

Pacific Coast Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association Constitution

The goal of the Pacific Coast Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association is to promote the rabbit fancy and distribute information about all aspects of rabbit husbandry.

Article I Name

This association shall forthwith be known as the Pacific Coast Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association.

Article II Objects

Section 1: To promote, encourage and develop the rabbit industry, in accordance with ARBA objectives.

Section 2: To maintain a source of accurate information on rabbit husbandry for any interested youth or adults.

Section 3: To promote the use of rabbits as a food source, by providing accurate nutritional information and aiding interested buyers in finding a suitable breeder.

Section 4: To offer at least one ARBA sanctioned show each year, with the general public to be made welcome.

Section 5: To foster ethical breeding, sales and show practices among breeders.

Article III Membership

Section 1: Any person over the age of eight, upon payment of dues and agreement to comply with all club rules, regulations and bi-laws, shall be allowed to join.

Section 2: All members, except the president, shall have equal voting rights on all issues. In the event of a tie; the president shall cast the deciding vote.

Section 3: The Board of Directors has the right to refuse, for cause, any application for or renewal of membership.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1: The PCRCBA shall meet annually.

Section 2: Elections shall be held before January 1, for offices the following year.

Section 3: Meetings shall follow the appropriate parliamentary procedure.

Section 4: Meetings shall begin with the pledge to the American flag.

Article V Authority

Section 1: The PCRCBA maintains the right to discipline any member who violates the PCRCBA or the ARBA constitution or by-laws by suspension of membership or expulsion from membership, as deemed necessary by the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2: The PCRCBA maintains the right to discipline any member who consistently acts in an unethical manner as regards to rabbit sales, show or breeding, with suspension of membership or expulsion from membership, as deemed necessary by the Executive Board of Directors.

Article VI Officers

Section 1: All officers shall be elected by a vote of the membership.

Section 2: Members must be at least 15 years old in order to hold the office of president, vice president, secretary or treasurer. Members must be at least 13 years old to be a director.

Section 3: All officers shall hold their elected positions for one year or until their successors are elected.

Section 4: Any member may make nominations; a member may nominate him/herself.

Section 5: Votes shall be accepted by ballot.

Section 6: Officers shall be inducted prior to January 1 of the year they are to serve.

Article VII Duties of officers

Section 1: The president shall preside at all meetings and act as chairman of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall fill all duties of the President in the President's absence, or when assistance is requested.

Section 3: The Secretary shall maintain a record of all meetings, and shall read the previous meeting's minutes at each meeting. The Secretary shall receive and act upon all correspondence.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall receive all monies. The treasurer will maintain a record of all deposits

and expenditures. The Treasurer, in concert with the president or vice president shall sign all checks for the PCRCBA. Two signatures shall be required for each check. The Treasurer will report on all financial activity at each meeting.

Section 5: The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be combined.

Section 6: The Board of Directors have the authority to call a meeting of the membership with 30 day prior notice, except in the event of an emergency, when the prior notice may be waived with the consensus of the Board of Directors.

Section 7: There shall be four directors, one of which shall be from the cavy fancy.

Pacific Coast Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association By-Laws

Article I Membership dues and privileges

Section 1: All ARBA members shall pay an annual due of \$ 8.00.

Section 2: All ARBA member families shall pay \$ 14.00.

Section 3: All non-ARBA members shall pay \$ 10.00.

Section 4: All families with a non-ARBA member shall pay \$ 18.00.

Section 5: Failure to renew membership within 30 days of expiration shall result in termination of membership.

Section 6: Member's dues are due December 1 for the following year of membership.

Section 7: Dues must be paid in full prior to election to an office.

Section 8: All members in good standing have full voting rights.

Article II Alterations and amendments

Section 1: Any proposed alteration of or amendment to the By-laws or Constitution shall be made in writing and presented to the Board of Directors. The alterations shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the PCRCBA.

Section 2: The constitution and by-laws may only be changed by a 2/3 majority of votes, provided the quorum is met. The quorum shall be 2/3 of the Executive Board.

Section 3: Any alteration or amendment that is passed shall be effective immediately upon final count of the vote.