

Oregon League of Rabbit & Cavy Breeders  
Board of Director Meeting - December 3, 2016  
Woodburn, Oregon

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Muriel Keyes at 11:05 a.m.

**Roll Call:** President Muriel Keyes, Vice President Ilaena Mellentine, Secretary Judy Rossner, Treasurer Shelly Taranoff, Directors Deidra McKimmie, Eryn Blehm, Linda Eubank, Sweepstakes Chairman Bob Birman, Club Representatives Becky McCall, Liz Nichols, Shannon Shanks, Tom Keyes, Ted DeLoyola, and guest Brenda Colfelt Meyers.

It was established that we have a quorum.

**Club Reports:**

*Crazy 8 Rabbit & Cavy Breeders* –Shelly Taranoff reported that Crazy 8s upcoming 2017 shows will be held May 20 in Canby and November 4 in McMinnville. Both shows are Double Open Rabbits.

*Tri-County Rabbit Breeders* - Terisa Silbernagel sent a report saying they will host two Open Rabbit shows on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany.

*Mt Hood Rabbit Breeders Association* - Club Secretary Liz Nichols read a report about the new club. Their event is a double Open, double Youth show in Hood River on April 22, 2017. The complete report to be printed in the next OLRCB Newsletter.

*Klamath Basin Rabbit & Cavy Club* - Ted DeLoyola reported that their Double Open Rabbit show will be May 13 in Klamath Falls.

*Lower Columbia Rabbit Breeders Association* - Shannon Shanks stated that their Double Open, Double Youth shows will be held February 18, 2017. They will also have Double Open and Double Youth shows the next day on February 19, 2017. All shows will be held in Astoria. Also discussing a show in June. That date has not been set yet.

*Rogue Valley Rabbit Fanciers* - Ted DeLoyola reported that the Double Open Rabbit show has been set for September 23 in Grants Pass.

*Rose City Rabbit Fanciers* - Tom Keyes reported that Memorial Day show is still a question mark.

The Frozen Friends show will once again be sponsored by California Rabbit & Cavy Shows. Muriel requested that OLRCB issue a waiver to that club so that OLRCB members might receive their Sweepstakes points for the show. That club would also not be required to pay the \$.10 per animal fee towards Sweepstakes awards. A motion was made and seconded to issue the waiver. MSC

**Reading of the Minutes:** Reading of the May 28 Membership minutes and the May 29 BOD meeting were dispensed with and a motion made to approved the minutes as emailed earlier. Said minutes to be printed in the upcoming Newsletter. MSC

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rossner reported that memberships are down a little from 2015. Previously the club had 221 total members. This year there are 204 total. The difference is mainly in Adult Membership numbers.

Rossner also passed out packets containing information pertaining to this meeting. One item was a OLRCB Secretary's Banking Records spreadsheet. This report breaks down by receipt number all

monies the secretary receives including Club Affiliations, Sanctions, and Membership dues. Also included was an updated copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Taranoff pass out the November Treasurer's Report and a "notes" page explaining some entries. She also reported that the Sweepstakes now have \$1,468.80. Also reported that the Awards amount was up as it included some 2015 Award billings.

Taranoff reported that she didn't have the Final Show Report on hand but that we had lost money on the 2016 Convention Show. Rossner passed out a comparison she had done on previously receiving the November report. She had totaled Convention Revenue and Convention Expenses. Subtracting the Expenses from the Revenue showed that the club lost over \$3,000 on Convention. Sweepstakes Income was listed separately in Revenue but in Expenses was listed as Convention – Sweepstakes Awards. Rossner pointed out that Sweepstakes Awards are not a Convention Expense. They are conveniently dispersed at the banquet. Taranoff said she would update the November report removing the Sweepstakes Awards from the Convention Expenses. She would email the update and the Final Convention Report to the BOD.

Rossner reported that she had been to the bank on business and checked the clubs Banking Balances. As of November 28 we had a total of \$12,205.09. This is the combined total of Checking \$9,196.24 and the Savings Account of \$3,008.85.

A discussion followed about the increasing judges' expenses. Also, venue rental and airline tickets prices have increases yearly. This is making it harder and harder for clubs to make a profit or even break even on their shows. OLRCB will not be doing the special entry fees this year. All shows will be the same. The 2017 entry fees will be \$4.25 per animal for both mailed and emailed entries. Day of Show entries will increase to \$10.00 per animal.

Exhibitors missed having placement ribbons at this year's show. The club has rolls of placement ribbons in storage. Those will be used at next year's show. The club also has trophies and coins left over from previous shows. A count will be made to see what is needed for 2017. Becky McCall will again be in charge of the Youth awards.

President Keyes has appointed Deana Thurston and Nikki Manley to do the 2016 Audit. Taranoff will complete this year's business and contact Thurston about getting the required information to her and Manley.

Treasurer Taranoff, Treasurer Elect Blehm, and Secretary Rossner will make arrangement for 2017 signer information updates to the OLRCB bank accounts. Blehm will also be checking into other banks/credit union to see if there are better options than Wells Fargo.

**2015 Audit:** Ted DeLoyola summarized the 2015 Audit. It was completed recently by Arlyse and Ted DeLoyola. All was accounted for and in good order. A complete copy of said Audit to be published in the upcoming Newsletter.

**Director's Reports:** Director Pat Partipilo emailed a report. She wanted to welcome the new incoming Officers and Directors. She also reported that Quality Cage Crafters has moved out of Portland and relocated in Boise, Idaho.

As the state club, she would like to see OLRCB have a mentoring program, that not only helps new clubs get on their feet but also teaches the youth how to put on and run a show. Maybe job shadowing. (the complete report will be printed in the upcoming Newsletter)

**Webmaster Report:** Webmaster Eryn Blehm took on the position five years ago. Plans are to update the total website. Included maybe a “members only” access area. She will also be looking into on-line payments, not PayPal. Applications and forms which can be filled out and disbursed on-line are also in the works.

## **Break for Potluck Lunch Reconvene**

### **Committee Reports:**

Election Committee - Larry and Sharon Webb counted and tabulated the 2016 votes. New Officers are President Bob Birman, Treasurer Eryn Blehm, Directors Ted DeLoyola, Linda Eubank, and Deb Loftis. The Constitution/Bylaws change passed.

Rossner stated that she mailed 119 ballot and approximately half were returned. Completed ballots will be returned to the Secretary in a sealed envelope. She will attach a ballot copy and the results to the outside. This will then be placed into the archive file.

Newsletter Editor – Editor Rossner will complete the minute draft for this meeting. Then move on to finishing the Newsletter. She is hoping to mail this issue by December 15.

Constitution/Bylaws – The 2016 change has been made to the C/Bl's. A copy will be mailed, along with the Charter Application to the ARBA.

President Keyes suggests a committee be appointed to update and revise the C/Bl's . It has been several years since a complete revision has been done. A committee will be appointed after the first of the year.

Royalty/Youth – The OLRCB Youth had a wonderful showing at the recent ARBA Convention. Our own Emily Roberts is the new ARBA Royalty Queen. The committee is planning to organize some workshops to encourage and assist youth.

**Unfinished Business:** It is time for a new Directory to be issued. The BOD discussed members not wanting all their information published. Some do not want anything listed, including their name. A motion was made to not publish a Membership Directory at this time. MSC

Blehm suggested making the directory available to members on-line. Eubank added that we might want to add a check box to the Membership Application/Renewal to opt out of having their information available on-line. This was table until a later date.

The secretary will do a full 2017 Directory for the Executive Board only. This will include all information including name, address, email, phone, and breeds raised.

### **New Business:**

Foerstler Fund – Becky McCall proposed a new fundraiser. In the past Affiliated Clubs have been ask to supply a “Basket” for the Auction held during the Potluck/Membership meeting. This year McCall suggests that Clubs donate money for the purchase of gift cards. Breeders could also donate. The cars would be raffled during the Saturday show doing some with tickets and the larger amount cards by exhibitor numbers. All proceeds would go to the Foerstler Scholarship fund. This through the Foerstler Fund. The OLRCB would also have a Silent Auction at the Potluck/Membership meeting with those proceeds going to the FSF.

Show 2017 – The Show Committee appointed thus far consists of Show Superintendent Bob Birman and Show Secretary Eryn Blehm.

Judges include:

Cavy – Diana Mortensen (Sunday), Jason Whitehurst (Saturday Show B), and Armando Cabrera (Saturday Show A))

Rabbit – Armando Cabrera (Saturday Show B, Sunday), Tracy Gouette, Carol Green, Cathy Dunkle, Susie Dapper, Eric Bengtson, George Germaine, and Ray Stacy.

Blehm will do the catalog. She will be collecting additional show information. We also need volunteers to help set up and take down. Blehm will include this in the catalog. The host hotel will again be the Super 8. It is close to the fairgrounds and has easy access to and from the show room on Interstate 5.

(President Keyes and Club Rep. Keyes had to leave. The meeting was turned over to Vice President Mellentine)

Judge's Conference - District 1 Director Arlyse DeLoyola will organize a Judge's Conference for Friday night.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. MSC

Respectfully submitted,

Judy A Rossner  
OLRCB Secretary

Approved 4/08/17