

**THE CHAMPAGNE D'ARGENT RABBIT FEDERATION
CONSTITUTION**

Revised and Adopted October 20, 2016

ARTICLE I

This Federation shall hereafter be known as "The Champagne D'Argent Rabbit Federation."

ARTICLE II - Objects

- SECTION 1. To encourage and promote the breeding of the Champagne D'Argent rabbit.
- SECTION 2. To assist in the promotion and improvement of this particular breed of rabbit.
- SECTION 3. To encourage and educate existing breeders and prospective breeders of the Champagne D'Argent rabbit.
- SECTION 4. To advance and protect the interest of the members of this Federation.
- SECTION 5. To assist in disposing of stock whenever possible.
- SECTION 6. To provide a center of reliable information and to collect and disseminate data to members.
- SECTION 7. To encourage exhibition of the Champagne D'Argent and insist on uniform application of the Standard.
- SECTION 8. To advertise the advantages of the Champagne D'Argent for food, for fur, and for fancy.
- SECTION 9. To put the Champagne D'Argent before the public for their admiration and approval.
- SECTION 10. To recommend and insist on fair dealings.

ARTICLE III – Officers

- SECTION 1. The officers of this Federation shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and six directors. These nine shall constitute the Executive Committee.
- SECTION 2. The following officers shall be elected from and by the membership by mail ballot. The president and three directors biennially for a two-year term (odd years). The vice-president and three directors biennially for a two-year term (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. Officers shall enter upon the discharge of their duties November 1st following election.
- SECTION 5. Vacancies in office during the term shall be filled by the president, approved by the Executive Committee and shall take office immediately upon approval.

Duties of Officers

PRESIDENT. The president shall preside at all meetings of the association, act as chairman of the executive committee, may appoint committees, and perform such duties as necessary in connection with his office. He shall have such other powers as conferred upon him by the executive committee.

VICE PRESIDENT. The duties of the vice-president shall be the same as those of the president in case of the absence or disability of the president.

SECRETARY-TREASURER

(a) The Secretary-Treasurer shall devote necessary time and attention to the correspondence of the association and any other duties as directed by the president or executive committee, and shall perform all duties of his office for the interests of the association.

(b) The secretary-treasurer shall issue financial reports yearly to the executive committee, and shall furnish statement to any member at any time when called upon.

(c) The secretary-treasurer may issue data and information of interest to members, and assist members generally toward their success and expansion of the industry.

(d) The secretary-treasurer shall when directed by the president or executive committee furnish bond in amount and as called for, expense of same to be borne by the association.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The board of directors and officers shall constitute the executive committee, who will have charge of the business transactions of the association, authorize all special expenditure of money, pass on special legislative matters found desirable and not in conflict with this instrument, shall have exclusive power to make contracts in the name of the association, shall supervise all business of the association, including the services of the officers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee may carry out their duties by email, they may only use the email address on file at the office of the Secretary/Treasurer as belonging to that member of the Executive Committee.

Compensation of Officers

All expenses of the association shall be paid from the money first coming in, and in no case will expenses or allowance be permitted any member without approval of the Executive Committee. The secretary shall receive 25% commission on membership dues. No commission will be allowed on any other funds without approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

SECTION 1. Any person of good character and reputation may become a member upon payment of one year's dues. The executive committee reserves the right to accept or reject any application for membership or renewal.

SECTION 2. Membership in the federation shall be acknowledged by the association membership card issued by the association and signed by the secretary and shall date from time of such acknowledgment, terminating one year later.

SECTION 3. Application for membership shall be made in writing to the secretary and must be accompanied by the membership fee and dues.

SECTION 4. Charges of misconduct of a member shall be made in writing to the secretary; such charges shall be considered with the defense of the member by the executive committee who may by a two-thirds (2/3) vote suspend or expel the member.

SECTION 5. Such charges shall be accompanied by a payment of \$200.00, per member charged. Payment should be made to the CDARF. If the charge/charges are upheld the unused portion of the payment will be refunded, minus a \$25.00 per member named in the charge/charges surcharge. (09/2013)

SECTION 6. The Board of Directors may grant Life Membership to individuals whom they determine to be deserving of this honor. These individuals shall be entitled to all membership privileges.

ARTICLE V - Amendments

(09/2011)

SECTION 1. Amendment to this constitution may be made by submitting a proposed resolution in writing, signed by 10 or more adult members (members over the age of 18) in good standing, to the secretary-treasurer, prior to May 1st, for consideration that calendar year. The secretary-treasurer shall verify the memberships.

SECTION 2. Each resolution to the constitution shall be prepared separately, and 10 adult signatures for each resolution are required. All signatures must appear on the same paper with the proposed resolution. Multiple sheets may be used, but the resolution must appear on each sheet.

SECTION 3. Email signatures will be accepted if that email address is on file at the office of the secretary-treasurer as belonging to the member who is signing. The resolution being signed by email must appear on that same email. Only one resolution may appear per email.

SECTION 4. The secretary-treasurer shall submit the proposed resolution to the Resolution Committee for their written opinion of the legality and general effect of the resolution on the association which shall be published.

SECTION 5. The secretary-treasurer shall mail a copy, together with a proper ballot and return envelope, to each eligible voting member in good standing with the annual election ballot.

SECTION 6. All resolutions are to be confined to one subject.

SECTION 7. Not less than 15 days or more than 30 days shall be allowed for the return of the ballot, to the Election Committee.

SECTION 8. A two thirds (2/3rds) affirmative vote of the ballots cast shall be required for passage of any proposed change.

ARTICLE VI -AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be considered as the final authority for this Association on all questions not specifically covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.