

Cinnamon Times

December 2009 Edition



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Cinnamon Fast Facts

Senior Bucks: 8.5 - 10.5 pounds
Ideal: 9.5 pounds

Senior Does: 9 - 11 pounds
Ideal: 10 pounds

Intermediate Bucks & Does:
Not over 10 pounds

Junior Bucks & Does:
Not over 8.5 pounds
Minimum: 4.25 pounds

Pre-juniors
Under 3 months; not over 5.5 pounds

2009 ARBA Convention Summary Seen Through the Eyes of a Cinnamon Breeder!

By Helen Eden

Although Jack and I attended just about every ARBA Convention from 1992 until the early 2000's, we haven't been to a convention since Wichita (or so). Also, previous conventions were devoted to the showing of French Lops, which we have raised since 1979.

So when we finally screwed up the courage to attend this year's Del Mar convention (airline tickets being available for a mere \$110 apiece roundtrip—and transportation for our rabbits in a horse trailer being available for \$20/apiece), it was with more than a little fear and trepidation that we emailed our entries to the show secretary.

All our worries were unfounded! Traffic on the famed freeways of California was manageable (especially when your plane lands, after a six-hour flight delay, at 1 a.m.; we had the freeway mostly to ourselves). Our rabbits beat us to the showroom and were already ensconced in their coups, with nary a one finishing the trip "teats up"!

And, as luck would have it, cinnamons and other "rare breeds" were housed in a group right next to the French and English lops! Youth cinnamon judging took place on Monday morning, with open cinnamon judging held about 4 p.m. the same day, Cathy Szychulda (CA) judging both groups. Although the cinnamon numbers weren't overwhelming (two youth showed 7 and four adults showed 26), the cinnamons definitely made their presence known.

A word about the opportunity to meet four cinnamon breeders that made our trip worthwhile. We first met Zach Sauer, a fine young man from McGregor, Iowa. (Boy, were we glad that his cinnamons weren't entered in the same show with ours!) Next morning, we met Sarah Stoudt of Wisconsin and her aunt, Lucy Hyland. Sarah is a personable young woman planning a career in broadcast journalism; Lucy is responsible for designing and machine-embroidering the lovely blanket prizes for both youth and open. And, finally, we became reacquainted with Arizonan Pat Mareska, who also has raised French and English in the past.

I think all of us who showed cinnamons at convention thoroughly enjoyed ourselves! We were encouraged by the display of interest in our cinnamons by both passers-by who had never seen a cinnamon rabbit before—and by folks who sought us out because they wanted to buy a cinnamon or two. And we-all exchanged an animal or two with each other, further mixing the gene pool.

It's too bad that the membership attending last year's convention voted not to host a booth at this year's Western convention—and to host a double booth at next year's Midwestern convention! (Sure seems like it would have been fairer and more productive to have a single booth at both conventions....) Having a cinnamon booth to display the attributes of our breed would have been the proverbial icing on the cake....

2009 Convention Results

Open

Best of Breed: SXC2, senior buck, shown by Jack and Helen Eden, MT
Best Opposite Sex: 7EX8, senior doe shown by Jack and Helen Eden, MT
Best Display: Jack and Helen Eden, MT

Youth

BOB: E227A, junior doe owned by Zach Sauer, McGregor, Iowa
BOS: ECN7, senior buck owned by Zach Sauer, McGregor, Iowa
Best Display: Zach Sauer, McGregor, Iowa



Jack Eden and Cathy Szychulda
(Judge)



Sarah and her Aunt, Lucy Hyland



Zach Sauer and Cathy Szychulda
(Judge)

Lucy is responsible for making the lovely embroidered laprobes, prizes for best animal in each class and also BOB, BOS, and best display for both open and youth cinnamons.

**A HUGE THANK YOU
FOR THE PRIZES!**



CRBA Open General Meeting

Held online at Yugma

In Attendance from the Board of Directors:

Nancy Searle, Sec/Treasurer (via telephone)

Marian Brown, Director

In general attendance: Mara Scott, Stacie Snider, Jillian Tabbert, Essie Fuselier, Candis Hankins, Emily Brown (via telephone), Doug Weber (arrived late), Ronda Hemmenway (arrived late via telephone)

I. Meeting opened with attendance and brief recap of those expected to attend.

(1) It was decided Marian Brown would take minutes and we would operate as a normal meeting.

II. Domestic Rabbit Reporter.

(1) This was discussed on the YahooGroup previously as Essie F had volunteered to do this. Initial MOTION made by Marian Brown: Move to accept Essie as our Domestic Rabbit Reporter. Discussion and motion declined and amended: Motion by Stacie Snider: Move to accept Essie as our DR Reporter. She will post her article to the YahooGroup and cc the Board of Directors (BOD) 24 hours prior to sending to ARBA. Motion Seconded by Marian Brown. MOTION PASSED.

(2) Nancy will submit Essie name to ARBA as our DR Reporter.

III. Website Updates

(1) Discussion that the website needs to be up-to-date and nothing is in C&BL regarding websites. We will include all Cinnamon news and will include listing of shows not sanctioned but that will be attended by members with Cinnamons. Motion made by Marian Brown: The webmaster may update the website with member news and shows without BOD prior approval. All club business will need BOD approval. Motion seconded by Essie. MOTION PASSED.

IV. Constitution and By-Laws

(1) Brief discussion on the C&BL and decided a committee to gather the correct and current version would be best. Motion made by Marian: Move to form a committee to review and revise the C&BL and present findings back to the group. Motion seconded by Essie. MOTION PASSED.

(2) Committee formed: Chair Candis Hankins, Marian Brown and Nancy Searle. Goal is to have a new C&BL presented by the first of the year.

V. Newsletter

(1) There was much discussion about the lack of a current newsletter and how to proceed with getting this on track. There was some hesitation about taking this task away from Dena, but at this time, the group felt we needed to move forward with a newsletter. It was also discussed and decided that the C&BLs could address more specifics of the publication such as how often it should come out, etc. A motion was made by Stacie that one person completes the newsletter and one person edits it. This was seconded by Marian Brown. The motion was amended to name Stacie and Doug as those who would do the first newsletter. Motion passed.

(2) Specifics of the first newsletter were set. Deadline for items to Stacie will be November 15 with a publication date of December 1. The final version will be converted to PDF and posted to the website. Club members will be emailed that it is available. Those without email will receive a mailed copy. Any member may also re

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quest to have it mailed as well. Topics will include those as discussed on the Tuesday night meeting.

VI. Newsletter Advertising

(1) Doug Weber made the initial motion that we should sell advertising space in the newsletter to offset printing/mailing costs. He included that Nancy (secretary/treasurer) should set the pricing. Motion was revised: Move to sell and include advertisements in the newsletter. BOD will have the final say on costs of advertisements. Seconded by Stacie and MOTION PASSED.

VII. Handbook

(1) It was discussed that the club needed to revise the handbook that is sent out to new members. There are two versions that were previously done. Candis made the motion to have the new handbook produced to come out with the next Standard of Perfection. This was seconded by Stacie and MOTION PASSED.
(2) Additionally, it was moved that Mara Scott would chair this project and it was seconded by Nancy. MOTION PASSED.

VIII. Elections

(1) It was discussed that elections are due. No decision was made on this as Dena remains the President and would be in charge of those. Also this is an issue we may need to discuss with ARBA and Muriel Keyes as to what is needed. We also need to confirm which two director positions are open for election. Per the C&BL, we also need to elect the Vice President and the Secretary/Treasurer.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

(1) It was discussed to hold regular online meetings on a monthly basis. It was decided that all those interested in attending could attend. Only those who are CRBA members would be able to vote. It was confirmed that Marian had a membership list and could see the display name of those attending and voting. Mara made the final motion to approve monthly meetings open to all interested with only members of CRBA allowed to vote to be held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm Pacific/8:30 pm Eastern. Motion seconded by Jillian and MOTION PASSED.

Upcoming Meeting Dates set:

November 19 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time (8:30 Eastern)
December 17 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time (8:30 Eastern)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm Pacific Time.



Two Steps Forward...the Constitution and Bylaws

by Candy Hankins

At the first on-line meeting of the CRBA a committee of three was formed to update the C&BLs to the current changes, submit them to the ARBA, and make them available to club members. Marian Brown, Nancy Searle, and Candy Hankins went to work to try to finish this job for the next newsletter.

For those of you who don't know me, I have been a member of the CRBA since 1980 when I bought my first three Cinnamons from Ellis Houseman. I have stuck with them as my primary breed all these years and have been involved with the club at every level since then. In 1987 I became an ARBA judge and was very active in showing and judging until I started a new job working weekends in 2001.

My collection of newsletters and other club information goes back to 1980, just after the original C&BL was filed with the ARBA. In 1995 the club revised several outdated areas of the document and published the November 1995 approved version in the second guidebook in 1998. The next changes on record were approved after the October 25th 2005 meeting in Indianapolis. We did not find a copy of the constitution after these changes, but we do have on record they were approved. In 2008 the club voted to approve several more changes after the October 27th meeting in Louisville. Through all these changes there is no record of the ARBA having received a new version of the C&BLs.

To update the constitution to the most current approved changes I began by entering the changes made in 1995. Then from this version updates were made for the 2005 approved changes. Once this was complete the approved 2008 changes were made. This was necessary because some of the more recent changes were based on those approved earlier.

What we ended up with was a constitution that is correct as to the voted on and approved changes through the years. I would like to mention here that our job was not to make further changes to the document, but to bring it up to date. Any further changes will have to be submitted and approved according to the current document.

After the 2008 version is on file with the ARBA proposed changes can and should be made at the next election to correct some errors that have been made along the way. With the current Constitution and Bylaws in place we have a good understanding of where we are and where we want to go with our Cinnamon rabbits. Take some time to read it so we can be ready to take the next steps forward.



Sweepstakes – In search of the elusive sweepstakes points

One of the benefits of being a member of a rabbit club such as a state club or a specialty club like the Cinnamon Rabbit Breeders Association (CRBA) is the being able to participate in the club's Sweepstakes Contest.

The Sweepstakes Contest (sweeps as they are also known) is a friendly competition among club members to encourage showing of rabbits by members and to encourage club membership. Only club members may participate in the contest.

Typically, sweeps run for one year. With the CRBA our sweeps period runs from July 1 – June 30th of each year. Those who accumulate the most points during that time are the top placers and receive recognition and a trophy from the club at the ARBA National Convention.

Points are earned by rabbits placing in the top 5 of each class at a sanction show. Not all shows will count for points. In order for a show to be included in the sweepstakes calculations, either the hosting club or an individual person must apply and pay for a sanction. With CRBA, the cost of a sanction is \$10 per open show; \$6 for a youth show, with youth being free if applied for with an open show request.

(Included in this newsletter and on our website is an updated Sanction Request Form. Per our Constitution and By-laws, request and payment for a sanction need to go to the club Secretary/Treasurer. Our form has been updated to reflect this.)

When the request is received, the Secretary/Treasurer will issue the Sanction Number for those specific shows. This is sent to the Show Secretary. Once the show is completed, the show secretary must furnish our Sweepstakes Chair with the show results within 30 days. From this show report, the sweepstakes points are calculated.

The calculation of points does vary from club to club. Some clubs use a simple 5 points for 1st place, 4 points for 2nd place and so on down to 1 point for 5th place. Unlike the earning of Grand Champion legs, there is no stipulation on the number of rabbits shown in a class or the number of breeders showing in order to accumulate points.

With the CRBA, we use another common system for calculation which includes a "multiplier". In this system, the number of points assigned to each placing is also multiplied by the number of rabbits in that class.

Our points are based as follows:

1st - 6 points
2nd - 4 points
3rd - 3 points
4th - 2 points
5th - 1 point

Then, this is multiplied by how many animals were shown in each class.

For example, if there are 7 senior bucks in the class, the first place buck would initially earn 42 points. (6 x 7 for the total of 42.)

We award Bonus Points as well for Best of Breed, Best Opposite and Best in Class.

BOB - 1 point x shown
BOSB- 1/2 point x shown

If he is also BOB he would earn an addition point for each Cinnamon Rabbit shown. So if there were 6 other rabbits shown in addition to the 7 senior bucks, he would receive 13 additional points for that. This rabbit would accumulate 55 points for the exhibitor. (42 + 13)

If the exhibitor also owned the 2nd place senior buck he earns 28 points (4 x 7) for that rabbit. If these were the only 2 rabbits for this exhibitor, he/she would have earned 83 points in that specific show.

It is worth mentioning that the one with the most points does not necessarily have the best rabbits. The Best Opposite in our example could have been owned by another exhibitor and the other nine rabbits entered could have been owned by Exhibitor C. Then by the number of rabbits he/she entered, they could have accumulated the most points in that show. No sweeps points system is perfect.

The fun part of sweeps is often seeing your own placement and accomplishment in regards to the sweeps standings. It is a great acknowledgement to breeding efforts and showing in general. It also gives those looking for a breed some reference as to club members who are actively showing rabbits that year.

UPCOMING SHOWS

SANCTIONED SHOWS

11/27/09—North Central Iowa - Fort Dodge, Iowa
2/5/09—Michigan State RBA—East Lansing, Mi
2/6 & 2/7/10 - Pennsylvania State RBA—Lebanon, PA
2/14/10 - Lakeland RBA - Elkhorn, WI

NON—SANCTIONED SHOWS

11/27 & 11/28/09—Stephens Country RBA—Duncan OK
12/5/09—Texas RBA—Killeen, TX
12/11 & 12/12/09—Mid Texas RC & Johnson Cty RC—Cleburne, TX
03/20/10—NCIRBA Spring Annual Show—Napanee, IN
07/24/10—Elkhart Co. 4-H Fair YOUTH SHOW ONLY—Goshen, IN

2010 ARBA Convention Judges

The ARBA is requesting suggestions for the next convention on judges to have judge the show. We will be posting to the website how to send in your suggestions and those will be forwarded on to the ARBA for their consideration so be thinking of who you might want to judge.

UPCOMING EDITIONS

If there are articles or information regarding Cinnamons that would be beneficial to the association, please forward to acctnt4ever@yahoo.com for inclusion in upcoming newsletters.

Also, any pictures and a short narrative of achievements both Open and Youth would be greatly appreciated. I would like a two page spread on achievements with pictures to include.

We are in need of Directors reports, Membership listing (including expiring membership information), and financial statement information to be included in the newsletter for the club.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Dean Taylor, MI email: pvrabbit@peoplepc.com

Vice President: To Be Determined

Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Searle, MA email: nsearle@umext.umass.edu

Directors: Jeff Granger, Frank Gayle, Marian Brown, Oliver Flynn, Pat Mareska

Youth Director: Spencer Mollan

Newsletter Editor: Dena Taylor -- pvrabbit@peoplepc.com

Sweepstakes Chairperson: Ronda Hemenway abypig@yahoo.com

Sanction Requests: Ronda Hemenway abypig@yahoo.com

Webmaster: Marian Brown -- hhnews@yahoo.com

CINNAMON RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Financial Report For the Period Ending October 2009

February 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,484.96

March Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$ 36.00	
Sanctions	\$ 130.00	
Cash	\$ -	
Deposit 3/11/09		\$ 166.00

Expenditures:

Check # 122 Dena Taylor Supplies	\$ (36.08)	
Check# 123 ARBA Club Sanction Dues	\$ (20.00)	
Check # 124 Mary Lou Bignall Supplies	\$ (45.22)	
Check #125 Doug Weber Refund	\$ (2.00)	
Return check and Bank Fee	\$ (15.00)	
Total Expenditures		\$ (118.30)

March 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,532.66

April Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$ 30.00	
Sanctions	\$ 116.00	
Cash	\$ -	
Deposit 4/14/09		\$ 146.00

Expenditures:

Check #120 Auto Owners Insurance (Club Insurance)	\$ (164.00)	
Total Expenditures		\$ (164.00)

April 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,514.66

May Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$ 12.00	
Sanctions	\$ 40.00	
Repayment for Check	\$ 20.00	
Deposit 5/7/09		\$ 72.00

Expenditures:

Check #121 ARBA Cinnamon National Show	\$ (40.00)	
Returned Check Fee	\$ (20.00)	
Total Expenditures		\$ (60.00)

May 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,526.66

June Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$ 8.00	
Sanctions	\$ 262.00	
Repayment for Check	\$ -	
Deposit 6/5/09		\$ 270.00

June 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,796.66

CINNAMON RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Financial Report For the Period Ending October 2009

July Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$	-	
Sanctions	\$	80.00	
	\$	<u>-</u>	
Deposit 7/18/09			\$ 80.00

July 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,876.66

NOTE: In August I moved the account from Bank of America to the Florence Savings Bank. Bank of America was no longer willing to waiver the \$13.00 per month charge. The new bank does not charge non-profit groups, thus in a year the club will save \$156.00.

August Activity:

Expenditures:

Check #89 Frank Gale -	\$	(51.29)	
Reimb for CRBA National Awards			
Total Expenditures	\$	(51.29)	

August 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,825.37

September Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$	44.00	
Sanctions	\$	120.00	
	\$	<u>-</u>	
Deposit 9/3/09			\$ 164.00

September 2009 Ending Balance \$ 2,989.37

October Activity:

Deposits:

Memberships	\$	38.00	
Sanctions	\$	84.00	
	\$	<u>-</u>	
Deposit 10/9/09			\$ 122.00

Expenditures:

Refund to Golden Prairie RB	\$	(6.00)	
Returned Check and Bank Fee	\$	(13.00)	
Total Expenditures	\$	(19.00)	

October 2009 Ending Balance \$ 3,092.37



Cinnamon Rabbit Breeders Association *The Spice of Rabbits*

Application for Membership

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Listing for Website Directory: Yes No

Name/Rabbitry: _____

Location: _____

Website or Contact Info: _____

Please select one of the following:

- Adult 1 Year Membership...\$ 8.00
- Adult 3 Year Membership...\$20.00
- Youth 1 Year Membership...\$ 4.00
- Youth 3 Year Membership...\$10.00
- Husband/Wife 1 Year.....\$12.00
- Family 1 Year Membership..\$12.00 plus \$2.00 per youth

Total Enclosed: _____

Please return with appropriate payment to: Nancy Searle
550 Amherst Road
Belchertown, MA 01007

For questions, email nsearle@umext.umass.edu

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Submit completed form with payment made payable to

CRBA to:

Nancy Searle, Secretary/Treasurer

550 Amherst Road, Belchertown, MA 01007

Phone: 413-253-7721 Email: nsearle@umext.umass.edu

Sponsoring Club: _____

Location of Show:

Date of Show: _____

ARBA OPEN Sanction Number : _____

ARBA YOUTH Sanction Number: _____

Show Secretary:

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please Check One:

We use a computer show program. Please email me the show sanction numbers.

We use a computer show program. Please snail (postal) mail me the show sanction numbers.

We do not use a computer show program.

Open Show Sanction @ \$10: _____ **Youth Show Sanction @ \$6:** _____

(Youth – Free if requested with Open)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Sanction Requests should be submitted 30 days prior to show date.
Completed show reports must be filed with the Sweepstakes Chairperson within 30 days after the show date.

Submit reports to Ronda Hemenway, PO Box 806, Evert, MI 49631

Sponsoring Club agrees to pay \$3.00 (or equivalent) for BOB; \$2.00 for BOS and \$1.00 for best fur provided five or more Cinnamons are shown.

It is required that the following information appears in your show catalog:

Official Cinnamon Sweepstakes Show

Nancy Searle, Secretary/Treasurer

550 Amherst Road, Belchertown, MA 01007

Phone: 413-253-7721 Email: nsearle@umext.umass.edu