

# **American Britannia Petite Rabbit Society**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This Association shall officially be known as the American Britannia Petite Rabbit Society.

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

**Section 1.** To promote, encourage and develop the Britannia Petite Rabbit.

**Section 2.** To provide membership and assistance to persons interested in the breeding and showing of the Britannia Petite.

**Section 3.** To work in close coordination with local clubs (as they become established) and the ARBA to provide a friendly and informative atmosphere for raising and showing the Britannia Petite.

**Section 4.** This shall be a non-profit organization.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Any person, who is interested in Petites, whether actually engaged in raising them or not, may become a member of this club by payment of the dues, set by the club.

**Section 2.** The Members and or the President (via recommendation to the Executive Committee) reserve the right to accept or reject, for any just cause, any application for membership or renewal.

### **ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The offices of the Society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and six Directors. These nine shall constitute the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** The following offices shall be elected from and by the membership by mail ballot.

The election of President and three Directors biannually for a two year term, in odd years. The election of Vice President and three Directors biannually for a two year term, in even years.

**Section 3.** The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee, to serve a term of three years.

**Section 4.** A member to be eligible for any office must be a current member of the ARBA and the ABPRS in good standing.

**Section 5.** The term for all officers shall begin at the time of the annual ARBA Convention.

**Section 6.** Nominations will be accepted by mail or electronically during April to May each year of the ARBA Convention. Officers shall assume office following the Annual ABPRS meeting at the ARBA Convention.

**Section 7.** Vacancies in any office shall be filled by appointment of the President, subject to a simple majority vote of the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE V - DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1.** Charges of misconduct may be filed by any member against any other member. They must be in writing and filed with the Secretary/Treasurer or the President.

**Section 2.** Any member against whom charges have been filed shall be furnished with a complete statement of the charges by the Secretary/Treasurer or the President and shall be allowed 30 days to file a reply.

**Section 3.** The charges, together with the reply, if any has been received, shall be made available to each Executive Committee Member for consideration. The Executive Committee may, by simple majority vote, reprimand, suspend, or expel the member.

**Section 4.** Any member suspended or expelled shall not be eligible for reinstatement within one year of the date of suspension or expulsion. Reinstatement must be approved by the Executive Committee.

**Section 5.** If an officer, director, committee chairperson or committee member does not fulfill his/her duties or shows lack of interest in club matters, they shall be reviewed in the same manner as outlined in Section 2 and 3.

### **ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** There shall be at least one meeting per year, held during the National ARBA Convention.

**Section 2.** The President may call special meetings as necessary to conduct the business of the club.

### **ARTICLE VII - NEWSLETTERS**

**Section 1.** Four (4) newsletters per year will be electronically available, to keep members informed of the progress and current happenings involving the breed. The newsletter will be electronically available in September, December, March, and June.

**Section 2.** The second newsletter of each year (December) will include a current membership list.

## **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** Any member in good standing may propose amendments to the Constitution.

**Section 2.** The proposed amendment is to be sent to the Secretary who shall forward it to the Constitution & By-laws Committee for review of merit or conflicts. If, no conflicts with the ABPRS or the ARBA are found, the proposal shall be forwarded along with the Committee's findings to the Executive Committee, within 90 days of receipt by the Constitution Committee.

**Section 3.** The Executive Committee shall review the proposal for merit. If the Committee finds favor, a ballot shall be drawn and mailed to each eligible voting member. Polls closure will be figured at a minimum of 15 days plus the expected date of receipt by the voter.

**Section 4.** A 2/3 rd majority vote of all ballots returned shall constitute acceptance. The President shall be notified of the final count. The new proposal shall become effective 30 days after notification to all members.

## **ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1.** In the event of the dissolution of this organization, all moneys and/or holdings shall be given to the ARBA Youth Scholarship Fund.

*ADOPTED: April 11, 1990*

*AMENDED: November 3, 1992 (1)*

*November 2, 1993 (2)*

*May 29, 1994 (3)*