bonne Terre Rabbit Club, South Louisiana RBA, Central Louisiana RBA, Bayou Holland Lop RC, Louisiana Mini Rex RC, South Mississippi RBA, Magnolia State RBA, Tri Parish Dutch RC, Tiny Town RC. In the 2010-2011 season we had 25 sanctioned youth shows and 24 sanctioned open shows.

Lori Neagle read the treasurer's report and everyone received a copy of the financial report. Yvonne Hebert motioned to accept report as printed and Monna Berryhill seconded the motion. Motion passed. Lori Neagle gave the report of the eboard. Doug Girard motioned to accept report and Shana Neilsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was no Youth Advisory Report. Audit Committee found no discrepancies in financial reports.

Unfinished business:

2012 State Show to be held at the LSU Mini Farm 3/3/2012
Judges are Cheryl Blackman (TX), Allen Mesick (CA), and Julie Ueno(MS). Gwen will

get bids on awards. Tabitha Laboyteaux and Nola Vincent will run the concession stand. We still need volunteers to run the raffle table. Our youth activities will be decided and run by our new youth director, Carrie Laboyteaux. A vote was called for to decide on having a banquet after the state show. It was decided to not have a banquet. Blair Guerin volunteered to head publicity for this show.

There was no other old or unfinished business.

New Business: It was brought up to look into new LRBA shirts. Shana Neilsen volunteered for this project. Ariana St. Pierre proposed that LRBA purchase a new, more efficient show program. She volunteered to research the programs. Tyrone Freeman volunteered his expertise in computers to confirm whether the programs were up to par.

CBL Proposals—Proposal one failed by a vote of 30 Against and 4 for.

Proposal 2 failed 30 against and 6 for.

Proposal 3 passed with a vote of 30 for.

The change now reads Article VII Amendments—New amendments or a change in our Constitution or By Laws must be submitted in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual State Meeting to the LRBA, INC Secretary. Thus he/she must publish said proposals thirty (30) days prior to the Annual State Meeting.

Proposal 4 passed with a vote of 18 for 10 against. This proposal pertains to the youth ambassador program requirements. It now reads, Youth must be a member in good standing for a minimum of one year. Proposals 5 and 10 were voted on together because they were identical. This change passed with a vote of 37 for 1 against. Article X Sweepstakes now reads The LRBA, Inc Sweepstakes and quality points year will run from January 1 to December 31. Discussion followed to decide whether a short year or long year would begin. It was voted on that we would run the first season from June 2011 to December 2012.

Proposal 6 passed with a vote of 30 for.

Section 4c now reads:

No more than (2) members or rabbitries from separate households shall be combined. I.e. Siblings may combine regardless of number in family.

Concerning proposals 7 and 10- Lori Neagle moved to keep #7 and “scrap” #11, Monna Berryhill 2nd. A vote was taken and it failed. Lori Neagle moved to keep #11 and “scrap” #7. Yvonne Hebert 2nd the motion. A vote was taken and this motion passed. A vote was taken on Proposal 11 and it did not pass.

Proposal 8—Awards Criteria passed with 29 for. The change now instilled says the recipient of the rookie of the year award shall be an active member of the LRBA, Inc for less than two (2) years at time of nominations.

Proposal 9-Article XI Annual State Show

Section 3 passed with a vote of 31 for. It now reads: The LRBA, Inc will furnish the awards for Best in Show, 1st Runner Up to Best in Show, 2nd runner up to Best in Show, and 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.

The annual state show for 2013 was discussed and the sites submitted were the American Legion in Bogalusa, La and a facility in Rapides Parish. There were no volunteers for Show Superintendent or Show Secretary. Judges suggested were Mary Crawford, Sheri Abrahamson, Cheryl Blackman, Don Mersiovsky, Eric Stewart, Chris Hayhow, Tanner Biggs, Wade Burkhalter and the lineup of judges from Memorial Weekend 2011.

Southern University Show was discussed. Doug Girard moved that we maintain our relationship with Southern in regards to the rabbit show and be prepared for 2012. This motion passed 19 for and 17 against. Show Superintendent is Doug Girard, Show

Secretary is Shana Neilsen, and Concessions will be run by Yvonne Hebert. Suggested judges were Cheryl Blackman, Frank Farrow, Mary Jo Terry, Ted Deloyola, Michael Franke, and Tony Bell.

Memorial Weekend Show 2012 was discussed. Proposed show sites were to check on the Rapides Coliseum and possibly return to facility in Church Point. Show Superintendent is Lance Gendron. Show secretaries will be Shana Neilsen- Open and Ariana St. Pierre- youth. Angela Cavalier moved to have eboard check the sites. Motion passed. Collette Waters volunteered for concessions. Shana Neilsen volunteered to research and handle awards. Lance Gendron motioned for a \$2000 budget for awards. Angela Cavalier 2nd the motion and it passed. Lance Gendron motioned for a budget of \$5500 for judges due to the need for increasing the number of judges. Yvonne 2nd the motion. Motion failed. Angela Cavalier motioned for a budget of \$4500, Collette moved to amend motion to \$5000, 2nd by Angela Cavalier. Motion passed.

State show 2012-BIS travel trophies are completely filled in and need new plaques. Three local clubs have been approved for specialty shows at state show. BHLRC, LMRRC, and TPDC

An election of officers was held. Kevin LeBlanc was nominated for President. No other nominations were submitted and Kevin was elected. Yvonne Hebert was nominated for Vice President. No other nominations received and Yvonne was elected. Ariana St. Pierre was nominated for Secretary and no other nominations were received. Ariana was elected. Amy Lukaszski was nominated for treasurer. No other nominations received and Amy was elected. Carrie Laboyteaux was nominated for Youth Director. No other nominations received and Carrie was elected.

Sweepstakes awards were announced and certificates handed out.

Yvonne motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Blair Guerin.

LRBA, Inc Annual Eboard Meeting **Minutes - June 25, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by Lori Neagle, Eboard chairperson. Kevin LeBlanc moved to accept last year's minutes as published, 2nd by Stacy Hyatt, motion passed.

Unfinished business—State show 2012 site and judges have been confirmed. Still need volunteers for raffles.

New business-Award nominations were submitted. The following nominees were approved for the ballot.
Hall of Fame- Kevin LeBlanc, Gwen Himel, Roger Carr, Ford Eastin, and Glenn & Collette Waters.

Open Breeder of the Year- Collette and Glenn Waters, Buster Charpentier, Tracey and Tyrone Freeman, Lynn Langley

Open Rookie of the Year- Gayle Zimmerman, Angelle Kraemer, Stacy Hyatt, Auboy and Donna Holland, Shana Neilsen

Youth Breeder of the Year- Alyssa Lloid, Kristen Petitjean, Destiny Bearden

Youth Rookie of the Year- Dakota St. Pierre, Megan Moyers, Martha Moyers, Matthew & Mayomi Gardemal, Caroline Zimmerman and Emily LaMarca

Youth 2013 state show judges' budget was set at \$2500 and awards budget was set at \$1500. Yvonne Hebert thanked Lori Neagle for her years of service.


Kevin LeBlanc moved to adjourn and was 2nd by all.

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**LRBA, Inc Annual Youth
Membership Meeting
June 25, 2011**

The youth meeting was called to order by Ariana St. Pierre. Roll call was done by sign in with 25 youth members present.

An election of officers was held. Tabitha Laboyteaux, Emily LaMarca and Bradley Babin were nominated for President. Tabitha won the seat with a majority vote.

Victoria Laboyteaux, Bradley Babin, and Austin Roark were nominated for Vice President. Victoria won by a majority vote.

Bradley Babin, Emily LaMarca, and Austin Roark were nominated for secretary. Bradley won by a majority vote.

Nola Vincent and Emily LaMarca were nominated for Treasurer. Nola won by a majority vote.

Tabitha and Victoria Laboyteaux will be co secretary and superintendents for the 2011 youth show as they were 2010 Youth Sr ambassadors.

Some activities requested at the youth show were quiz bowl and a bunny race. Bradley Babin motioned to adjourn with Dakota St. Pierre seconding the motion.

**LRBA, Inc Youth Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2011**

Meeting was called to order by Lori Neagle. There were 7 members present. Kevin LeBlanc moved to accept minutes as published. Seconded by Yvonne Hebert.

Youth Show report—We had 303 rabbits shown by 52 exhibitors and made a profit for the scholarship fund of \$994.

Ariana St. Pierre was appointed as secretary and Amy Lukaszewski as treasurer.

The 2011 youth Show will be held November 12, 2011 at the National Guard Armory in Alexandria. There is no charge for the site. Awards are being looked into through Crown. Kevin Leblanc suggested glass frames for contest awards and Carrie Laboyteaux suggested certificates for contest awards.

Judges suggested were Michael Franke and Lee Engel.

The Livingston American Legion is being looked into for the site of the 2012 youth show.

Ariana St. Pierre motioned to adjourn and was seconded by Cheryl Moyers.



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Show Room Etiquette by Collette Waters

I've been listening to people talk all season about their experiences at shows. The experience has run the gauntlet from most horrid to wonderful but one recurring complaint has been "rude" behavior. Often times the behavior in question was the result

of a person just not knowing what was the expected behavior. Based on these comments I have compiled twelve basic rules for the polite exhibitor.

1. Arrive early, especially if you have day of show entries or several changes to your entry. The show can't start till the secretary makes the changes and adds the late entries.

2. Check your entries and keep a copy of your changes. Ear tag numbers cannot be changed and rabbits cannot be added once judging starts. If there is a conflict (scribal error) at the judging table it can be easily solved if you have a copy of your entry form showing the changes/entries. Please understand that if the show secretary does not have a copy of your entry/change the show superintendent cannot change what is on the control sheets (I like NCR entry forms!)

3. Look around – if the show room is getting crowded consolidate. Stack carriers, fold up chairs that aren't being used, put away the grooming table, stack or tuck ice chests.

4. When setting up camp try to set up in rows to allow easy movement from back to front of showroom. It is no fun to try and navigate a maze toting 90 lbs of rabbits not to mention tripping over a carrier or chair stuck out in the aisle.

5. If possible, set up no closer than ten feet from the judging tables to allow room for exhibitors to stage their rabbits and get them to the table in a timely manner.

6. Listen for your breed being called! In a perfect world a PA system would be available but that is often not the case.

7. Please let the judge work without interruptions. Listen to the judge's comments –that's what you paid your entry fee for. If you have a question wait till he/she finish with the breed. Most judges

are delighted to answer questions between breeds.

8. Be patient, breeds are judged in order of number entered. It is suggested that giant breeds and running breeds are judged first while the judge is fresh. (You try handling a cranky 18 pound Flemish after you been picking up rabbits for eight hours or chasing a Checkered Giant that has been cooped all day.)

9. Offer to help write, run folders, add entries at registration, set up or break down or any of the other tasks that make a show run smoothly.

10. Display good sportsmanship – both when winning and when losing.

11. Clean up your area when you leave.

12. Have fun! Remember showing rabbits is a hobby.



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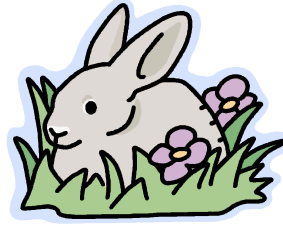
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NEWS FROM THE CLRBA:

The Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association is looking forward to seeing everyone at the October 15, 2011 show in Alexandria, Louisiana. We are excited to have the following judges: Robert Caldwell, Tex & Tonna Thomas, Michael Franke, & Lee Engel. Giant Breeds and running breeds will be first on the table so if you show French Lops, English Lops, Flemish Giants, Giant Chinchillas, Rhinelanders, Tans, English Spots... be sure to sign in early so we can get those folders ready and the show rolling on time!

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