



## 2022 General Membership Meeting February 26, 2022

The General Membership meeting of the California State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association was called to order by President Jennifer Milburn at 12:43 PM in Merced, California.

The roll of Board Members was called. In attendance were Jennifer Milburn, President; Tracy Gouette, Vice President; Kathy Lugo, Acting Treasurer; Kelly Hinde, Secretary; Ray Stacy, District 2 Director; Joe Lugo, District 3 Director; Sara Buchanan, District 4 Director and Berlena Reynolds, District 5 Director. Also in attendance were 26 members.

Jennifer Milburn presented to the membership highlights of the Board Meeting held the prior evening. Work is being done by the Board to revise the club's constitution to be presented to the membership for a vote. The goal of the revisions is to simplify and modernize the document. The Board also voted to present a Lifetime Membership to Scott Williamson.

The 2023 convention will be held March 4-6 in Merced. They are seeking member input on potential other locations in 2024 and beyond, looking to be user friendly for members throughout the state. The format of convention was changed this year to provide for a convention show only on Saturday is to assist youth to participate in royalty activities and hold a banquet as well as to relax the atmosphere for the enjoyment of all members as will recognize the winners of Saturday's show as convention winners whereas the shows on Sunday will be sponsored by the Association but are not the Cal State Convention. Further, they are bringing in new judges to allow members to experience new opinions and judging perspectives.

Scott Williamson has been sick and hospitalized and is now recovering in rehab. Please sign cards that will be sent to him. They will be available throughout the weekend at the Secretary's desk.

Ray Stacy, District Director announced that the ARBA Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Dolores Morris and presented her with a plaque which Dolores dedicated to her late husband Michael and longtime friend Rita Peralta.

The Association Scholarship program is being revamped to be an annual \$1,000 academic scholarship. In addition, there will be travel scholarships awarded annually to the youth that qualify for state teams at the annual State Convention and attend the annual ARBA convention representing

the state. There will be up to \$1,000 available each year (the amount dependent upon the location of convention) to be shared among those that qualify and attend convention. Beginning in 2023 the Sunday raffle will benefit the Travel Scholarship Fund.

Members are encouraged to support the youth by attending the Youth Banquet. This is planned to be an annual event.

Kathy Lugo, Sweepstakes Chair, explained the sweepstakes program and presented awards to 2021 top placements. This year cash awards were presented to the top five in open and youth for rabbits. Winners and all placings are posted on the association website.

Membership forms available for remainder of the weekend. Those who are not members are encouraged to join the association and participate in the benefits of membership.

Jennifer called for any additional items for the good of the club. It was suggested that a contact form be added to the website to allow members to make suggestions for judges for the annual convention.

There being no further business Donelle Bomben moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 PM, the motion was seconded by Heidi Adhers and passed with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Hinde  
Secretary