

OLRCB BOARD MEETING
December 16, 2012
HALSEY, OREGON

President Ted DeLoyola called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Board members present: President Ted DeLoyola, Vice President Linda Cooper, Secretary Caroline Sullivan, Treasurer Judy Atchison, Directors Deb Loftis, Teri Jordahl, Joy Ekstrom, and Keith Ekstrom.

Others present: Club Representative Muriel Keyes Judy Rossner, and Visitor Tom Keyes.

Club Reports:

BLUE MOUNTAIN – Email Report given by Stephanie Myers as follows:

“Blue Mountain Rabbit Breeder's Association is hosting their spring show March 9, 2013, in Hermiston, Oregon, instead of LaGrande. This will be a triple open with a youth show. We have a larger building with similar facilities at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds. Current judges are Ted Deloyola, Roger Hassenpflug, and Cathy Szychulda, but we are in the process of securing more. In the past we haven't needed more than four judges but we expect this show to be larger. As we get closer to the show date, we will have more information on motel discounts and on-site food.” End of Report.

OCBS – Email Report given by Anita Vandervelden and read by Teri Jordahl as follows:

“Our first of 2013 will be held on February 2, 2013 in Woodburn, Oregon at the Grange. It will be a quadruple show in conjunction with “Left Coast Regional Cavy Club”. OCBS will have 2 open shows and 1 youth show. The LCRCC will be sponsoring 2 open shows in the afternoon. We are having a potluck and raffle. The shows will be sanctioned with ARBA, ACBA, and OLRCB. OCBS will have three other shows in 2013 (all shows will have 2 open shows and 1 youth show).

Spring Fling, May 18, 2013

July or August

Fall Warren in October

OCBS Website: <http://ocbscavies.weebly.com/>.” End of Report.

Crazy 8 – Report given by Judy Rossner as follows:

“Crazy 8’s spring show is scheduled for May 18, 2013 in Canby. It will again be a double open show. There is also a 4-H show and Cavy shows in conjunction with our show. Judges are:

Allen Barr, Cliff Dick, Lynn Eden, George Germaine, Allan Ormond, Check Pelham, and Julie Sennes. Quality cages will again be our equipment dealer. Catalog will be out soon. We will also be having our Buns & Broomstick show on October 5, 2013 in McMinnville. This will again be a double open. We are in the process of hiring judges for the show. Quality Cages will be our equipment dealer. We will be making a cash donation to both 4H and FFA at Oregon State Fair toward the Rabbit and Cavy awards.” End of Report.

RCRF – Report given by Muriel Keyes as follows:

“Frozen Friends show date will be January 26th. RCRF will host Friday night four Specialty shows for Satin, Mini Lop, Dutch, and Netherland Dwarf. English Spot and Polish Clubs will be having a show. In addition there will be a Lionhead show. Saturday will be two Open Rabbit and one Open Youth show.” End of Report.

RVRF – Report given by Ted DeLoyola as follows:

“Ed Alu is having health issues at this time. Cards of support would be greatly appreciated. Address as follows:

Ed Alu
1185 W. Jones Creek Road
Grants Pass, OR 97526

PCRCBA – Report given by Judy Atchison as follows:

“Several officers have stepped down at this time. It is unsure if PCRCBA will regroup or discontinue as a club.” End of Report.

Tri – County – Email Report given by Terisa Silbernagel as follows:

“Tri-County Rabbit Breeders have moved their show next fall to November 2 to avoid the ARBA Convention. There will Specialty shows Friday, November 1. Please contact Terisa Silbernagel if you would like to sanction your breed or host a specialty show.”

Additions to Written Agenda:

Results of Elections and introductions of new BOD's:

Ballot Count

Ballots sent 153

Ballots returned 69
Percent of Returns 45%

Caroline Sullivan received sealed envelope containing ballots from Larry and Sharon Webb, OLRCB Elections Committee.

President:
*Muriel Keyes – 58
John Nyberg – 1
Ted DeLoyola – 5
Vern Palmblad – 1
Jeff Silbernagel - 2

Treasurer:
*Judy Atchison – 63
Terisa Silbernagel – 3
Karyn Fegles – 1
Diana Keefe – 1
Jackie Alu – 1

Directors:
*Diana Keefe - 51
*Judy Rossner - 60
Deb Loftis – 48 – Tie
Karyn Fegles - 48 - Tie
Andre VonArx - 2

The third Director's position was a tie, so it went to the Executive Board and in accordance with Robert's Rules, the vote was as follows:

Deb Loftis – 7
Karyn Fegles – 0
One member abstained from voting.

M/S/C – Third Directors position to be filled by Deb Loftis as recommended by President Ted DeLoyola.

Email Vote for 2013 Convention Venue Site:

Albany – 3
Redmond – 4
Roseburg – 4

Tie Vote broken by President Ted DeLoyola. Site of 2013 Convention is Redmond, Oregon.

M/S/C – Email Vote Accepted and Approved.

Amendment of December 17, 2011 Minutes to change as follows:

“M/S/C - Give a free one year OLRCB membership along with Oregon State Fair award for the 4-H and FFA programs, pending receipt of Letter of Request from 4-H and FFA Programs.”

M/S/C – Amendment of December 17, 2011 Minutes Accepted and Approved.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

M/S/C – Minutes from June 9, 2012 were Accepted and Approved.

Treasurers Report:

Respectfully submitted by Judy Atchison, see Update in Newsletter.

M/S/C – Treasurers Report accepted and approved.

Secretary Report:

TO DATE 2012 MEMBERSHIP

ADULT	87
ADULT PARTNERSHIP	42
YOUTH	50
YOUTH PARTNERSHIP	2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TYPES	181
INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP TYPES	4

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

TOTAL	12
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2012 ELECTION BALLOTS

TOTAL BALLOTS SENT OUT	153
PERCENT OF BALLOTS RETURNED	45%

AFFILIATED CLUBS

2013 AFFILIATED CLUB REQUEST FORM HAS BEEN SENT VIA EMAIL AND/OR SNAIL MAIL TO AFFILIATED CLUB SECRETARIES ON FILE.

2012 SANCTIONS ISSUED TO DATE:

CAVIES

OCBS	02-11-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
PCRCBA	03-03-2012	2 OPEN
PEAR BLOSSOM	04-07-2012	2 OPEN
OCBS	05-19-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
OLRCB	06-9 & 10-2012	3 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
OCBS	08-11-2012	3 OPEN
OREGON STATE FAIR	08-31-2012	1 OPEN
BLUE MOUNTAIN	09-08-2012	3 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
CORBA	09-14 & 15-2012	3 OPEN
RVRF	09-28 & 29-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
OCBS	10-20-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH

RABBIT

ROSE CITY FANCIERS	01-28-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
PCRCBA	03-02-04-2012	4 OPEN
BLUE MT. RBA	03-10-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
PEAR BLOSSOM	04-07-2012	2 OPEN
CRAZY 8	05-19-2012	2 OPEN
OLRCB	06-9 & 10-2012	3 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
CLACKAMAS COUNTY FAIR	08-15-2012	1 OPEN
OREGON STATE FAIR	08-31-2012	1 OPEN
CORBA	09-15-2012	2 OPEN
RVRF	09- 29-2012	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
CRAZY 8	10-6-2012	2 OPEN
TRI-COUNTY RBA	10-20-2012	2 OPEN

2013 SANCTIONS ISSUED TO DATE:

CAVIES

OCBS	02-02-2013	2 OPEN, 1 YOUTH
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AWARDS

2012 4-H WINNERS AT OREGON STATE FAIR:

RABBIT – RACHEL FRESHOUR

CAVY – MADI ANDERSON

2012 FFA WINNERS AT OREGON
RABBIT – MAGGIE MEANS
CAVY – KATIE NORAGON

ALL FOUR YOUTH LADIES ARE MEMBERS OF OLRCB. ALL HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY ONE YEAR AS PER MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2011.

CONTACT PERSON FOR FFA IS LEE E.LETSCH – lee@oregonffa.com

CORRESPONDENCE

LIFE TIME MEMBER, FREDDIE MCCOWN PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 1, 2012. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HIS WIDOW.

THANK YOU'S RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

2012 4-H WINNERS AT OREGON STATE FAIR:
RABBIT – RACHEL FRESHOUR - CARD
CAVY – MADI ANDERSON - CARD

2012 FFA WINNERS AT OREGON
RABBIT – MAGGIE MEANS - EMAIL
CAVY – KATIE NORAGON - EMAIL

Committee Report

Audit Committee

Judy Atchison will turn books over to Linda Cooper and Deb Loftis, Audit Committee, by December 31, 2012 for review. The Audit Report to be presented at next scheduled meeting.

Newsletter - Email Report given by Terisa Silbernagel as follows:

“Deadline for the next newsletter will be January 1. Please ask the new President for a "subject" if they still want to do that and let me know.”

Website – Email Report given by Charlcie Fowler as follows:

“To OLRCB Board Members...”

I recently was made aware of the fact that an OLRCB affiliated club purchased an all-breed show sanction from the ARBA office, but falsely represented that show to exhibitors by advertizing it as a series of individual breed SPECIALTY shows - both in their show catalog and on the OLRCB and District One websites. This practice has been ongoing by a number of clubs (thankfully not a lot of clubs) outside of Oregon State, however if even only ONE OLRCB affiliated club engages in this practice, that is one club too many!

No matter how a club attempts to justify this practice, what it boils down to is FRAUD – fraud against the ARBA and fraud against exhibitors who enter one or more of these “specialty” shows – unaware that legally they were entitled as per ARBA Official Show Rules to enter any and all ARBA accepted breeds and varieties to be judged by a licensed ARBA judge.

The bulk of the ARBA’s operating expenses are paid for through the sale of show sanctions and copies of the Standard of Perfection. When a club misrepresents to the ARBA office regarding the type and purpose of a show sanction, they are in fact, committing fraud. In this particular case, the ARBA was defrauded in the amount of \$50.00. This is relatively a small amount; however \$50 here or \$100 there over the course of time adds up.

Article II, Section 2 (a) of the ARBA Constitution states:

“All chartered clubs and associations of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., must operate within the basic framework of all rules and regulations of this association...” (Emphasis mine)

The OLRCB affiliated club in question, violated this section of the ARBA Constitution when they held an all breed show, but did not afford ALL exhibitors the right to enter any and all recognized breeds in this show. Most exhibitors were not aware that this was an all breed show until the club selected a Best in Show out of all of the Best of Breed rabbits in the so called “specialty shows”.

While the cost of putting on rabbit and cavy shows continues to rise, dishonesty is NOT the way for a club to mitigate their expenses. We hold exhibitors to a series of standards as far as honestly representing all animals as to ownership of an entry, age class, appearance, etc. An exhibitor who is found to have dyed or otherwise colored white spots, white toenails in colored varieties, etc. can have their entire entry rejected from the show. How is it that a club believes that their misrepresenting the show type in procuring a sanction is not equally egregious?

Furthermore, what type of example is being made to our youth members? We teach and encourage qualities such as honesty, respect, sportsmanship, etc. Rules are to be observed at ALL times – not only in cases where one feels they can “get away with it”. Following is a quote by J C Watts...

“Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. There are too many people who think that the only thing that's right is to get by, and the only thing that's wrong is to get caught.”

While I realize that the OLRCB cannot police all clubs at all times, the fact is, they shouldn't have to. However...once they KNOW of a violation, it is their DUTY to censor the offending club. I think the RIGHT thing to do would be for the guilty club to voluntarily send the \$50 extra dollars they would have spent on the 3 “specialties” in question (Mini Lop, Mini Rex, and Satin/Mini Satin), to the ARBA office.

When I discussed this issue with the ARBA office, I did NOT identify this particular club, however I will not be so discretionary if this occurs in the future. The ARBA office is aware of this unfortunate practice and knows of big shows in the “western states” that have done this. There are many pressing issues related to the welfare and viability of the rabbit and cavy hobby/industry that the ARBA is expending resources to help solve. The ARBA should not have to be concerned with dealing with assaults from within its own organization.

Sincerely,

Charlcie Fowler”

Sweepstakes

Report respectfully submitted by Judy Atchison, see Update in Newsletter.

Change to Sweepstakes Rule #10 by Judy Atchison as follows:

Current Rule:

10. Individuals acting as Show Secretary for each OLRCB sanctioned show must within forty-five (45) days of close of said shows(s) submit the following:

Proposed Change:

10. All individuals acting as Show Secretary must be an OLRCB member for each OLRCB sanctioned show. Within forty-five (45) days of close of said show(s) the Secretary must submit the following:

M/S/C – Proposal Accepted and Approved.

Youth Royalty – Muriel Keyes reported that at this time there are five (5) Youth that want to go to Harrisburg. RCRF will be putting on Fund Raiser starting at Frozen Friends to help the Youth. The goal is to put together a Team from Oregon. The Youth will be encouraged to

participate in the Fund Raisers. Ted DeLoyola brought up the issue of having Insurance Liability to cover the Youth while under umbrella of OLRCB while traveling.

2013 Convention Show

Muriel Keyes will be making the arrangements for hiring the Judges for the 2013 Convention.

Round Table

No discussion at this time.

M/S/C – The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be announced at a later date by Muriel Keyes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary, Caroline Sullivan

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