

ONLINE MEETING MINUTES – Nov. 18, 2012

Fubarbun joined.
Fubarbun left.
Laurie joined.
Laurie Whooh I got this to work!
Laurie I'll see ya in 10 minutes. I guess.
Bob joined.
Bob hello Laurie!
Laurie Hi Bob! I hope we have several members show up.
Bob hope so too
MattH joined.
Fubarbun joined.
Laurie Hi Matt!
Laurie Hi Kelly!
MattH Hi Laurie, Bob, Kelly!
Fubarbun opps, let me sign in with my real name haha
Fubarbun left.
Bob hey.. looks lke a gathering is about to happen :)
KellyG joined.
KellyG Hi everyone :)
MattH Hopefully we get a few more
KellyG I cant access facebook on this machine, but maybe someone would like to put a reminder up on the FB page that the meeting has begun?
Laurie I just did. I commented on Bob's post.
KellyG Thanks Laurie
Bob there seemed to be interest on the facebook group
Kat_LeGere joined.
MattH I have the charter form here, I was hoping we could elect officers to fill out the charter
Kat_LeGere Hi everyone
KellyG Hi Kat
MattH Kat is here!
Laurie Hi Kat. How's it going?
Kat_LeGere Good
Kat_LeGere Missed everyon in KS
MattH Hi Kat, Sorry I couldn't get bunnies for you I don't have any more rabbits.
Kat_LeGere I heard you had problems
Kat_LeGere So sorry
Laurie It killed me to not be there. I wish I would have sent rabbits.

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Kat_LeGere It was a rough summer everywhere

Laurie Matt, what? No more rabbits? Stinks

Matth Yeah, well I still have rabbits at a friends house.

KellyG Same here, I wanted to attend Convention but we had some issues in family dynamics, and was unable to attend. I had 14 show primed and ready animals - they all went into breeding, so it is not a complete loss

Kat_LeGere We got a couple from Sembs, and the BOB youth buck from Autumn.

Matth My sister decided to get married in October instead, I had to be in her wedding

Laurie We've had a lot of losses this year. Didn't lose any to heat, but had a few with wry neck and other junk.

Kat_LeGere Matt, do you have any Hotots left?

KellyG 2013 Convention will literally be in my backyard. I am 2 hours away from the show hall, and have some ideas that i wanted to make public, when the time comes to offer future suggestions

Matth I have a pair at a friends house, most of mine that survived the summer got too fat to breed.

Kat_LeGere I have been seeing a lot about the Mycotoxins in feed and all the different things (wry neck...etc) it can cause

Kat_LeGere Lol, diet time

Bob OK shall we start the actual meeting?

Laurie The electrolyte & hay diet. Works every time. Learned about that many years ago.

KellyG we have had amazingly good luck lately (knock on wood) with feed and general health and vigor

Laurie Sure. Call it to order Bob

Bob meeting called to order

Kat_LeGere Unfortunately we had a litter 2 days ago that went wrong, everything cleaned but stillborn and maybe malformed or too long in the oven....

Matth I had the most awesome rabbit fine one day and had a weird head tilt the next day. Never was sick a day in it's life, I was so upset. I ended up culling her.

Kat_LeGere OK

Bob Matt do you have a treasure report

Matth Yes, we have 525.13 in the bank

Bob any outstanding expenses?

Matth Just the charter renewal that I will be sending in here shortly

Kat_LeGere Do we have a club handbook, or any club logo stuff?

Matth I have some outdated stuff

Bob how much is the renewal?

Matth \$25.00 I think

Laurie I had started working on a handbook, but my laptop bit the dust & I lost it all. I'd

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be willing to start on it again. I also have a couple of T Shirts from the 90's.

MattH nope, it's 20.00 even

Bob is there a motion to accept the treasure reprot?

MattH Kelly has a really awesome new logo

Laurie Motion to accept

KellyG yes, i accept the report

Kat_LeGere Let's see it.

Bob all in favor of accepting the reasure report?

Kat_LeGere Kelly, can you post the logo idea on facebook?

Laurie aye

MattH I can help with the handbook

Kat_LeGere aye

KellyG aye

Bob motion passes

Bob Matt do you have a current list of members?

MattH Yes, I do

Bob how current is the list on the website?

KellyG Kat - the logo should already be out there somewherem i think its in the yahoo group. I will have to find it, because my computer is permanantly down and will not be recoverable. It was passed to Matt, and I think made public last year

Kat_LeGere We could probably contribute something towards a handbook since Kate has been working with the Dwarf Hotots for several years.

Kat_LeGere Did you all pass a computer bug around?

MattH I can check my e-mail and see if I can pull it up

Laurie My computer bug was a 6 year old girl with a glass of lemonade.

MattH Kelly is a computer wiz, her logo looked so much better than the one I did...lol

Kat_LeGere LOL

KellyG i would be very happy to help with the guidebook. I had hotot's bac in the early 90's, and again now, so have lots to share.

Laurie so..... 2012 Hotot Nationals... yeah,

Kat_LeGere where?????

KellyG as far as articles and genetics information anyway

Kat_LeGere 2013????

Laurie Oh, it was in Wisconsin. Didn't hear about it? not surprised

MattH Do we want to put someone in charge of the handbook and they can compile information and articles from members?

Kat_LeGere Kelly, maybe we can get together with you and help on some stuff.

Laurie I'll be in charge of handbook

KellyG mine was a very well used tired machine that just gave up the ghost. I will locate

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the file I worked on for a logo

MattH Yep, it was in Wisconsin, I would have went but I didn't have anything to show

KellyG I think Laurie would be great for the handbook

Kat_LeGere I was there in WI, but nothing to show :-(

Laurie Yeah, well there was never an official posting of the time or date of the national show. No mailings. No emails. Nothing.

Kat_LeGere Did get bunnies from Barb :-)

Kat_LeGere It was posted somewhere, I heard about it to go.

KellyG i agree with laurie...the national2012 was very poorly infomred. I was unable to attend regardless, but would have liked to see some information regarding it

Kat_LeGere I just don't remember where...LOL

MattH I thought it was advertised, but I could be wrong

Kat_LeGere So when can we do 2013?

MattH Yes, we should get 2013 in order so it isn't last minute

Laurie If you guys recall, we had a discussion about it on the fb group. Then, Michael got mad. Removed himself and unfriended from every one.

KellyG it was, but very late, and minimal effort was made to punlicise it

KellyG *publicize

Bob WHEN CAN WE GET BACK TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST REPORT???

Laurie I motion to have 2013 HRBI National in Louisville, KY. in april

Kat_LeGere so, 2013?????

 David_Shriner joined.

KellyG welcome david

Kat_LeGere NOOOOO

Laurie hi david. fashionably late. lol

Kat_LeGere March, Bloomington,

Kat_LeGere ???

David_Shriner Hi all

KellyG I like the Ohio location in conjunction with the Ohio Mini Covnetion

Kat_LeGere Hi David

Laurie no, membership list on website is not up to date. bob

Kat_LeGere Ugh, Reno

KellyG however...membership list

MattH No, that list isn't up to date. I have a more up to date one. I was sending the membership list to Dave L. but he has dropped out

Kat_LeGere Reno in May, WI in April, but Bloomington in March could work?

MattH Kelly G. has offered to be webmistress

KellyG Sorry to interrupt, but I would like to handle the website if no one is oppised.

Bob How many members do we have that are current on dues

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KellyG *oppsed
Laurie I move to make Kelly webmistress
MattH we have 20 members currently
Laurie motion
Kat_LeGere Matt, am I currently a member?
KellyG I know Chris Hagerty will be renewing very shortly
Kat_LeGere I never saw anything
MattH Yep, Kat your a member
Kat_LeGere Ok
Bob there is a motion on the floor to have Kelly take over the webstie. is there a 2nd?
Kat_LeGere i'll 2nd
MattH I 2nd
Bob all in favor
Laurie aye
Kat_LeGere aye
KellyG aye
MattH Aye
Bob motion passes
Kat_LeGere who does sweeps and sanctions?
Laurie the secretary, so matt
MattH Kelly, just e-mail me what format you want the list in
KellyG will do, thank you matt
MattH Yes, I have a current up to date sweeps list
MattH that is also out of date on the website
Bob Now for the charter ... what officers do we need in place?
KellyG do we have a sweepstakes chairperson, or is that currently the resposibilby of the secretary/treasurer?
MattH We need directors
MattH Currently the secretary does sweepstakes
Laurie i've offered to be a director.
Bob how many director slots are vacant?
MattH Great, Laurie!
MattH 2
Bob Is Barb Semb still a director?
Kat_LeGere Matt, I have a thought about membership. We ran across the Tan club this year and they set up a paypal accout linked on the site for members to join. It did make it quick and easy.
KellyG i am not sure of the job discription of the directors position, but may be interested.

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MattH Yes

MattH Barb is a director

Laurie I had a paypal account linked to hrbi membership when i was secretary. Used it one time.

Kat_LeGere Can I be a director?

MattH I like the idea of paypal linked

MattH Yes, Kat you could be a director!

Kat_LeGere It is such an easy way to do memberships and even sanctions

KellyG what does the directors do?

Bob I've not heard from Margaret C I know she still has rabbits, but is not being very active

MattH I see she hasn't been showing rabbits

KellyG laurie: I think the paypal would be a great idea, as we can send sanctions nearly day of show

Kat_LeGere Where is Margaret located?

Laurie washinton state. it's DC's rabbitry.

Bob for the directors do we need to have a membership wide vote or can the be president appointed for now?

Laurie I think they can be appointed. check the by laws

KellyG what does a director do? I amy already be doing this job lol!

MattH I would say the President can appoint them, I think the by laws say they can be appointed by necessity

MattH Directors vote, so if someone lets their membership expire we might have the directors vote for a new officer etc

KellyG thank you. I would also like to run for a direcor position

MattH Great, Kat your address the great bend KS one?

Kat_LeGere Besides Barb, who are the other directors?

Kat_LeGere yes

Kat_LeGere Great Bend

MattH One was Dave

KellyG I have had a postal mailing address change. I will update that with you when I get the website information Matt

Kat_LeGere Which dave?

MattH the other one was Leslie Ardison and we made her VP

Kat_LeGere So there needs to be 4?

MattH Dave L. outside Chicago

Kat_LeGere Is he still going to do it?

MattH Yep, 4 would be awesome, we can have up to 8

MattH Dave has not paid his dues, he has not responded so I don't think he is in the club

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Laurie I haven't seen or heard anything from him in quite some time.

Kat_LeGere Was he having some health issues recently?

Laurie No, that was Mike Landers that was having health issues.
Stormy joined.

Kat_LeGere Someone recently had to sell out due to C.

Kat_LeGere Oh

MattH I am not sure, he's in an urban area like me so he might have had zone issues

Stormy Sorry I'm late!

Stormy Hi everyone

KellyG I am fairly well connected to the few east coast breeders and fanciers of Hotot's, and please keep in mind, if there are any that I do not know about, Hurricane Sandy has not been kind to us! There are still thousands without power and ways of communications

Kat_LeGere We would have put a both together at Wichita, but we didn't know the status of things.

Bob OK I just checked the by laws.. president can appoint in emergency. otherwise has to be voted by club membership

Kat_LeGere Is this an emergency?

Laurie Do you have to mail out official votes? The charter has to be in by Jan 1

Bob we will say it is :)

Laurie Official

Laurie sounds good, bob.

MattH I think so, it's high time to get business done

Kat_LeGere Emergency

KellyG Time frame tells me that it is an emergency

Bob is David a member?

Laurie How many directors do we need?

MattH Kelly, can you e-mail me your new address?

Kat_LeGere Yes, this club is at risk of disappearing if no one can find us.

Bob min of 3 max of 6 according to the bylaws

KellyG i certainly can Matt...ill send it right now

MattH We need 3 but it's good to have 4 in case one of them forgets to pay their arrears dues

Laurie Is Barb going to be retained as director?

Kat_LeGere I thought it was max of 8?

David_Shriner I'm not current.

MattH I would keep Barb

KellyG I want to run for a director position

MattH Yes, we can have up to 8 min of 3

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Laurie Can I motion that myself, kelly & kat be appointed as directors?

Kat_LeGere I can be the 3rd

Bob as president I'll appont Laurie, Kelly, and Kat as directors for the interim

Kat_LeGere and Barb

Kat_LeGere ???

MattH Great! That gives us 4

Laurie Great. whats the next topic?

MattH Nationals?

Kat_LeGere Bloominton

Bob OK... lets talke Nationals

Kat_LeGere :-)))

MattH That we can send out a ballot for so everyone can vote

MattH Anyone who wants to host, I say throw your hat in the ring

Laurie I recommend Louisville or Columbus. Both are HUGE shows with many other specialties and other national shows

Kat_LeGere where are the most people located near.

Laurie Everyone is spread out across the country.

Bob I know that Matt posted to the Yahoo group about 2012 in Wisconsin last year!

Laurie I have a lead on sharing a judge with the american club at Louisville

MattH We are a small club, so we need to have a show where expenses can be kept minimal.

Kat_LeGere That is where I must have seen it

MattH Ohio usually only charges a % depending on how many rabbits are entered

KellyG Columbus is 8 hours from me, but I can almost always make arrangements to attend that one. it falls on a great weekend

Kat_LeGere Bloominton is a drive for me, but I thought maybe closer to others

MattH Wisconsin let us do it free, and the judge was paid for by the hosting club we only had to contribute \$1.00 per rabbit

Kat_LeGere It is the same time as the Reno show

Laurie I like Columbus. I try to go to that show every year.

MattH I would talk to judges at both shows and the hosting club and see what the cost will be for a nationals

Laurie I can try to get contact info and send it to you, matt. then we could send out a vote

MattH Ohio is 2nd biggest show in the country and the club is super easy to work with.

MattH One idea I heard last year was a fall nationals... what does everyone think of that?

Kat_LeGere That would be great too

MattH The only problem I've seen with Ohio is sometimes first weekend of May is too early for juniors...my does didn't have babies that early in the spring... just

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depends how hard the winter is

KellyG I dont likie the ide of a fall National matt...moult time, and too close to Convention...

Laurie I dont care for a fall national show. we go from county fair, state fair, state convention & national convention within 2 months

Kat_LeGere It was June in WI

KellyG spring gived a chance for placements to change - or be the same if the stock is suerior

Laurie change to the standard? committee?

MattH Yes, we need a standards comittee, when is the next SOP change?

Laurie 2016?

MattH Erik Bensgton had some good ideas

KellyG YES! Standards comittee!

Bob are you all done talking about a national show? Is there a motion for a particiular show date and place?

Kat_LeGere YES!

Laurie I motion to hold the HRBI National in Columbus, OH May 2013

KellyG I second the motion

Kat_LeGere I think more info needs to be collected before a date is finaluized

Bob all in favor?

Laurie aye

KellyG aye

MattH I'm in favor of Ohio

Bob opposed?

Kat_LeGere nay

Stormy most of this is beyond me - but I know I can't make Ohio!

Stormy but I'm new anyways so kinda don't count ;)

Bob you count!!!

David_Shriner left.

KellyG your vote counts!

MattH We like all our members!

Kat_LeGere Is Ky out of the question then?

KellyG eve if you cant make it, if you think it sounds good, or bad, vote

Stormy aw, thanks! I'm only one week into having Hotots though - I don't really know what you guys are talking about haven't shown rabbits in about 30 years...

Stormy not sure what that means - nationals

MattH I didn't get an invite to have nationals in KY once and it was pricey for our small club

Bob The topic is 2013 National Hotot show

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KellyG nationals is the smaller breed specific equivalent to a national convention
Stormy And that is different than national convention?
Stormy oh i see
Laurie anyways, whats the vote?
Bob motion passes with 3 in favor
MattH So, I would love to get a handbook together with Laurie so I can send it out to the new members
KellyG location. so far up is columbus ohio, spring 2013
Stormy I think its a great idea to have a national show, even if I can't make it. so yes
Laurie Laurie will get to work on it this week. Start on tuesday
Bob OK.. Laurie and Matt are going to work on a Hotot Handbook???
Kat_LeGere Stormy, where are you located?
Stormy are all the big shows in the midwest?
MattH Yep, I can help....
Stormy I'm in California, San Francisco area
KellyG I will send you what materials I have recorded. I have started several articles on breeding, genetics, and breed specific information
MattH Can we post something on facebook for people to send us pictures of their rabbits for the website/handbook etc?
Bob Are we ready for Standards?
Laurie I'll get something posted on the FB group.
KellyG ill be right back. natre calls!
Laurie Yes, standards please.
Kat_LeGere Facebook would be a good place to go for stuff.
MattH Do we want to appoint a chairman of the standards committee?
Bob We need 5 members on the Standards committee that have raised Hotot for at least 5 years and are members of both ARBA and HRBI
Stormy I agree Facebook is the best place
Bob I have to have the list to ARBA by Jan 1st
Kat_LeGere Not me yet :-)
Kat_LeGere Do we have 5???
Bob We then have to come up with a standard and have it voted by the membership by 2014 (if I remember rightly)
MattH Bob, do you want to be chairman? Then you can use your website for a standards meeting?
MattH Have I been a member for 5 years? lol
MattH Laurie, when did I get into Hotots? I forget
Laurie Oh, it was in Ohio in 2006. I think
Bob can use the website whether I chair or not.

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MattH Oh I'm good then
Bob Yes Matt you've been here for at least 5 :)
MattH the years blur together sometimes
MattH I'll be on the standards committee
Laurie Pick me! Pick me!
Bob Here's the 5 that I've got down. Laurie, Matt, Myself, Kelly, and Autumn
MattH Laurie, Bob, Me...
KellyG ok, im back
KellyG jut read up
Laurie Can Autumn be on the standards committee being a youth?
MattH Erik Bengtson might be interested if she can't
Bob yep SOP doesn't specify youth or not... and she is a registrar
KellyG yes, i would like to be on the standards committee
MattH perfect!
KellyG Is Eric a member of HRBI?
Stormy what exactly is the Standards Committee?
Laurie He was
MattH Yep, Erik is a member
KellyG ok good!
Laurie The standard hasn't been changed since 1979.
KellyG unfortunately, yes
Laurie But we'll discuss that all at standards committee meetings.
KellyG and a possibly hinderance to our breed
Bob Standards committee is responsible to review the ARBA standard and make recommendations to changes in the standard
Laurie I make a motion to accept myself, matt, bob, kelly & autumn as the Blanc de Hotot standards committee.
KellyG i second
Bob all in favor?
Stormy yes
KellyG aye
Laurie aye
MattH And my experience with other clubs just because we recommend changes doesn't mean they will passlol I think Erik Bengtson might be on the standards committee so that might be a conflict of interest
MattH aye
Bob motion passes
Bob Next on Laurie's list she sent me is newsletters
Kat_LeGere :-)

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Bob I would like to see the newsletter posted to the website rather than snail mail

MattH I used to mail them out, I haven't sent one out in a long time, I asked for pictures and got 0

KellyG do we want to compile a newsletter committee, or just appoint a willing newsletter chairperson?

Laurie email would work even.

MattH I agree, we should do some sort of electronic newsletter to save \$ on postage

Laurie I'd just like to be up to date on members, wins, etc.

KellyG i agree to both matt and laurie

MattH Is there a way we can set it up so only members can view it?

Laurie you can post it to the FB group and yahoo.

Kat_LeGere e-mailing the newsletter would be great

Laurie mass email it

Stormy I think email is an excellent way to stay in touch

Kat_LeGere e-mail it to members only

KellyG mass email

MattH I'd like to see it kept so that only members can get it or there would be no value to being a member of the club.

KellyG members only

KellyG as the interest and budget expands, we can always convert back to a hard copy newsletter

MattH Can we set it up so you log into it on the website?

KellyG I will have to check the capabilities of the php server, but that is a possibility

Stormy the harder it is to get to, the less likely people are to read it

MattH The problem I've seen with e-mailing a copy to members is, everyone has a different version of Microsoft word so there was issues opening it

Kat_LeGere That seems more complicated than it need to be.

KellyG emailing is great for that. hard copies provided for those members with no internet access

Kat_LeGere so, send it as a pdf

Stormy using myself as an example, I forget my user name or password and boom! off to the bottom of the stack of things to figure out it goes

KellyG but everyone can access a free adobe acrobat

Kat_LeGere everyone can open PDF docs to read

MattH I like the PDF idea!

Stormy pdf is great

Laurie i can open pdf on my iphone so, that would work great

MattH I'm pretty computer illiterate, but Kelly can help me if I can't convert to PDF

MattH lol

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KellyG plus someone nwith a good working knolege of adobe acrobat can make a beautiful newsletter

Laurie good thing it's only a quarterly newsletter. lol

Stormy usually you just do "print" and there is a pdf option - most computers "print" to pdf

Kat_LeGere Kelly is doing webpage, Laurie is doing guidebook, I could do newsletter

Bob there are porgrams that will convert a windows doc to pdf

KellyG yes, google has a place for opening AND editing PDF files.

Stormy actually you can make the newsletter in ANY program and save to pdf

Kat_LeGere yes Stormy

KellyG correct!

Kat_LeGere it is not complicated at all, edit in word, convert to PDF to e-mail

MattH Yes, I just learned the ARBA website only takes PDF if it's a certain size. I now have a program to shrink PDFs

Bob we've got a volunteer for newsletter... Kat are you sure?

Kat_LeGere Yes, if someone can give me ideas of what they want to see in it.

MattH I can send membership list and sweepstakes standings

Laurie Kat, if you need pics. I have 1000s of Hotot pics

MattH Upcoming shows that have been sanctioned

KellyG i have volenteered for everything except that...its a lot for me to handle. I am also going to start an east coast Hotot specialty club for everyone east of the mississippi. I am going to have my newslettering plate full ;)

Kat_LeGere LOL, I bet you do Laurie :-)

Bob Matt and Laurie have both been sec of the club I'm sure they can help,

MattH Kelly, if you can do the website I'd be eternally grateful

KellyG pics, articles, when people have a GREAT judge who appreciates an Hotot....I have a running list myself

Kat_LeGere That sounds great

MattH I can't read code

MattH I can cut and paste tho

MattH lol

Kat_LeGere LOL

KellyG yes I have already been appointed for web mistress. i have the logon and password

MattH YEAH KELLY!

Bob is the newsletter taken care of?

Laurie I motion to appoint Kat to be in charge of newsletter

Kat_LeGere so membership, sweeps, do you want finanvcial reports?

KellyG I will get to that as soon as I can, probably PM's as I have a special needs child in cyberschool

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Kat_LeGere financial
KellyG i second, laurie
Bob all in favor?
MattH aye
KellyG aye
Laurie aye
Kat_LeGere Matt, I'll catch up with you to get ideas if that is OK.
Laurie And an article in DR every once in a while would be cool.
KellyG what is next on old business?
MattH Sounds good, do you have my yahoo e-mail?
Bob motion passes
Bob Convention booth?
KellyG yes, that would be a great asset! Some information in DR!
Kat_LeGere It was MISSED :-(
MattH Yeah, I didn't hear where 2013 was?
Kat_LeGere Pennsylvania
MattH oh duh
Laurie 2013 is PA. 2014 Ft worth tx
KellyG i had posted on facebook asking if anyone was opposed to me running the 2013 convention hotot table.
KellyG Harrisburg, PA
Kat_LeGere 2014 TX
Kat_LeGere Sounds great Kelly.
MattH Sounds good, I had spoke to Mike Launder's to see if he wanted to split a booth in Kansas but he was ill
Laurie I'll donate a show quality Hotot buck for a raffle at the 2013 Convention booth. All procedes will go to the club.
KellyG i have plans for sales of club merchandise, a raffle table, and convention placements, as well as booth decorating
MattH I think PA will be a great convention!
Bob Michael Sherwood asked if he could man the booth in Wichita. Was there a booth in Wichita?
Kat_LeGere Matt, I wish you would have thought of us. We would have helped
Kat_LeGere Not to my knowledge.
MattH There wasn't a booth
Kat_LeGere People kept asking too.
Laurie I've got to go pick up my kids & dinner. It's after 7 here. Will someone copy what ever i miss & email it to me?
MattH I will check with PA, if you pay ahead of time you get a discount

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KellyG I also have a 4H club with members that will volunteer with the table
Laurie So glad we finally got a meeting together.
KellyG I will Laurie
MattH Take care Laurie
Bob do I hear a motion to have a booth in PA, and Kelly being in charge of it
Kat_LeGere Take care Laurie
MattH I motion that!
Laurie second
Kat_LeGere I 2nd
Bob all in favor?
Laurie aye
KellyG aye
Kat_LeGere aye
MattH aye
Laurie and I'll talk to you all later. take care!
Bob Laurie thank you for coming!
Bob motion passes
KellyG good to see ya laurie, talk soon!
Bob Last thing on my list... Every year the American Rabbit folks have a nationwide drift
Bob Where members move rabbits from one breeder to another across the nation
KellyG ...like a rabbit railroad?
Stormy interesting
KellyG or for genetic diversity?
Bob gets genetics moved around... Not sure we have enough members... but would like to investigate doing something like that
Stormy I think its a great idea
KellyG i AM VERY INTERESTED! i HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SECURE A NEW BUCK EACH YEAR TO OPEN MY NOW *VERY* BROAD GENE POOL
Stormy if it would help build stronger lines for the breed as a whole - or would it just average everyone out to having the same genetics?
KellyG opps, sorry about the caps
Stormy I just figured you were excited ;)
MattH It's best for the breed!
KellyG well thats the problem. the hotot is a tight genetic breed. we are all already using the same genetics that are available in the country, just with different percentages of the common ancestors
Stormy so how does it really help?
KellyG what is in the US is in the US.

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Stormy perhaps pooling together to get an import is better ?

MattH Sembs have some awesome stock, it's realatively closely bred, so not a whole lot of people woul have their genes

KellyG It can change those percentaqges

MattH problem with importing is they are rare in Europe too

KellyG agree, htey have very nice animals with excellent type. I do not know if this is the place for discussion of geneticsd and thoughts, but I have some concusions

Bob Importing is also costly. In 2009 it cost me over 300 per rabbit. Matt imported in what 2011?

MattH yeah, that was not a good experiance for me... the does were pregnant but didn't take care of their babies so I ended up with 2 bucks

Kat_LeGere ugh

Stormy aw

KellyG I have taken a tremendous ammount of flack for it, but I am cross breeding with a very tight serious goal in mind, and I do not mind culling the entire project for meat of it does not pan out the way I would like. however, i already have some now 'purebreds' from crossbred stock, and they are breedi

MattH I don't have any problem with crossbreeding

Stormy is Semb part of this club?

Kat_LeGere yes

Bob We can think about doing a drift - moving stock around and discuss it over time

Stormy but none of you share genetics with Semb?

MattH The imports I am sure have had to have been outcrossed at some point because they are definately different from the rabbits with have here

KellyG i have some issues with crossbreeding when the breed crossed on is too far removed from the Hotot

Kat_LeGere how so Matt?

Stormy its tricky crossbreeding from what I've read, as the original strain's genetics can get lost, from the Am.Livestock Conservancy book

MattH Sembs got a pair from me in 2008 and their rabbits are all offspring from that original pair. They have outcrossed to bring in new blood, but a very tight gene pool from that original pair

KellyG the icing on our breeds cake is the coat the standard was written for,

Stormy does it strengthen or dilute

MattH I have problems crossbreeding to REW and Breverns

MattH blue eye spots or REW offspring

Stormy yes REW is just a blanket gene over other colors = not good!

Bob I just sent a pair of promissing juniors for dog food because of marbled eyes

KellyG i agree matt...however, the originals had trouble with the blue eye marbeling. its also an effect of the dutch gene, which are present in any animal that has ever produced a silver piebald

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Stormy interesting Kelly

Stormy I'd love to know more - but I have to leave!!

KellyG and even the ones that do NOT have the blue eyes or marbeling can and normally do still have the du genetics

Stormy I'll leave my chat window running though so I can see what you all say ... bye all!

Bob alright is there anything else that needs to be discussed?

MattH I have also had piebald brood does who have had 100% standard babies... and standard does who would have 50% sports and piebalds

KellyG if the nose spots are completely gone, the du gene is present. if there are spots on the back, the du gene is present

Kat_LeGere I think this was a good nmeeting. How often should we hold them?

KellyG im trying to think

KellyG lol

MattH Its been good to chat with everyone!

Kat_LeGere Yes

KellyG i wold like to see more of these meetings. especially if we are going to have all of thewse committees

Kat_LeGere when do we meet again????

MattH Spring before nationals?

Bob I have been suggesting quarlerly meetings for years :)

MattH Good to see participation! YEah! Thank you to all the volunteers!

MattH Ey Bob, it's good to see the club moving in a good direction!

Bob yes it is :)

KellyG I like that bob

Bob So would mid February work?

MattH Sounds good, get a chance to meet before nationals

KellyG I think so. would give lots of time along the doldrum of winter to gather thoughts and ideas

Bob And does Sunday work best, or would another day be better?

MattH Bob can you send me a transcript of the meeting?

MattH Sunday is perfect for me

KellyG they are good for me unless there is a problem with my step son's drop off time

Kat_LeGere Sunday is fine

Bob yes I'll get the transcript in the morning and forward you a copy

KellyG yes bob, could you please send me a transcript? I have tried a few different ways to copy and paste the text, but it would not do it

Kat_LeGere When do we need a newsletter?

KellyG i think quarterly with a start in maybe March?

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Laurie left.

KellyG this way we have lots of time to get information passed where it needs to be

Matth Sounds good

Bob Matt let's think about membership cards... I've never gotten one :(

Matth K, I have a post card idea

Bob And dad burn it me and my wife are life members :)

KellyG i got one...a BIG one ::tongue

KellyG what is the lifetime membership fee? and what are the requirements?

Matth I think 25 years of membership

KellyG Ok

Bob either 20 years continuous membership or \$200

Kat_LeGere OK

Kat_LeGere Thank Kelly

KellyG ok, so I could pay that much in and be a lifetime member?

KellyG i am doing this with ARBA this year

KellyG rabbits have been such a crucial aspect of my life for so long, I don't know much about life without them

Kat_LeGere Can we put a membership app on the website to download

Matth I think there is a membership app on it now. It may need to be updated

KellyG i think there is one already, however it will be updated and printable

Bob I think there is a membership app on the website? I know there is a sanction form on there

Bob Do I hear a motion to adjourn the meeting?

KellyG Waa....ok

Matth I motion to adjourn

Bob y'all can still chit chat

KellyG first...any further business?

Matth I have to run, dinner will be ready soon

Matth none here

Bob I've got nothing more on my list

KellyG ok, motion to adjourn seconded

Bob all in favor?

Matth aye

KellyG aye

Bob Stormy or Kat?

Kat_LeGere aye

Bob motion passes.. meeting adjourned Thank you all for coming!!!

Kat_LeGere Have a great night everyone

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KellyG thank you for having us Bob!

Kat_LeGere Yes, thank you Bob :-)

Bob you're welcome... chat room is here 7 days a week 24 hours per day... for all to use!

MattH left.

KellyG left.

Bob left.

Stormy left.

Kat_LeGere left.