

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
**of the**  
**CINNAMON RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION**  
With Revisions approved through 2008

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**Article 1 - Name**

The name of this organization shall be known as the Cinnamon Rabbit Breeders Association.

**Article 2 - Objectives**

The object of this association shall be: To promote, develop, and improve the breeding of the Cinnamon rabbit, to provide a center of information and advice to all matters pertaining to the Cinnamon, to advance and protect the interest of the breeders and public, and to encourage the exhibition of the Cinnamon and the sale of it for its value for food, fur, and breeding animals.

**Article 3 - Membership**

Section 1. All members of this association shall be active members.

Section 2. Any person of good moral character and reputation may become an active member in good standing. Application for membership must be made in writing to the secretary and must be accompanied by the membership fee for one year, which fee is herein after stipulated.

Section 3. The membership fee and dues shall be **eight (\$8.00)** dollars per year for one member; or **twelve (12.00)** dollars per year for husband and **wife plus two (\$2.00) dollars per child at the same address**. This is payable at the time of application for membership. No person shall be enrolled as a member until this fee has been paid. Dues for three years shall be **twenty (\$20.00)** dollars for one member or **thirty (\$30.00)** dollars for husband and wife plus two (\$2.00) dollars per child at the same address. **Youth memberships (eighteen years or younger) shall be four (4.00) per year or ten (10.00) dollars for three years.**

Section 4. Membership shall be acknowledged by the card issued by the association and signed by the secretary, and shall terminate at the end of the year or years from the date of issue.

Section 5. **Members are notified via the newsletter preceding the expiration date of their membership.** If not renewed by the time of publication of the following newsletter, their name shall be dropped from the membership roster.

Section 6. Complaints and also charges of misconduct of a member shall be made in writing to the secretary or president; they shall consider with the defense of the member by the Executive Committee. This committee may, by a majority, vote to suspend or expel the member.

Section 7. A suspended or expelled member may appeal the decision from the board of directors and the matter shall be submitted to the vote of the members. A majority vote of the members present at the meeting either for, or against the decision of the board shall be considered final.

*Section 8. Any member with twenty-five (25) continuous years of membership will automatically be given a life membership. Delete this section*

**Article 4 - Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, five (5) directors, **and one youth director (13 years of age or older).**

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by mail-in ballot.

Section 3. **The terms of office shall be as follows: All official terms begin December 1<sup>st</sup>.** All officers are to be elected for a two (2) year term. The president and three (3) directors are to be elected on even years, the vice-president, secretary-treasurer and two (2) directors are to be

elected on uneven years. The secretary is to be allowed thirty (30) days after elections to close the books, before turning them over to the new secretary.

Section 4. Vacancies in office shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors.

Section 5. The board of directors shall consist of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and five (5) directors (not more than two (2) directors from any one (1) state or province), and the past president for one year following his last term. The board of directors shall carry out the instructions of the association; shall authorize expenditures (but no expense shall be incurred or authorized beyond the assets of the association); shall devise ways and means to carry out the objectives and purposes of the association; shall make rules as shall be deemed necessary during the year for the conduction of the meeting; the awarding of the prizes and shall perform other duties as pertains to the offices.

Section 6. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association, act as chairman of the board of directors, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; call special meetings of the board of directors; and perform other duties as pertains to that office.

Section 7. The vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence or in the case of inability to perform those duties as president.

Section 8. Secretary-treasurer shall act as secretary, conduct the general correspondence of the association; send out all notices of meetings of the association and of the board of directors, and shall keep the minutes of all such meetings, shall as treasurer, collect all money due and shall pay from the funds of the association such claims as are properly authorized and approved, also, send a quarterly financial statement to the board of directors and perform such other duties as pertains to the office.

Section 9. An auditing committee shall be appointed by the president as needed. They shall examine and certify the accounts and records of the association at the end of the fiscal year, or at any other time as may be required.

Section 10. deleted

Section 11. deleted.

## **Article 5 - Amending the Constitution**

The constitution can only be amended by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of all members in good standing present at the regular annual meeting; or by the approval of a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the association, in good standing, but only when such proposed amendments have been submitted in writing to the members at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting or deadline for mailed in votes.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **Article 1 - Annual Meeting**

Section 1. If the annual meeting shall be held at a time and place other than the annual convention, notices of the time and place for holding any such meeting must be sent by the secretary to each member at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.

Section 2. At all meetings, seven members shall constitute a quorum. No person shall act as a proxy for another member.

Section 3. If a quorum shall not be present, the presiding officer may adjourn the meeting to a day and hour fixed by him.

### **Article 2 - Rules**

Robert's rules of order shall govern the parliamentary procedures of the association, subject to such special rules as may be adopted.

### **Article 3- Order of Meetings**

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of the minutes of previous meetings.
3. Report of the board of directors.
4. Report of the secretary-treasurer.

5. Report of the committees.
6. Reading of communications.
7. Old business.
8. **Nomination** of officers.
9. New business.
10. Discussions.
11. Adjournment.

These by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting of the association **or by a mail ballot to the membership** by a three fourths (3/4) vote provided that all proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the resolutions committee before or during the annual meeting. The resolutions committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the president at the annual meeting.

#### **Article 4 - Voting**

Section 1. **If a member decides to run for office** in the association, he/she may submit his/her name to the secretary for addition to the ballot. Ballots will be mailed to the membership. Ballots must be returned to the designated person by the specified date. **No ballots will be counted which are postmarked after the closing date marked on the ballot.**

Section 2. Ballots can be taken to the convention in an enclosure or a double envelope to be opened and counted by a committee of three (3) members who shall be appointed by the president to give the results of the election. **The newly elected officers shall take office at the national convention or meeting.** (Conflicts with Article 4 section 3)

Section 3. Plurality of votes for any office shall constitute election to that office. In the event of a tie the president shall resolve the tie.

Section 4. An officer shall remain in office until his successor is elected or appointed.

Section 5. No member of the election committee can be elected to office.

## **RULES GOVERNING THE AWARDING OF CUPS AND RIBBONS**

#### **Specials given by clubs sanctioning the Cinnamon and holding a sweepstakes show.**

Sweepstakes points will run from **July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>** of the following year. Points to count as follows. First place, six times the number in the class. Second place, four times the number in the class. Third place, tree times the number in the class. Fourth place, two times the number in the class. Fifth place, one times the number in the class. Best of Breed, one time the number shown in the breed. Best Opposite Sex, ½ times the number shown in the breed. There are no pre-junior points.

One trophy will be given for sweepstakes points at the end of the year for Cinnamon Fur, points to count. **A display trophy to be given at the national convention to the member with the best display at the national convention.** At all future national conventions a new trophy will be given for best Cinnamon Fur provided there are five entries in fur by three exhibitors. **An annual sweepstakes award will be made to the adult exhibitor who has the highest points and also to the youth exhibitor with the most points** **Next sentence deleted.**

## **SWEEPSTAKES SHOW RULES**

1. Sponsoring club must have an ARBA sanction.
2. A fee of **ten (10)** dollars must be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the CRBA at least 30 days prior to the date of the show. **Youth only sanction fee is six (6) dollars.** **The ARBA sanction code number must accompany the request.**
3. There must be a guarantee of at least six dollars in specials. The sponsoring club agrees to pay 3.00 for BOB and 2.00 for BOS and 1.00 for best fur if five are shown.
4. All show secretaries not reporting sweepstakes points within thirty (30) day after the show will cause their show sweepstakes to become null and void.
5. **All sweepstakes rules apply to open and youth exhibitors.**