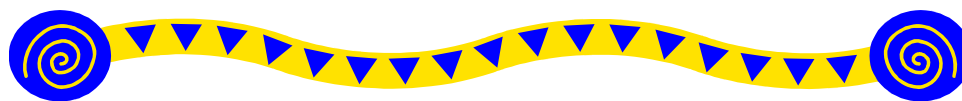


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Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 6, 2012

SLRBA Double Open/Double Youth Show, along with a Single Open/Single Youth Cavy Show. Mini Rex and Holland Lop Specialties, Opelousas, La. Sheila Spillers, Show Secretary

Judges: Michael Franke, Tony Bell, Ken McCracken, Mary Jo Terry, Travis Finkle, Tom Green, and Lee Engle

OCTOBER 12, 2012

Polish Specialty Show, Alexandria, La
Judge: Adam McCabe

Mini Rex Specialty Show, Alexandria, La
Judge: Don Mersiovsky

OCTOBER 13, 2012

CLRBA Show, Alexandria, La.,
Monna Berryhill, Show Secretary

Judges: Adam McCabe, Lance Gendron, Frank Farrow, Cheryl Blackman, Robert Sorrels, and Don Mersiovsky

NOVEMBER 10, 2012

LRBA Youth Scholarship Show, Burton Center, Lake Charles, La.

Ariana St. Pierre/ Bradley Babin, Show Secretary

Judges: Lee Engel and Cheryl Blackman

MARCH 2, 2013

LRBA State Show, Burton Center, Lake Charles, La

Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish and Dutch Specialties in Open and Youth, Ariana St. Pierre, Secretary

MAY 2013

Memorial Day Show, Alexandria, La
Collette Waters, Open Show Secretary,
Breanna Dunaway, Youth Show Secretary, Ariana St. Pierre, Show Superintendent

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From the Desk of the President:

I want to thank all of the members who voted for me to be the president of our club. I hope that I can live up to your trust as I serve as your club president for the next year.

For the new members who do not know me, I will tell you a little about who I am. I am 56 years old and I have been married for 38 years to my wife, Yvonne. I have been a member of LRBA for the past 12 years. I have previously served as LRBA President for 4 years. I raise Dutch rabbits and show on local, state and national levels. I am currently also the president of the Acadiana Area Rabbit Club and the Tri-Parish Dutch Club. I am also vice-president of the Bonne Terre Rabbit Club.

I was very excited at the LRBA State Meeting to see so many members show up prepared to put forth proposals for holding LRBA shows at various facilities across the state. That preparedness will allow us the time necessary to plan these shows early enough to put together really good shows. Thank you everyone who did the necessary work ahead of the meeting to make these proposals and secure these sites. This is the kind of member contribution that makes this club work. I also want to thank Central Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association for hosting the LRBA Annual State Meeting. It was a nice meeting and a really good show. Good job!

I want to take the time in this article to touch on another subject. LRBA puts on

3 or 4 shows each year. The rest of the shows on our show circuit are put on by local clubs. Many of these local clubs are struggling to put on the shows they hold each year due to low membership numbers. If we want to continue to have as many shows each show season as we now enjoy, it is important that LRBA members join these local clubs and become active members of the local club in their area. This will keep the local club alive and active and we will all benefit from the high number of local shows.

I hope everyone is having a good summer with many nice show prospects in your rabbit barn. Thank you and may God bless.

Lynn Hebert

LRBA President

From the Vice President:

My name is Breanna Dunaway and my family and I have a history of showing animals, unfortunately horses are just too expensive all year round. I found rabbits to be extremely rewarding and am glad for the friends I've made along the way. My husband Ben, and children AJ (6), Payton (2) and Blake (5mths) don't always travel with me to shows but they enjoy the rabbits at home.

I'm hoping, as your newly elected Vice President, to achieve certain goals such as bringing the attendance of our state meeting up, getting volunteers for our shows, and, of course, increasing our membership. I am open to any suggestions, and want you to feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Since I am still relatively new to showing rabbits, I expect to learn a lot

through this position and bring some fresh ideas in.

Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity.

Breanna Dunaway
Vice President

From the Secretary:

It has been a long, hot summer as I'm sure you all know! My family and rabbits have moved once again and are hoping this is a more permanent location for us. We are now residing in Pollock, La., which is north of Alexandria. During our move we lost some rabbits, but that was to be expected in the 100 degree days in which we moved. The move would not have happened without the help of some great bunny friends. Thank you, Breanna Dunaway and family, as well as Julie Yarbrough and family.

Although the turnout at the state meeting was extremely low, we did have many people step up to volunteer for things for the first time! Thank you to all of you who have been and are starting to give your time back to the club and this hobby we all enjoy.

I am especially grateful to Allen Wainwright, who has volunteered to take over the sweepstakes calculations. A reminder for show secretaries: **Please remember to submit the sweeps report from your show using the form that is available on the LRBA website. Failure to use the specified form can result in the sweepstakes not counting for your show.** This is a time consuming job that tends to be

taken for granted. Expecting an update after each show does not allow for the sweeps chair to have a life outside of doing this. A quarterly update timed with the newsletter is a reasonable timeline for updates. Please allow Allen time to revamp the system he will use for calculating. I hope that by the November newsletter he will be caught up and have mastered it!

Many of us are watching our juniors grow for the fall season hoping each and every one turns out to be the next BIS winner. At this time, our family is planning for our very first convention. I have heard that many of us Louisianians will be attending. Hopefully we can prove that our Cajun bunnies can compete! There are a few youth who are hoping to participate in the team competitions available at convention. Austin Roark and Bradley Babin are definitely competing. They are looking for other youth in their age group who are attending and would like to participate as well. Teams must consist of 4 members and can have at least 2 alternates.

Our show season will be upon us more fairly soon and I hope to see all of you at the upcoming shows!

Ariana St. Pierre

LRBA Secretary

From the Youth Advisor:

Hello. My name is Breanna Dunaway and I am the new 2013 Youth Advisor. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank last year's youth advisor Mrs. Carrie Laboyteaux for a wonderful year. She

has always done such a great job with our youth and I hope to be able to follow in her footsteps and set a good example for our youth.

I was very pleased to see the attendance of the youth at the state meeting. It's an encouraging sight. After all, the youth is the future of this club!!

I want to remind everyone about the deadline for the ambassador contest which is October 15, 2012. If there is anything you need or suggestions of youth events you want at the show please feel free to email me at [*dunawayrabbitry@yahoo.com](mailto:dunawayrabbitry@yahoo.com)

Your new youth Vice President Austin Roark has come to us with a new suggestion of a youth royalty contest and I would like to personally hear your feedback about it. You can email me and let me know what you think.

This is somewhat of a breakdown.

Rules:

- 1) Must be a valid ARBA and LRBA member.
- 2) Must be a member of a local club inside the state.
- 3) Must reside in the State.
- 4) Must write an Essay, less than 2,000 words.
- 5) Enclose a photo of yourself with the application.

Application:

The application must consist of the essay and a form (which we could hand out a show or meeting etc.) The form would include your full name, age, and address. The applications must also

consist of a photo no larger than 3X3, preferably a photo of you as the center, but animals are allowed.

Categories:

There are 8 categories, which then are divided by gender.

King- Male(15-18)
Queen- Female(15-18)
Duke-Male((12-14)
Duchess-Female(12-14)
Prince- Male (9-11)
Princess- Female(9-11)
Lord-Male(5-8)
Lady-Female (5-8)

Scoring Components:

This will be a 500 point Competition.
Written Examination -
200 points

Oral Interview-
100 points

Breed Identification-
100 points

Age appropriate Contest-
100 points.

I look forward to hearing from everyone soon. Thanks

Breanna



As the summer is in mid-swing, the

SLRBA is wishing all the exhibitors the best in raising those BIS winners. The summer heat is a major factor in keeping those show winners at their best. Remember proper fluid hydration is a plus for keeping rabbits in their pristine condition.

We hope everyone who was able to attend their national show had a safe and wonderful trip and accomplished what needed to be accomplished. The local show season is approaching fast. SLRBA will be hosting the first show of the season on October 6, 2012 in Opelousas, La. followed by CLRBA on October 13, 2012 in Alexandria.

SLRBA will be having a mini Rex/Netherland/Holland specialty/cavy as well as a double all breed show. The show will be held at the same facility as last year. If there is anything that anyone recognizes that the club can do to better this show, don't hesitate to inform me. The input of the exhibitors is needed at our local shows in order to better the atmosphere and keep things running smoothly. Please always try to support the local clubs in the state, without them we have no show season.

Last and not least, I hope everyone got their ARBA ballots in the mail. This has a huge impact on our hobby and selecting the right person for the job is important!!!!

Good luck in the upcoming show season

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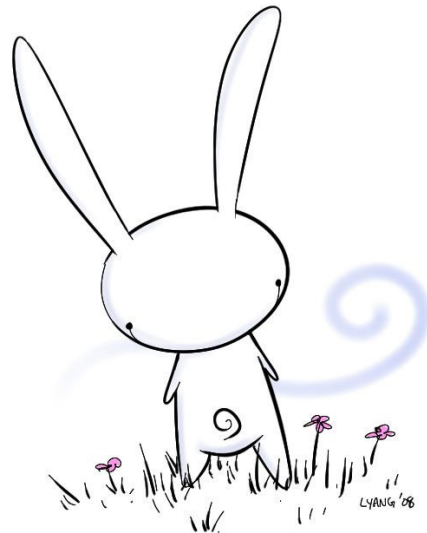
FROM THE CLRBA:

We will be hosting a 4-H Rabbit Clinic on Saturday, September 8, 2012 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory located next to the Rapides Parish Coliseum at 5500 Coliseum Boulevard, Alexandria,

La. This work shop is open to all Central Louisiana 4-H members or youth members.

There will be stations for health, grooming, tattooing, showmanship and more. Bring your Rabbit Project book to work in too! (If you would like to have your rabbit tattooed at the work shop, please contact Joel Petrus or Tammy Lloid.)

For more information, please contact the Rapides Parish 4-H office at 318-767-3968 or visit www.lsuagcenter.com/Rapides You may also contact Tammy Lloid at 318-446-1970 or tlloid@gmail.com or Joel Petrus at 318-442-2325.



We want to take this opportunity to welcome two new clubs: Louisiana Polish Rabbit Club and North Louisiana Rabbit Breeders Association.

Anyone interested in joining the LPRC should contact Amy

Lukaszeski at 3318-342-2561 or
amy.lukaszeski@gmail.com

**Anyone wishing to join the NLRBA
should contact Mary Beth Bearden at
318-376-9797 or aakede@hughes.net**

Minutes from the
LRBA Annual State Meeting

June 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin LeBlanc at 8:20am. Roll call was done by sign in sheet. We had 21 adult members in attendance. Ariana St. Pierre motioned to accept 2011 minutes as published. Motion was 2nd and passed. Amy Lukaszeski read the treasurer's report by giving account balances. Full disclosure was printed for everyone and attached to the agenda. Audit committee- Shelia Humphries, Bryan Manning, and Breanna Dunaway found no errors or discrepancies. Ariana St. Pierre read the secretary's report, stating that we have as of the opening of the meeting, 10 affiliated clubs, 344 members (51 members increased over last year). Of the 344 total members, 149 are youth members and 195 are adult members. Lynn Hebert read over the eBoard report.

An election of officers was held. Nominees for president were Ronnie Duhon and Lynn Hebert. Lynn was elected by a vote of 12-3. Breanna Dunaway and Ronnie Duhon were nominated for Vice President. Breanna was elected by a vote of 11-2. Ariana St Pierre was nominated for secretary and

there was no opposition. Amy Lukaszeski was nominated for treasurer and there was again no opposition. Breanna Dunaway accepted the position of Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson.

The 2013 State Show was discussed. The date chosen is March 2, 2013 to be held in Lake Charles at the Burton Center. Allen Wainwright will be superintendent and Ariana St. Pierre will be secretary. The area 4H club will volunteer to handle the raffle and concession. Stacy Hyatt and Angelle Kraemer will be the awards committee and will be working with the set budget of \$1,500.00. The judges' budget was set at \$2,500.00. The following specialty clubs have requested and were granted permission to hold specialty shows at the 2013 state show: Polish, Netherland Dwarf, Dutch, and Mini Rex. The following judges were suggested to be bid on for this show: Sara Michaud, Cheryl Blackman, Lee Engel, Lance Gendron, Wade Burkhalter, Briony Barnes, Michael Franke, Theresa Schwandt, Rusty Westhoff, Josh Humphries, and Gail Krall.

Volunteer positions were discussed. Allen Wainwright volunteered to take over the sweepstakes contest. Karen Guillory was reappointed as the newsletter editor as well as Collette Waters reappointed to webspinner. A new volunteer position has emerged—Historian. Lisa Wainwright has agreed to take on this task with help along the way from Kelley Trahan. Stacy Hyatt was appointed as equipment manager and is now in charge of the LRBA trailer and its contents.

Ariana St. Pierre made a motion to end the LRBA's affiliation with Southern University rabbit show. The motion was seconded and 9 voted to end the affiliation and 2 voted to keep. We will no longer host the Southern University rabbit show.

Bradley Babin will be secretary and Ariana St Pierre will be superintendent of the 2012 Youth Show to be held in Lake Charles at the Burton facility. Judges will be Cheryl Blackman and Lee Engel.

Ariana St Pierre will be superintendent for the 2013 Memorial Weekend show to be held at the Exhibition Center next to the Coliseum in Alexandria. Breanna Dunaway will be youth show secretary and Collette Waters will be open show secretary. South Louisiana Netherland Dwarf club will host the concession stand with profits to be split 50/50 with LRBA. Stacy Hyatt and Angelle Kraemer are in charge of awards with a budget of \$3,000.00. Judges' budget was set at \$8,000.00 to hire 12 judges. The North Louisiana Rabbit Club will host the raffle table.

Blair Guerin will be the superintendent for the 2013 Youth Show to be held in Plaquemine, La. and Breanna Dunaway will be the show secretary. The show will be held November 9, 2013.

The 2014 State Show will be held on March 1, 2014 at the Ruston Ag Expo Center. Mary Beth Bearden and Michael Ellerbe will co-superintendent the show with Breanna Dunaway being show secretary. Judges budget was set at \$3,000.00 with the following judges suggested: Glenn Carr, Don

Mersiovsky, Tony Bell, Tom Green, Lee Engel, Lance Gendron, Scott Rodriguez, Allen Mesick, Michael Franke, and Wade Burkhalter. The awards budget was set at \$1,800.00 and will also include sweepstakes awards.

Kevin LeBlanc proposed to create a committee that would be responsible for looking into and pricing building new tables for LRBA. Allen Wainwright and Bryan Manning are heading this committee and will report their findings at the 2013 State Meeting.

Acquiring a bank card for the LRBA checking account to aid in booking flights and hotels was discussed and the majority decided to correct the officers on the account within 30 days and use a prepaid type card for booking.

The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

LRBA Eboard Meeting Minutes

Roll Call was done by sign in sheet. We had 13 members of the 25 members in attendance. All decisions made for shows were already listed above.

The following members were nominated and voted to be on the ballot for Open Breeder of the Year: Ariana St. Pierre, Ronnie and Dana Duhon, Angelle and Ken Kraemer, Linda Burkhart, and Kevin LeBlanc.

The following members were nominated and voted to be on the ballot for Open Rookie of the Year: Bryan Manning, Breanna Dunaway, Stacy & Steven Hyatt, and Shelia Humphries.

The following members were nominated and voted to be on the ballot for Youth Breeder of the Year: Courtney Duhon

and Ryan Hebert, Alyssa Lloid, Bradley Babin, Dakota St. Pierre, Austin Roark, and Caleb Elliot.

The following members were nominated and voted on the ballot for Youth Rookie of the Year: Caroline Zimmerman, Dylan Miller, Russell Lisitsa, Ryan Guerin, Larindy Guidry, Katherine Moss, Jade Burns, Chase Domingue.

The following members were nominated and accepted on the ballot for Hall of Fame: Yvonne Hebert, Collette and Glenn Waters, Tracey and Tyrone Freeman and Kathy Elliot.

Youth Meeting Minutes

There were 27 youth members in attendance.

Victoria Laboyteaux moved to accept minutes as published and Emily LaMarca seconded.

An election of youth officers was held. Russell Lisitsa and Emily LaMarca were nominated for President and Emily LaMarca won by a vote of 18-4. Vice President nominees were Austin Roark, Ryan Guerin, and Victoria Laboyteaux. Austin Roark won by a vote of 20-2-0. Nominees for secretary were Alyssa Lloid and Russell Lisitsa. Alyssa Lloid won by a vote of 20-2. Nominees for treasurer were Russell Lisitsa, Elizabeth Richards and Megan Tassin. Russell Lisitsa won by a vote of 16-6-5.

The youth discussed which activities and contests they would like to see put on at the youth show and other shows throughout the year.

Youth Advisory Board Minutes

The members went over the activities for the shows that the youth presented. Amy Lukaszewski was appointed the new secretary of the board.

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