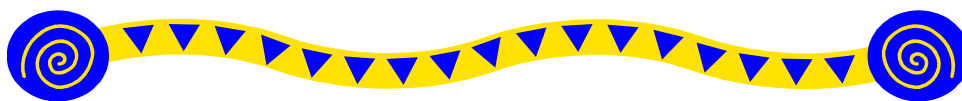


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## Calendar of Events

**MAY 24 & 25, 2013**

Memorial Day Show - Friday night is a single  
Open/Youth show. Saturday is a Double  
Open/Youth show - Alexandria, Louisiana

Collette Waters, Open Show Secretary  
Breanna Dunaway, Youth Show Secretary  
Ariana St. Pierre, Show Superintendent

Judges: Johnny Haussener, Rusty  
Westhoff, Allen Mesick, Randy Shumaker,  
Doug King, Jeremy Watmuff, Cheryl  
Blackman, Michael Franke, Rosa Fields,  
Todd Naragon, Wade Burkhalter, Sara  
Michaud.

**JUNE 1, 2013** - Texas Mini Lop Club & Texas Dutch Rabbit Club, Double Mini Lop & Dutch night show in Lufkin, Texas – Show Secretary, Theresa Farrow

Judge: Gail Krall & Don Mersiovsky

**JUNE STATE MEETING – JUNE 29, 2013**

**June 14 & 15, 2013** – East Texas Double Show with Friday night specialties in Longview, Texas

LPRC Polish Specialty on June 14 in conjunction with this show – Show Secretary, Tammy Lloid

Judge: Michael Franke

**August 30 & 31, 2013** - East Texas Double Show with Friday night specialties in Longview, Texas

LPRC Polish Specialty on August 30 in conjunction with this show – Show Secretary, Tammy Lloid

Judge: Sara Michaud

**October 5, 2013** – SLRBC Double Open/Double Youth show, with Mini Rex and Holland Lop Specialties – Show Secretary – Sheila Spillers

Judges: Kenny McCracken, Tom Green, Travis Finkle, and Danielle & Justin Lowe

**October 12, 2013** – CLRBA Double Open/Double Youth show in Alexandria, Louisiana. Monna Berryhill, Show Secretary

Judges: Ken McCracken, Tex & Tonya Thomas, Jeff Albright, Jim Rowland, Carrol Hooks

LPRC Polish Specialty in conjunction with this show on October 11, 2013 – Show Secretary, Destiny Bearden

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catalogs and fliers.

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**From the desk of the President**

Our 2012-2013 show season is about to come to an end. Looking back I think it was quite successful. We had several exhibitors showing for the first time this season. I may not have taken the time to welcome each one, but I would like to do so now. We are happy to have you as part of our hobby. If there is anything that you feel would make the rabbit experience a better one for you, please discuss it with me. We strive to make this hobby an enjoyable one for all. Your idea may be a helpful one that we have never thought of before.

I hope everyone is having a good spring breeding season, with nest boxes full of future winners. We will have the opportunity to show off some of our early spring bunnies again this year at the rabbit show being held in conjunction with the 2013 LRBA Annual Meeting. The show will be a single open / single youth show and it will begin about a half hour after the last meeting is adjourned.

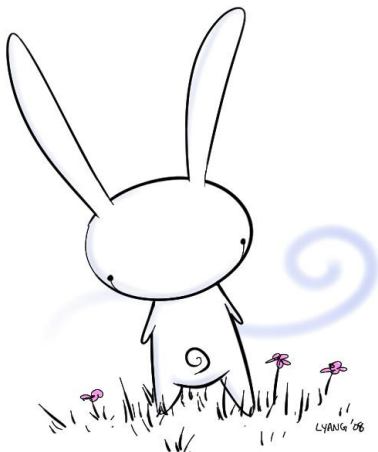
The 2013 Annual Meeting is being held on June 29th in Alexandria/Pineville area at Camp Beauregard. This year's annual LRBA meeting will begin at 8:00AM. The annual meeting is open to all LRBA members. Please come and help us plan for the future of our club. If you would like changes to be made in the way the LRBA is run, this is your opportunity to do so. There are some changes to our constitution and By-laws being proposed. We need you there to voice your concerns and cast your vote for or against these changes.

We will be deciding on the location of the 2015 LRBA State Show. If you would like it to be held at a site in your area, please attend the meeting and present the club with a proposal. We will be deciding on the location for the 2014 Youth Scholarship Show. Please be prepared to make a proposal to the club, if you know of a good

location to hold this show. We will also accept proposals for next year's annual meeting. All proposals need to include verified availability on the date of event, building size and cost of rental. It is and always has been my desire to see these events moved around the state so that they are not always a long drive for the same members each year. We will only know about facilities available in your area if you come to the meeting and tell the rest of us about these facilities. The location that all LRBA events are held is decided by the members at the state meeting. The members will chose from locations presented at the meeting. Please attend the meeting and help decide where we will hold these future events.

I would like to say in closing that it has been a pleasure serving as your president this past year. I hope I have lived up to your trust in me. I wish you all a great summer.

Lynn Hebert - LRBA President



#### **NEWS FROM THE SLRBA:**

SLRBA would like to wish all the exhibitors at our upcoming shows good luck at the show tables! With the unpredictable weather, we seem to need to be prepared for every extreme this spring. We hope that even with the crazy temperatures that your show prospects are doing well.

Congratulations to those that have attended their spring nationals all over the country. We are hearing some very good placings from some of our Louisiana exhibitors!

The LRBA meeting is coming up shortly! It will be an opportunity for everyone to be involved with the yearly planning for the club. Please make it a point to attend the meeting to support the club! It will be a time to vote for officers, proposed changes and discuss upcoming show locations, budgets and possibilities for upcoming judges. If you agree or disagree with any of the changes proposed and published in this issue, make sure to attend and cast your vote! Make your voices heard!

We are currently working on getting our list of sanctioned breeds lined up for our October show! The list will be posted soon. If you would like to donate a sanction, please contact me! We are excited to be having the following judges for our show: Danielle & Justin Lowe (IN), Travis Finkle (OR), Tom Green (KY), Kenny McCracken (TX).

Good luck to all of you and keep those bunnies cool this summer!

Sheila Spillers

**THE FOLLOWING ARE  
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
CBL. THESE ARE TO BE VOTED  
ON AT THE STATE MEETING IN  
JUNE:**

**CURRENT VERSION:**

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP & PRIVILEGES

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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.

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

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Section 5. Youth members of thirteen (13) years of age, and above are allowed to vote in the General Meeting of the LRBA Inc. Youth members below the age of thirteen (13), have the right to vote in the youth division only.

Reasoning:

There are several youth members that help the LRBA put on a show, by volunteering their time, writing, working the raffle table, and helping the show committee do day of show entries. As by helping, the youth should have a say on who governs our club, what Proposals that ultimately affect they youth.

**2<sup>nd</sup> PROPOSED VERSION:**

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## **PROPOSED CHANGED #2**

### **Current Version:**

#### Section 4. 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 prior year's Louisiana Youth Rabbit Senior Ambassadors are to be designated as Show Superintendent and Show Secretary for this show.

C. Proceeds from this show are to be dedicated to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

### **Proposed Version:**

#### Section 4. 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 run by the youth officers, along with help from the Open Officers. The Youth President and Vice President shall Co- Superintendent the show with the Open President. The Youth Secretary, and Treasure shall Co- Secretary the show with the Open Secretary.

C. Proceeds from this show are to be dedicated to the Youth Scholarship Fund.

### **Reasoning:**

The Youth Show is supposed to be run by the Youth, this amendment enables the Youth to have an active lead in the show, without over stepping boundaries that could affect the club, or youth Fund. This also allows Youth to be able to learn and follow examples that the Open set. The Youth officers are actually voted in by their peers, this enables them to represent the Youth in the youth Show.

#### Article 3 Membership Privilege

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

Change to: Youth age 13 and older may sit in on and VOTE on all adult business.

Our youth pay at age 12 adult rate for movies, meals, etc. I think it fair and necessary that our older youth have an active vote on adult issues - if they wait until they are 19 to sit in on meeting of what good

is that doing for them - they should be learning NOW how the adult meetings work and have an active part in it so they are ready at age 19 to step up and do some things at the adult level.....I recommend age 13 and older as that is the age division for senior ambassadors.

#### Article X Sweepstakes

Section 3, Sections B, C, D:

B. Exhibit his/her breed(s) at the Annual State Show, except newly acquired breeds.

C. Open show only- Exhibit his/her breed(s) at the Annual State Show plus one of the all breed LRBA sanctioned shows held during the sweepstakes year.

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I propose these THREE ABOVE NOTED be expunged from our CBL entirely. Regarding everyone: due to the economy, it is not possible for us to attend all shows. And regarding YOUTH, how can they get to shows if their parent(s) or other responsible party does not bring them. Not all youth live near other breeders for a car ride and not all parents will allow their child to go off with other people (cars break down, houses burn, people die, people get married, people give birth, parents have surgery, etc.) And PARENTS choose what their kids do and where they go - especially not fair to the youth. In addition if something happens to

someone in the family OTHER than the youth, this rule does not seem to apply so much (i.e. another child sick in family or a parent has surgery so that no one in family can travel, then youth is not exempted as it is not the youth that is sick or had surgery). I think these above rules unrealistic and unfair.

I do suggest that double points still apply for these two shows - for those that are seriously interested in sweeps, they will come if at all possible and should get the gravy for doing so.

#### ARTICLE X. SWEEPSTAKES section 1:

Section 1. The LRBA, Inc. sweepstakes and quality point year will run January 1 through December 31 of each year. The LRBA, Inc. will sponsor one open and one youth sweepstakes and quality points contest per year. All open points to be accumulated from open shows. All youth points to be accumulated from youth shows. These two shall not be combined and awards shall be given separately for each sweepstakes and quality points contest.

Recommend an addition to this: Youth may gain YOUTH sweeps points in OPEN shows where there is no youth show. Example two open and one youth show with youth showing in the youth show and the second open show - youth should receive sweeps points for both shows towards YOUTH sweeps even though one is an open show. ARBA rules allow them show in open shows when this occurs and they are paying the entry fees and supporting the show; therefore they should get any points earned in an open show under these circumstances applied to their youth sweeps.

#### Section 4 Annual Youth Scholarship show Section B:

B. The prior year's Louisiana Youth Rabbit Senior Ambassadors are to be designated as Show Superintendent and Show



Secretary for this show. I recommend this include the following: unless there are no senior ambassadors, then the junior ambassadors co-run the show along with an adult appointed superintendent and secretary.

#### 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.

I recommend this be added: No officer shall hold any office or combination of offices for longer than 4 years unless there are no other nominees. This will prevent people from being overtaxed/tired/weary and will allow for new ideas to promote growth of our clubs.

#### PROPOSED CHANGE:

Article IV Elections: Section 1:

#### 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.

Propose to add that any person nominated or seeking to be nominated is required to be present at State Meeting.

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently reads:

BY-LAWS - Article X. Sweepstakes.

Section 3. To qualify for sweepstakes and quality points, the exhibitor (I.e. Individual, partnership, or combined rabbitry) must:

A. Be a member of the LRBA, Inc. at the time of or join during the Annual State Show

and must renew within thirty (30) days of expiration.

B. Exhibit his/her breed(s) at the Annual State Show, except newly acquired breeds.

C. Open show only - Exhibit his/her breed(s) at the Annual State Show plus one of the all breed LRBA sanctioned shows held during the sweepstakes year.

D. Youth Show Only - Exhibit his/her breed(s) at the LRBA Annual State Show and the LRBA Youth Scholarship Show. If extenuating circumstances arise that a youth cannot attend one of the two required shows, then he/she shall turn in written proof of absence over to the Executive Board of the LRBA, Inc. postmarked within thirty (30) days of the show. The Executive Board has sixty (60) days after the show (Annual or Scholarship) to approve/disapprove any excuses received and notify the member and sweepstakes chairperson of eligibility for the sweepstakes

Proposed change #1:

Section 3. To qualify for sweepstakes and quality points, the exhibitor (I.e. Individual, partnership or combined rabbitry) must be a member of LRBA, Inc. And renew membership within thirty (30) days of expiration. If membership is allowed to expire more than 30 days, points will be relinquished.

Reason: The incentive of double points at both the state and youth shows should be enough incentive for those wishing to win points to attend. If you keep your membership current, you should keep your points.

Proposed change #2:

Section 3. To qualify for sweepstakes and quality points, the exhibitor (I.e. Individual, partnership, or combined rabbitry) must:

A. Be a member of LRBA, Inc. and renew membership within thirty (30) days of expiration. If membership is allowed to expire more than 30 days, points will be relinquished.

B. Exhibit his/her breed(s) in at least two LRBA, Inc. sanctioned all breed events held on different days during the sweepstakes year.

Reason: The incentive of double points at both the state and youth shows should be enough incentive for those wishing to win points to attend. If you keep your membership current, you should keep your points. This option does allow for some required attendance at LRBA sanctioned all breed events which gives them the option of maybe picking a shows closer to home.

In the event that the above or similar passes the following should be in place.

By Laws - Article X, Sweepstakes

Section 7. If extenuating circumstances arise that an exhibitor cannot attend the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Show and provided that the exhibitor is an LRBA, Inc. member in good standing prior to the time of the LRBA, Inc. State Show and he/she feels the reason is valid, then he/she shall turn written proof of absence over to the Executive Board of the LRBA, Inc. postmarked within thirty (30) days of the Annual State Show. The Executive Board has sixty (60) days after the Annual State Show to approve/disapprove any excuses received and notify the member and sweepstakes chairman of eligibility for the sweepstakes.

Proposed change: Eliminate Section 7

Monica Guidry, Lisa Wainwright, Bruce & Sheila Spillers, Ronnie Duhon, Terry Herman, Doug Girard

## **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently Reads:

Constitution - Article IV. Membership

Section 3. All individuals 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:

Constitution - Article IV. Membership

Section 3. All individuals shall have the right to vote 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.

Reason: Eliminate in person. A paying member should have the right to vote on officers whether they are able to attend or not. Especially due to work or illness. They should be able to send in a handwritten/signed ballot.

Monica Guidry, Sheila Spillers

## **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Abolish all mandatory show attendance to qualify for the LRBA sweepstakes and quality points program.

Article X, Sections 3 C (Open) and D (Youth).

Reason:

The double points awarded for the Annual State Show and Youth Scholarship Show in an incentive in itself for someone to attend who wants the sweepstakes points. Making it mandatory for youth that have to rely on someone else to get them there or their rabbits can create hardships to some

families. Everyone does not have a 9 to 5 job, 5 days a week.

The national clubs do not make it mandatory to attend convention or nationals for sweepstakes. Why does LRBA ?

By being a member of LRBA, sweepstakes is a membership privilege. If not, why be a member of LRBA?

As stated in By-Laws

#### ARTICLE X. SWEEPSTAKES

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B. Exhibit his/her breed(s) at the Annual State Show, except newly acquired breeds.

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#### Change in By-Laws

#### ARTICLE X. SWEEPSTAKES

Section 3. To qualify for sweepstakes and quality points, the exhibitor (i.e. individual, partnership, or combined rabbitry) must:

A. Be a member of the LRBA, Inc. at the time of any LRBA sanction show and must renew within thirty (30) days of expiration.

B. Exhibit his/her breed(s) at any LRBA sanction show.

C. Open - Exhibit his/her breed(s) at any LRBA sanction show during the sweepstakes year. Double points shall be awarded to any exhibitor that participates with his/her breed at the LRBA State Show.

D. Youth- Exhibit his/her breed(s) at any LRBA sanction show during the sweepstakes year. Double points shall be awarded to any exhibitor that participates with his/her breed at the LRBA State Show and / or the LRBA Youth Scholarship Show.

By Blair Guerin 3/5/13

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

This proposal is to have the annual State Show in a climate control venue/building. It is also to address the concession stand and raffle table at the State Show.

#### Reason

The State Show is LRBA's high light of the year show. It's mainly for our members, but as always others are invited to attend. For the past two years we have endured cold weather for that show. The concession stand raffle table needs pre planning in order to be successful. With the \$4 increases in show fees, we deserve to be comfortable and enjoy ourselves.

As Stated in By-Laws

#### ARTICLE XI. ANNUAL STATE SHOW

Section 1. The Annual State Show will be sponsored by the LRBA, Inc. It will 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.

Proposed Change in By-Laws

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Section 1. The Annual State Show will be sponsored by the LRBA, Inc. It will 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.

A. The show site shall be in a climate controlled building with the individual affiliated clubs handling the concession stand.

B. If there is problem with the concession stand, it shall be offered to all clubs first, if at that point no-one steps up, then it shall be appointed to the affiliated clubs starting in alphabetical order. The local club providing concessions for an LRBA, Inc. sponsored show, shall receive half the concession stand profits.

C. The raffle table shall be manned in shifts by sanction club members. Profits will be split by clubs that help run the table along with LRBA.

By Blair Guerin 3/5/13

#### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently reads:

BY-LAWS - Article X. Sweepstakes.

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enough incentive for those wishing to win points to attend. If you keep your membership current, you should keep your points.

Proposed change #2:

Section 3. To qualify for sweepstakes and quality points, the exhibitor (i.e. Individual, partnership, or combined rabbitry) must:

A. Be a member of LRBA, Inc. and renew membership within thirty (30) days of expiration. If membership is allowed to expire more than 30 days, points will be relinquished.

B. Exhibit his/her breed(s) in at least two LRBA, Inc. sanctioned all breed events held on different days during the sweepstakes year.

Reason: The incentive of double points at both the state and youth shows should be enough incentive for those wishing to win points to attend. If you keep your membership current, you should keep your points. This option does allow for some required attendance at LRBA sanctioned all breed events which gives them the option of maybe picking a shows closer to home.

In the event that the above or similar passes the following should be in place.

By Laws - Article X, Sweepstakes

Section 7. If extenuating circumstances arise that an exhibitor cannot attend the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Show and provided that the exhibitor is an LRBA, Inc member in good standing prior to the time of the LRBA, Inc. State Show and he/she feels the reason is valid, then he/she shall turn written proof of absence over to the Executive Board of the LRBA, Inc. postmarked within thirty (30) days of the Annual State Show. The Executive Board has sixty (60) days after the Annual State Show to approve/disapprove any excuses received

and notify the member and sweepstakes chairman of eligibility for the sweepstakes.

Proposed change: Eliminate Section 7

Monica Guidry, Lisa Wainwright, Bruce & Sheila Spillers, Ronnie Duhon, Terry Herman, Doug Girard

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently Reads:

Constitution - Article IV. Membership

Section 3. All individuals 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:

Constitution - Article IV. Membership

Section 3. All individuals shall have the right to vote 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.

Reason: Eliminate in person. A paying member should have the right to vote on officers whether they are able to attend or not. Especially due to work or illness. They should be able to send in a handwritten/signed ballot.

Monica Guidry, Sheila Spillers

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

By- laws Article XI. Annual State Show

Section 2. Double points awarded for the Annual State Show and Annual Youth Scholarship Show.

Move to Article X. Sweepstakes

Reason: just to clean up the CBL's in general. It makes sense to keep all rules and information concerning sweepstakes under the sweepstakes heading.

Sheila Spillers, Doug Girard

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently Reads:

By-laws Article I. Items Of Business

The annual meeting shall include the following items:

Roll call

Reading of the minutes

Reports of Secretary/Treasurer

Reports of Executive Board

Reports of Committees

Election of Officers

Unfinished Business

New Business

Discussion

Adjournment

Proposed change to be noted below the above list:

All itemized proof of expenditures, bank statements, receipts, bids for awards & judges, etc. shall be provided as appropriate with reports from Secretary, Treasurer and Committees at the Annual State Meeting for use during the annual audit.

This will help in reconciliation of all expenditures as well as open accountability of all out going funds. The treasurers report should be done in a manner that it can be used as a fiscal guideline for the following year to be referred to as needed.

Bruce & Sheila Spillers, Lisa Wainwright, Doug Girard

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently reads:

By-laws –

Article VI Dues and Fees

Section 1. The affiliation fee for local adult clubs shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) per annum. Affiliation renewals are due January 1st of each year and delinquent by March 1st.

Section 2. The affiliation fee for local youth clubs shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per annum. Affiliation renewals are due January 1st and delinquent by March 1st.

Section 3. The sanction fee for the 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's sanction number.

Section 4. An advertising rate of four dollars (\$4.00) yearly for business cards printed in the newsletter.

Eliminate Article VI Dues and Fees.

Almost all of this is included under local clubs except section 3 which should be added to local clubs under the section that is already there titled sanctions. Advertising rates are included in every newsletter. Rates for the LRBA catalog ads can be added to the newsletter.

Moving section 3 above to Local clubs.

Article XII. Local Clubs

Section 2. Sanctions

Add

D. The sanction fee for the 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's sanction number.

Sheila Spillers

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently reads:

By-Laws, Article II. Annual State Meeting

Section 1. The LRBA, Inc. Annual State meeting is to be held on weekend in June each year. A newsletter/notice will be issued thirty (30) days before to inform each member.

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:

Section 1. The LRBA Inc. Annual State Meeting is to be held immediately following 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 2 shows.

Reason: A lot of state organizations hold their meeting along with their annual state show. This would eliminate the problems of having local clubs find a suitable venue for a

show in June for the meeting/show. It may increase participation in the meeting.

If the above passes, the youth division would need to be changed accordingly.

### **PROPOSED CHANGE:**

Currently reads:

Section 3. Youth Division Meetings

A. The Annual Youth Meeting will be held on a weekend in June in conjunction with the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting. Other meetings may be called during the year as needed.

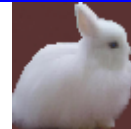
Proposed change:

Section 3. Youth Division Meetings

A. The Annual Youth Meeting will be held in conjunction with the LRBA, Inc. Annual State Meeting. Other meetings may be called during the year as needed.

Ronnie Duhon, Bruce & Sheila Spillers, Lisa Wainwright, Doug Girard

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**YOUTH 3YRS \$20.00 ( )    INDIVIDUAL 3YRS \$30.00( )    COMBO 3YRS \$50.00 ( )**

**FAMILY (\$16.00 + \$2.00 PER YOUTH) ( )    3YR (\$45 + \$5 PER YOUTH) ( )**

**AGE & NAME OF YOUTH MEMBERS**

**RABBITRY NAME (ADDTL \$1.00 PER YR)**

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