

OLRCB Board Business between meetings:

President Birman appointed Lana Mellentine as the Newsletter Editor, with Board approval May 12, 2017

Oregon League of Rabbit & Cavy Breeders
Board of Director Meeting
June 17, 2017 Woodburn, OR

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Birman at 10:10 a.m. June 17, 2017.

ROLL CALL: President Bob Birman, Vice President Lana Mellentine, Secretary Judy Rossner, Treasurer Eryn Blehm, Director Pat Partipilo, Director Ted DeLoyola, Director Teri Jordahl, Director Linda Eubank, Director Deb Loftis, Club Rep. Liz Nichols, Club Rep. Melinda Anderson and Club Rep. Becky McCall.
It was established that we have a quorum.

READING OF MINUTES: Minutes of the April 8, 2017 Membership meeting were read and approved.

CLUB REPORTS:

Crazy 8s Club Representative Becky McCall reported on the May Spring Fling show in Canby. Show A BIS winners were Judy & Don Atchison with a broken castor Rex. RIS was Stephanie Smith with a Florida White. Winners in Show B were BIS Pat Partipilo with a black Netherland Dwarf and RIS was Katlyn Metzger with a Californian

The Fall show will be held November 4, 2017 in McMinnville, OR. Judges confirmed are Ted DeLoyola, Roger Hassenpflug, Mary Whitney, and Cathy Szychulda.

The 2018 Spring Fling show will be May 19, 2018. Jim Rowland has been confirmed to judge.

Klamath Basin Club Representative Ramie Grissom sent an email stating that their 2018 show will be June 9, 2018 with a Double Open Rabbit and a 4H function. They don't know if there will be a cavy show at this point.

Lower Columbia Club Representative Melinda Anderson and President Bob Birman stated that their shows were a success. Their June show was smaller than the previous show. However, they still had around 1200 animals total. The 2018 show will be Presidents Day weekend with an additional show the 2nd weekend of June. They hope to be able to add Cavies to the shows.

Mt Hood Rabbit Breeders Club Representative Liz Nicols sent the following report.

Mt Hood Rabbit Breeders Association would like to thank all the exhibitors who came to their first show in Hood River, Oregon on April 22, 2017. We hope everyone had a good time. We ended up with about 561 entries between Open and Youth in each show; we were pleased with the number of exhibitors that ventured to a brand-new show. We couldn't have had a successful show without the tremendous support and donations that we received from the club members, rabbit exhibitors and community businesses. Thanks to our judges, several of whom gave us a great deal on their services to help get our club off the ground. And thanks to all those that brought raffle tickets, donated raffle items and enjoyed our concessions, the proceeds from those two events gave a modest boost to our bank account and we are just crazy enough to do it again.

The good news is that we are planning our second show to be held on April 21, 2018! Space, or lack of it, was an issue at our first show so in 2018 we are moving across the river to a bigger building in Stevenson, Washington. We are in the process of hiring some of our favorite judges and making plans for another fun and well-organized show. We hope to see everyone there.

Nicols, who was present, also reported on the overall success of the show. The club is small but mighty. Knowing how many judges to hire was an issue along with having enough space. They learned a great deal from their first show and are looking forward to next year with two Open Rabbit Shows and one Youth Show. Also in consideration is including Cavies

Oregon Cavy Breeders Society member Teri Jordahl reported that their next show is July 29th with a Double Open and Single Youth show.

Rose City Rabbit Fanciers Club Representative Muriel Keyes sent a report saying they had a successful show at Oaks Park. They plan to continue as long as their old bodies hold up. Andre had back surgery right after the show. Cheryl broke her ankle loading the coops! Hopefully next year they will be a bit better. Keyes wants to thank the NW Angora Club for all of their help to accomplish everything this year. She also wants to thank everybody at the show who pitched in and helped. It is a small show but much fun!

Keyes has also heard from a few people that they are concerned with the loss of the potluck. This has been an affordable way to have a banquet for our families. With the show moving to Eugen she understands there won't be a space to allow the potluck. Also, people like the Roseburg venue for the room and the distance for our California exhibitors. She is sure the Board will weigh all concerns and come up with something affordable for our Oregon League families.

Willamette Valley Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Club Representative Deb Loftis reports that they have been working for over a year getting the show planned. Show date is Saturday, November 18th, 2017. There is a University of Oregon football game that same weekend. Reserve your motel room now!! They will be having another on-line auction in September to raise additional funds.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary Judy Rossner provided handouts containing Upcoming ARBA Sanctioned Oregon shows, sanction/sweepstakes policies, the 2016 Audit, non-Payment/Bad Check listing, and the OLRCB Constitution/Bylaws. She said that most of the shows hadn't been sanctioned with OLRCB yet. Partipilo brought out the point that with many new Club Secretaries and Show Secretaries there is confusion about what needs to be done to sanction a show with us. She suggested that "step-by-step" information/instructions be put on the website. Partipilo will write a letter to be put in the Newsletter and on the website showing the steps clubs need to follow.

Rossner also brought up the issue of exhibitor's non-payments and bad checks. Show secretaries are sent the OLRCB Bad Check/Non-Payment Policy/Listing with the OLRCB Sanction. It shows OLRCB's policy when dealing with these exhibitors and lists the names provided to her. Many clubs choose to handle the issue on their own and don't inform Rossner of the issue. DeLoyola suggested that the policy be included in Show Catalogs. The wording also needs to include the wording returned checks and unpaid email entry fees. If an exhibitor enters they owe payment even if they do not show. This will be added onto the actual sanction and show catalogs should also state the same. The list will also be sent to the Webmaster and District Director Arlyse DeLoyola. Partipilo added this to her list of articles/information/suggestions to be sent to the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

Treasurer Eryn Blehm passed out three reports covering Checking, Savings, and Convention. All had breakdowns showing exactly where the monies came from and where the monies went.

The Checking account has a balance of \$12,099.72 as of June 8, 2017. Club income for the period of January 1, 2017 to present are \$17,950.17. Expenses for the same period are \$14,469.21.

The OLRCB Convention had total expenses of \$12,233.54 and an income of \$13,296.08. We made a profit of \$1,062.54.

Rossner explained the difference between Sanctions and Sweepstakes income. Blehm will correct this on her report showing the two amounts separately.

Blehm also changed the amount automatically transferred to savings from \$150 a month to \$25 a month. This is the lowest amount required by the bank for transfer. Blehm used the accumulated savings money to pay Convention expenses. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. The savings account now has a balance of \$25.02.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report with the revision of the Sanction/Sweepstakes.
MSC

Rossner complimented Blehm on doing a great job. The reports were complete and easy to follow.

BREAK 11:00

RECONVEENE 11:10

DIRECTOR REPORTS:

Director Pat Partipilo reported that she was glad to see all the new shows this year. She went to Klamath Basin's first show. They had a beautiful show room and it was very well run. So was the first Mt Hood show.

Director Teri Jordahl stated that as Cavy Secretary for the OLRCB Cavy shows she found the entries were down from past years. This year there were 93 entries in Show A compared to 150 in the past. Show B was slightly lower with 79 entries and Sunday Show C had 56 entries compared to 93 last year. The Youth show entries were much lower too with only 25 compared to 40 last year.

Jordahl attributed the smaller entries to the earlier date. Some people didn't realize that the date had changed from June to April. It wasn't the time of year, people just didn't realize the venue had been changed.

Director Ted DeLoyola wanted to make sure that Show Secretaries get show reports to District Director Arlyse DeLoyola. This could be added on the Sanction itself. This would allow her to put it in the Domestic Rabbit. Birman, as Sweepstakes Chairman, will add that to his list of to-do. People love to see their name/winnings in print.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sweepstakes Chairman Bob Birman reported that his biggest problem is receiving the reports from the Show Secretaries in a timely manner. It was suggested that he do a "show report" to be put on the website. Again people love to see their name and winnings in print. Blehm will also be updating the website and making it easier to update the site. Birman would like Blehm to help make an easier format for the Sweepstakes spreadsheet. Blehm and Birman will get together.

Also Partipilo will include the ARBA rule that Show Secretaries need to keep show records for a full year. Birman must also keep the Sweepstakes records for one year.

Birman has completed the report up until the most recent shows. The report is to be on the website in July. It will also be in the upcoming Newsletter. Birman's next report will be following the final show this year, which is in November.

In 2018 Birman hopes to be able to update following every show.

Birman and Blehm also will be working on a better way for the Sweepstakes fees to be deposited. It was suggested that Show Reports be mailed to Birman and the fees be sent directly to Blehm. This will be discussed and a decision made at the next meeting.

Newsletter Editor Lana Mellentine was appointed by President Birman in May. Previous Editor Rossner wished to resign and Mellentine stepped forward to fill the position. Mellentine is about 90% ready to finish the next edition. The Newsletter will now be email with the exception of a few members who do not have email availability. Those issues will be printed out and mailed. The expected date for this issue is June 30th.

Webmaster Eryn Blehm will be working on updating and revising the website. Rossner suggested that Birman update the Committees listed on the site. Officers and Directors have been updated but the Committees have not. Birman made appointment for the following committees with the Boards approval.

Election Co-Commissioners - Larry and Sharon Webb

Constitution & By-Laws Review - Liz Nicole

Hall of Fame Service Award - Lana Mellentine (Vice President's responsibility)

Sweepstakes - Bob Birman

Newsletter Editor - Lana Mellentine

Royalty - Linda Eubank, Muriel Keyes, Lana Mellentine, and Eryn Blehm

Youth Coordinator - Becky McCall

Website - Eryn Blehm

Membership Services - Melinda Anderson

Royalty Coordinator Linda Eubank announced that she will be stepping down after the 2017 ARBA Convention. The Foerstler Fund will appoint a new Coordinator. The Foerstler Fund, who runs the Oregon Royalty Contests, is a separate entity from the OLR CB. It has its own bank account and is a charitable organization. Their state Royalty contest and fund raising auction are held in conjunction with OLR CB State Convention. Each year they give scholarships to contest winners. Money raised between Oregon Royalty contest and ARBA Convention is used to help the "Oregon Team" go to ARBA.

The OLR CB donates money each year for such items as T-shirts, aprons, jackets, etc. These are worn by the "Oregon Team" at ARBA Convention where the National Royalty contest is held. The Oregon youth have been very successful in the past.

The OLR CB Youth Coordinator is not affiliated with the Foerstler Fund. Coordinator McCall will be helping with our youth shows and working with 4H and FFA. McCall is in charge of the Youth Show at OLR CB Convention.

The only responsibility Oregon League has is to allow the Royalty Contest and auction to be held at OLR CB Convention. Also contest information needs to be in the OLR CB catalog.

A long discussion followed about out of state youth receiving award money. Many are only there to practice for their own states contest. Should only Oregon Youth receive actual awards? Many felt that only Oregon Youth should receive the money. Out of state should be able to win the title and get the ribbon/crown. The Foerstler Fund is in charge of money. OLR CB has no responsibility. It was suggested that OLR CB donate money, possibly \$200, toward the crowns or other awards. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Membership has a new coordinator, Melinda Anderson. The BOD would like to see more interaction with club members. Why should someone become a member, what would members like to see improved, and other subjects came up in discussion. Taking membership applications to shows would be a good way to get new members. The old Tri-fold could be updated. Having a membership drive could be revised.

Out of state members are not allowed to vote. DeLoyola will make a recommendation to the Constitution Committee that this be changed in the Constitution/Bylaws. The recommendation would be that Associate Members (out-of-state members) would be given voting privileges but would not be allowed to serve on the Board of Directors. The recommendation, following the Committee's acceptance would then be put before the BOD for approval to be placed on the next mail ballot. The change needs to be voted on by the membership.

OLD BUSINESS:

2016 Audit has been finished by Deana Thurston and Nikki Manley. Rossner had passed out copies of the audit report. There is a discrepancy between the Show Entries amount on the Treasure's Report and the Show Report. Without further records, there is no way to verify what is the true amount taken in for entries. Treasurer Blehm took her beginning balances from the Checking and Savings bank statements. She received no final Financial Report from Taranoff. A motion was made to accept the audit as presented by Thurston and Manley and move past it. MSC

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2017 State Convention held in Roseburg on April 8-9 was a success. Show Secretary Blehm thanked everyone for all their help.

2018 State Convention plans are well underway. A deposit has been made to the Lane Co. Fairgrounds in Eugene for the weekend of April 13-15. Judges are still being hired at this time. There should be plenty of room for Royalty. However, we do need to watch vender space. KW Cages is already coming. To We need restrict vendors and their space.

A discussion was held about sale animals in the showroom who are not entered. Sale animals take up a great deal of space and are not helping pay the venue rent. Entered animals could be sold as usual. Those wishing to have sale animals which are not entered would be required to purchase a sales tag. No parking lot sales would be allowed. A motion was made to have no sale animals in the showroom unless entered or a sales tag purchased at \$2 per animal. MSC This ruling will be placed in the Show Catalog.

A \$1,000 budget was suggested for awards. Blehm will get the BIS/RIS for all. McCall will get all others including BOB/BOS. This is for Open Rabbits, Open Cavy, Youth Rabbits, and Youth Cavy. A suggestion was made to look into prices and set a budget up to \$1,000. Anything over that would need further Board approval. Left over trophies and awards will be collected to see what the club already has available.

Blehm will check into possible facilities for a potluck. Many members would like to see that tradition continue. Somewhere close to the show venue is of top priority. Exhibitors really like this as an affordable way for them to participate. Many can't afford to take a family to a restaurant banquet.

Birman is still working on hiring judges. Blehm and him will coordinate about judge's fees and airfare.

2019 State Convention will be April 5-7, which is the first weekend of the month. Birman hopes to have 4 "local" judges and 4 "fly-in" judges. His goal is to have no Oregon judges so that they can actually show. We also need cavy judges. A duel judge is always good. This is cost prohibitive. Loftis will check with the Lane County Chamber of Commerce and their Tourism Bureau about possible funding available for having the show in their area. We will also need to have a Judges Conference. Birman will again be Superintendent and Blehm Show Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sanction policy is that the Show Secretaries must be an OLRCB member. Some clubs are finding it hard to meet this requirement. Rossner feels that at least one of the shows officials should be a member, either

Superintendent or Show Secretary. Birman wants to make putting on a show as easy as possible for Affiliated Clubs. Many of these clubs are small and not all their volunteers are OLRCB members. The \$8 membership fee might put an additional burden on the club.

A motion was made to eliminate the current ruling, as it stands, which requires that the Show Secretary must be an OLRCB member. MSC

Secretary Rossner will remove that ruling from the OLRCB Sweepstakes rules and the OLRCB Sanction Request form. The updated forms will be sent to Blehm to be placed on the website and Rossner will send the updated forms with any further sanction requests.

The Norlequin Club has asked to have Harlequin Nationals in conjunction with OLRCB 2018 Convention. They are hoping for between 60-100 entries. These animals could then be entered in OLRCB Shows B and C. This is a carrier show. Their show would start at 8:00 Saturday morning. None of those entered in Harlequin Nationals would be entered in our Show A. The judge's expenses and fee would be split 50/50. A motion was made to host Harlequin Nationals as proposed. MSC Birman will coordinate between the two clubs. He also will see if their paying part of the venue rent might be possible. Plans are for the Willamette Valley R&C Breeders to provide the judging coops for the National Show.

4H Awards for BIS/RIS at the Oregon State Fair have been funded by OLRCB in the past. A motion was made to continue providing \$100 again this year to the 4H for the OSF awards. MSC

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. MSC

Respectfully submitted

Judy Rossner
OLRCB Secretary