

# NATIONAL REX RABBIT CLUB, INC. CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I - NAME

This Association shall be known as the National Rex Rabbit Club, Inc.

## ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION

This Club shall be affiliated with the American Rabbit Breeders Club, Inc.

## ARTICLE III - OBJECTS

The objects of this Club shall be:

- Sec. 1 To encourage the breeding of more and better Rex rabbits for FUR, FOOD, and FANCY.
- Sec. 2 To provide information on all matters pertaining to the Rex rabbit.
- Sec. 3 To improve the Standard of Perfection for Rex rabbits, and to revise such Standard, whenever necessary, upon the approval of the ARBA Standards Committee
- Sec. 4 To encourage the development of the Rex rabbit as a Commercial Breed.
- Sec. 5 To have an active publicity program.

## ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

- Sec. 1 Any person may become a member by signifying his/her wish to join and by paying yearly dues.
- Sec. 2 NEW: (1 yr) Adult or Youth \$15.00 - each additional person at same address \$5.00; (3 yrs) Adult or Youth \$30.00 - each additional person at same address \$12.00. RENEWAL: (1 yr) Adult or Youth \$10.00 - each additional person at same address \$5.00; (3 yr) Adult or Youth \$25.00 - each additional person at same address \$12.00. CANADIAN OR FOREIGN ADDRESS (All fees paid in US funds): NEW: (1 yr) Adult or Youth \$25.00 - each additional person at same address \$5.00; (3 yrs) Adult or Youth \$60.00 - each additional person at same address \$12.00. RENEWAL: (1 yr) Adult or Youth \$20.00 - each additional person at same address \$5.00; (3 yrs) Adult or Youth \$55.00 - each additional person at same address \$12.00. All membership fees must be paid in advance and are the same for both adult and youth. Only "individual" memberships will receive publications issued by the National Rex Rabbit Club, Inc. "Additional" members must have the same address as the "individual" member.
- Sec. 3 Membership shall be acknowledged by a card issued by the National Rex Rabbit Club and signed by the Secretary-Treasurer.
- Sec. 4 Members who do not renew within 60 days of the expiration date on their card shall be dropped. Any member wishing to renew a membership lapsing more than six (6) months will be required to pay the membership rate for a new member.
- Sec. 5 Complaints and charges of misconduct shall be presented in writing to the Executive Committee for action. The Executive Committee shall then investigate the charges thoroughly and notify in

writing both parties involved of their findings. The member against whom the charges have been preferred shall be given thirty (30) days to reply before action is taken by the Committee. The Committee may, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, suspend or expel any member. Less than two-thirds (2/3) majority shall constitute acquittal of the charges. Appeals may be submitted to a vote of the entire membership. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members voting shall be considered final.

Sec. 6 All members shall have the right to vote in person at bi-annual and special meetings of the National Rex Rabbit Club., Inc. All members shall also have the right to vote by mail for Elections of Officers submitted to the membership in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The elected officers of this Club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and seven (7) Directors. These officers, together with the appointed Secretary-Treasurer, shall compose the Executive Committee. All officers shall be members in good standing of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Sec. 2 The President and Vice-President shall be elected for two (2) year terms, Directors for two (2) year terms, three (3) elected one year and four (4) the next.

Sec. 3 All elected officers shall take office January 1st following the election.

Sec. 4 Any vacancy occurring may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5 The office of Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of two (2) years. Said person may be removed from office for failure to perform the duties of the office as required by the Constitution and By-Laws and by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, act as Chairman of the Executive Committee, appoint all committees, appoint an Election Commissioner to count the ballots, and perform other duties pertaining to the office. In case of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

Sec. 2 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence, or in case of his/her inability to serve.

Sec. 3 The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct the correspondence of the Club, notify members of meetings, keep an accurate record of all minutes, membership, and collect all dues. As Treasurer, he/she shall keep an accurate record of all incomes and expenditures, pay all claims as properly approved by the Club or Executive Committee, submit a financial statement to the membership annually and to the Executive Committee quarterly.

Sec. 4 The Secretary-Treasurer shall appoint the Sweepstakes Secretary for a term concurrent with his/her own term of office with the Executive Committee's approval.

Sec. 5 The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee to audit the Secretary-Treasurer's financial records. This shall be done annually before December 31st of each year.

Sec. 6 The Executive Committee shall carry out the decisions of the Club and transact all necessary business for the welfare of the Club.

#### ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS

Sec. 1 Any member of the National Rex Rabbit Club, Inc., in good standing, wishing to become a candidate for any elective office of the National Rex Rabbit Club, Inc. Shall write to the Secretary-Treasurer for a nomination petition which the Secretary-Treasurer shall supply. The nomination petition shall be completed by the member and show the member's name and the office for which he/she is a candidate, be signed by him/her, and shall, in addition, be signed by ten (10) members in good standing of the National Rex Rabbit Club, Inc. The petition must then be returned, postmarked by July 1st, to the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall place the name of the member appearing on the petition, and the office for which he/she is a candidate on the election ballot.

Sec. 2 The Secretary-Treasurer shall have the election ballots printed and numbered in a professional manner.<sup>i</sup>

Sec. 3 The election of officers and directors shall be by mailed ballot. Election ballots are to be mailed forty-five (45) days prior to the ARBA Convention and shall be returned at least fifteen (15) days prior to that convention to the Election Commissioner for counting. The results shall be announced at the annual meeting held at the ARBA Convention.

Sec. 4 The Election Commissioner shall send a report of the nominations and elections to the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

Sec. 5 The Election Commissioner is disqualified from running for an elective office.

Sec. 6 The elected President shall hold the election ballots for a period of one (1) year.

Sec. 7 If an office receives only one (1) qualified candidate for that office, the Executive Committee shall declare the candidate the winner of that particular office. No election expense shall be incurred for election to an unopposed office.

#### ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

Sec. 1 The biannual meetings shall be held at the time and place of the annual conventions of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc. and the National Rex Rabbit Show.

Sec. 2 There shall be ten (10) members present to constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3 Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedure.

Sec. 4 All decisions at the biannual meetings shall be final, unless altered by majority vote of the membership by a mailed ballot. Ballots can be included with the REX WORLD.

Sec. 5 The annual National Rex Rabbit Club Show shall be held on the last weekend of April unless changed by the Executive Committee due to hardship.

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Sec. 1 An amendment may be presented for consideration if signed by ten (10) members in good standing.

Sec. 2 Any amendment to be submitted to the membership at the biannual meetings shall be in the hands of the Secretary-Treasurer at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting. The amendment is to be acted upon by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee before being presented to the general membership.

Sec. 3 Any amendment to the Constitution must be passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the membership present at that meeting. If passed, it must then be voted on by the membership at large by mailed ballot. This ballot may be included in the REX WORLD.

Sec. 4 A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership votes cast is required for adoption of any amendment to the Constitution.

Sec. 5 All ballots shall be counted by the Election Commissioner.

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<sup>i</sup> ARTICLE VII, Sec. 2 amended by in 2008 by a vote of 160 FOR and 10 AGAINST.