

Beehive State Rabbit Breeders Association Constitution 2023

Article I - Name and Location

Section I. This Association, hereafter, shall be known as the Beehive State Rabbit Breeders Association 'Beehive State RBA' and is located in the state of Utah. The Beehive State Rabbit Breeders Association is a non-profit organization.

Article II - Objective

Section I. The purpose of this association is to promote, encourage, and advance the breeding and exhibition of all classes of rabbits recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. 'ARBA'

Section II. To advocate breeding rabbits towards the Standard of Perfection as set by ARBA.

Section III. To offer members and the public education pertaining to all classes of rabbits.

Section IV. To develop greater interest in, and demand for, the exhibition of rabbits within the state of Utah.

Section V. To offer services such as semi-annual meetings for its members and Executive Board.

Article III - Affiliation

Section I. Beehive State RBA shall be affiliated and chartered with the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. 'ARBA'

Article IV - Meetings

Section I. Beehive State RBA shall hold quarterly meetings. Meetings will be held virtually unless otherwise stated. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded for public member viewing.

Section II. If an exhibition or other relevant event is scheduled, the meeting for that quarter shall be held in-person at the event, tentatively with a minimum of 50% plus one of the Executive Board being in attendance. If the minimum requirement of attendance is not met for an in-person meeting, it will be rescheduled virtually.

Section III. The Executive Board shall receive a minimum of seven (7) days notice for virtual and thirty (30) days notice prior to in-person meetings.

Section IV. The presence of 50% plus one members of the Executive Board is required within any meeting for amendments or decisions pertaining to the association to be passed into acceptance.

Section V. Any member may attend public meetings. Advance notice of public meetings will be included within the show catalog, available for viewing a minimum of fourteen (14) days before the show will take place.

Article V - Authority

Section I. Beehive State RBA has authority to make such laws, establish such rules, and adopt such regulations as may be necessary for the government of its members.

Section II. Use of donations to Beehive State RBA are to be decided on by discussion and vote by the Executive Board. In the event of a tie, or any situation where a decision cannot be passed by the Executive Board, vote on the matter will be opened to the member public. Member voting shall be seven (7) days in duration, and the reigning decision option will be passed into acceptance.

Section II a. Conflict of Interest: Any matter involving more than a \$200.00 cost/value will be held to the same ideals as Section II.

Article VI - Officers and Directors

Section I. Any individual to be considered for office in this Association must be an adult member in good standing for a minimum of one year with dues paid up through their elected term of office.

Section II. Seats of the elected Executive Board of Beehive State RBA include the following Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer (individual or combined) and a minimum of three Directors.

Section III. The term for all elected Officers shall be two (2) years. The term for all elected Directors shall be one (1) year.

Section IV. Executive Board terms begin January 1st and end December 31st. This time period constitutes one (1) term year.

Section V. All Founding Members of Beehive State RBA may hold non-voting Counselor seats on the Executive Board with no term limitations, as long as desired, once their initial term has ended.

Section V a. The Founding Members of Beehive State RBA are as follows: Kristen Baldwin, Angela Holbrook, Angela Ware, Sophie Rindlisbaker, Todd Rindlisbaker, Micah Forbush, Natalie Kimball, Oly Swenson, Taylor Whorley, and Brittany Nelson.

Section VI. All Beehive State RBA members will be notified of upcoming Executive Board seat openings via written notice on the RBA Facebook Page sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the current seat holder's position.

Section VII. Nominations for Executive Board Member elects shall be fourteen (14) days in duration, beginning on November 1st and ending on November 14th.

Section VII a. A reminder of upcoming nominations will be shared seven (7) days in advance on the RBA Facebook page, and via flier at public events when applicable.

Section VII b. Nominations shall be held electronically and submitted electronically.

Section VII c. Any current member in good standing with Beehive State RBA may nominate themselves and/or another member also in good standing for nomination.

Section VIII. Elections for all Executive Board seats shall be held thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the current seat holder's position by means of public member vote, beginning on November 15th, and ending November 30th.

Section VIII a. Notice of the open voting period will be shared on the RBA Facebook page, and via flier at public events when applicable.

Section VIII b. Voting shall be held and submitted electronically.

Section VIII c. New Executive Board members shall be added to all Executive Board discussions, meetings, and have access to leadership documents upon election for an education and probationary period during the prior seat holder's last thirty days of office, which are December 1st through December 31st. New electives may not participate in Executive Board decision voting prior to the completion of the thirty (30) day education and probationary period.

Section IX. Any elected leadership member wishing to resign shall notify the Executive Board in writing via email to the Beehive State RBA gmail account. Vacancies of elected leadership seats shall be filled by majority vote of the Executive Board. Any Executive Board member may request to fill another role opened by resignation and forfeit their current role to be filled outside of standard elections by means of public member vote. Executive Board members assuming a new seat are responsible for the standard thirty day education and probationary period of the new elect filling their prior position.

Section X. Elected officers and Directors of Beehive State RBA may only be considered for election for up to two consecutive terms, with the exception of unopposed officials.

Section XI. If the President position becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume all duties of the President and a new Vice President shall be appointed.

Section XII. Any Executive Board member absent from three (3) meetings in a single year without prior notice shall be removed from office at the third meeting; and another member appointed.

Section XIII. All Executive Board members should do their best to participate and vote in a way that they believe has the best interest of Beehive State RBA at heart.

Section XIV. Any Executive Board member who does not fulfill their appointed duties, or shows lack of interest in club matters, shall be asked by the President to resign from Beehive State RBA. Should the member fail to do so, the decision of the matter will go to vote within the Executive Board and shall pass forced resignation into acceptance. Executive Board members may request the resignation of the President, which may also be passed by majority vote.

Section XV. Any Executive Board member who does not renew their membership with ARBA or fails to pay membership dues for Beehive State RBA for a period of more than sixty (60) days shall be removed from office and a new member appointed.

Section XVI. The Executive Board shall authorize expenditures which do not exceed the assets of the Association by means of majority vote.

Section XVII. Unopposed Executive Board incumbents wishing to continue in their role shall automatically remain instated for an additional term without limitation.

Article VII - Renewals, Alterations, and Amendments

Section I. The Executive Board of Beehive State RBA shall review our Constitution, making any applicable alterations and amendments, a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to submission for renewal.

Section I a. Written notice of Charter renewal shall be given to all Executive Board members electronically seven (7) days prior to the next upcoming official meeting.

Section II. The President of Beehive State RBA shall submit our Board-approved Constitution for yearly renewal with ARBA no later than October, 31st.

Section III. Any and All alterations and amendments shall occur at one of the official scheduled meetings.

Section III a. A minimum of 50% plus one board officials must be in attendance for voting on alterations and/or amendments to occur.

Section IV. Alterations and amendments may originate from the Executive Board and/or member public.

Section IV a. Any amendment request from the member public must be submitted in writing, by an adult member, no later than thirty (30) days prior to an official scheduled meeting for review by the Executive Board.

Section IV b. Notice of upcoming charter renewal including opening amendment requests to the member public will be shared on the RBA Facebook Page sixty (60) days prior to the official scheduled meeting.

Section IV c. Alteration and amendment requests from the member public may be submitted electronically to the Executive Board for consideration.

Section IV d. Adult members with less than one year active membership may not submit amendments for consideration.

Section V. Any and all amendments to the Beehive State RBA Constitution and By-Laws must be approved by majority vote of the adult members in attendance at an official scheduled meeting. Votes may not be held by proxy.

Section VI. Proposed alterations will be posted visible to the member public for a minimum of thirty (30) days voting duration. At the conclusion of thirty days, the proposal will be announced as approved or denied. Section

Section VII. Approved amendments shall take effect thirty (30) days after acceptance vote unless otherwise stated in the resolution.

Article XI - Dissolution

Section I. Upon dissolution, any and all assets of the Association shall be distributed by the current Executive Board for one or more tax-exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for the public purpose.