

ATRBA President's Message:



Bravo! Bravo! The ARBA Convention & Show in Del Mar, California was a smashing success. Total entries exceeded 13,000 which in my memory was the largest convention ever held on the West Coast. The facility was spacious, the judging ran smoothly, the Best In Show production was the best ever, and the weather was fantastic.

Our Thrianta representation was equally as successful. Beginning with a very respectable entry of nearly 100 in the open and about 50 in the youth. There were exhibitors from Alaska, Washington, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Wisconsin, California, Texas, British Columbia, and other states I can't recall. As I strolled the aisle of the open class Thriantas I was very much pleased with the overall quality being displayed. The breed is definitely improving as a whole. Later, as I visited the youth entries with Cameron & Leslie Seddon, my assessment was the same. Some really nice animals being shown.

The Thrianta booth was impressive! Anne Ott deserves a special thanks for providing posters, pictures, and so many items, to make our booth eye catching to all who would pass by. Anne arrived early and had most of the booth set up and ready to display before I arrived.

The booth activities went very well. The raffle generated lots of interest and sales of tickets because of the generosity of our

members donating wonderful prizes. I can't list all of the donors but I wish to thank everyone who donated. The prizes were terrific. Our merchandise was available for sale and I know many supporters of the breed purchased T-Shirts, caps, aprons, patches, etc. that will further promote our breed. Many volunteers took turns working in our booth during the course of four days but a special thanks to Bill & Tammy Ashley, our good members from Ohio, who devoted much of their time overseeing our booth.

On Tuesday, the judging went quite smoothly. Bill Mairs was our breed chair and made sure our judge, Rusty Westoff, was comfortable doing his job. The results of the judging will appear elsewhere in the newsletter. My congratulations to all who placed animals in the tough classes and to Dera Oldofredi winning Best of Breed and to Michelle, Pat, and Pat Wojcik winning Best Opposite Sex. In the youth show judging, a newcomer, Jasmine Beyer, a beautiful young lady with a huge smile, won Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex, AND made history by winning a coveted Best of Group in the Best In Show ceremony! The first time a Thrianta has been recognized at such a superior level of competition. A tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations from our entire membership to Jasmine Beyer!

Wednesday morning at Denny's Restaurant our annual breakfast and membership meeting was held. We had a fine turnout with over thirty members and friends. Our director, Cindy Wickizer arranged for the breakfast. She had door prizes and the awards won already to present. After the meal we conducted our annual membership meeting. The minutes of which will be elsewhere in this newsletter. The show awards and some of the annual sweepstake awards were presented. It was a most enjoyable breakfast meeting. Thank you, Cindy, for making it possible.

At noon on Wednesday, our annual convention breed auction took place in the showroom. Our director Bill Mairs served as our auctioneer. Seven Thriantas were auctioned off with Dera Oldofredi's 3rd place junior doe bringing a record \$400.00. Our club received 25% and the owner receives

75% of the sale price. Anne Ott donated the full proceeds from the sale of her nice buck. Leslie Seddon donated a unique, one of a kind, 2010 Thrianta calendar to be auctioned off. It sold for a very generous \$95.00 with 100% going to the club. What great members we have! A very special thank you to Bill Mairs, Cindy Wickizer, and Anne Ott, our west coast leaders for their unselfish donation of time and money to make certain all that attended the convention had a wonderful experience.

Next year the ARBA National Convention will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 7-11. Its not too early to begin making plans to attend and show your Thriantas with the best. Cindy Wickizer will be the judge for both the open and youth classes. The breed chairperson and breed secretary will be announced at a later date.

Our next really big show will be our 2010 National Show. I'm pleased to announce that the Ohio Thrianta Club has been awarded the bid and will sponsor the show in Columbus, Ohio on May 1. Wade Burkhalter, a fine young judge from Missouri, will be the judge. The Ohio Thrianta Club will also host a second specialty show later on the same day. The Ohio State RBA will sponsor an all breed show the next day so everyone will have an opportunity to show their Thriantas three times. Director Susan Pohto and Bill & Tammy Ashley will be in charge.

By now every member household should have received our ATRBA Official Guidebook. Every new member that joins from now on will receive a copy. I'm sure everyone will agree it is a wonderful book containing so much information concerning our breed. Our sincere appreciation to Amanda Pitsch for her devotion to making this book a reality. If you would like to advertise, write an article, or submit a great picture, for our guidebook, please do so by sending it to Amanda. The guidebook will be updated with each new printing. Only a small quantity are printed at one time thus we are able to edit and add to each printing as we go.

In closing, I'd like to welcome our newest director, Susan Pohto from Ohio. She and

her daughter, Abby, have been ardent breeders/supporters of Thriantas since the recognition of the Thrianta. Let's all keep promoting our "Fire of the Fancy" and keep those nest boxes full of red.

ATRBA Vice President's Message:



Hello Thrianta Breeders:

Well the Convention is over! Congratulations to all the winners. It was exciting to hear we won group. Way to go youth! Kinda makes you glad you show in open huh LOL.

I'm excited about the National show in Columbus it's always a big show and you can show all breeds that weekend most of them 3 times. Bill, Tammy, Susan, and the gang will do a great job so make your plans to come now. Also there is a show in February in Washington CH Ohio that is paying \$50 BOB \$25 BOS open and youth WOW!

The BOD has been going through several ideas to help make this a better Club for all. The growth we are experiencing can only continue if we progress along or slightly ahead of it. I think the hunt for red rabbits is in demand. We have had several people inquiring about showing and breeding Thriantas.

We need to keep promoting and show quality rabbits. I would like to encourage you to stay around and put your Thrianta up for BIS. It makes a difference when Judges are seeing them on the table for BIS or Best 4 Class. Also I have never met a Judge that if approached correctly

was not acceptable to learning more about the breed you area showing. There is a time and place for everything and that time is after BOB is picked and after with most exhibitors are off doing other things. Be polite and say it with a smile. So many times I see Judges not turning over Thriantas, we need to educate them but do it correctly. Well see you at the shows Keep breeding and seeing RED

Tim Branham VP

ATRBA Secretary's Message:



Secretary's Message

Congratulations to all the convention winners. I wish I could have seen Dera's BOB and Michelle's BOS, I know they must have been exceptional specimens of our breed. Our youth breeder Jasmine Beyer really made is proud, not only winning Best and Best Opposite of Breed but also winning Best of Group. WOW! Way to go Jasmine. The open and youth results and other convention items listed elsewhere in this issue. I am really sorry I was not able to attend and want to thank everyone who covered for me. I was planning to attend until the Monday afternoon before the show but due to a family circumstance had to change my plans. Thank goodness we have some really great people who step in when and where needed. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of members. Reports are that Bill, Cindy, Anne and Bill

and Tammy Ashley worked really hard to make everything come together. Thanks guys Thanks to all those who donated and bought Thriantas in our auction. That report is also listed elsewhere.

Congratulations to the Ohio Thrianta Club who were awarded the 2010 National Thrianta Show. It will again be held in conjunction with the Ohio State Show and reports are the Ohio Thrianta Club is planning a really great show. Information will be included in the next newsletter . Please do your best to attend. It is a fun show and there will be some excellent Thriantas in attendance.

This past year has been a hard one in several different ways. We lost our President Bob Whitman who was a good friend of mine. It was a great loss to our club and to his friends. On another note, I have always used my laptop to do all the club business, members, sanctions, financial, sweepstakes, etc. Over the past 10 months it crashed 4 times, the latest being just 1 month ago. Every time it crashed I had to take it to the shop, they would get it back up and then I would load the programs again and re-enter all club items. Yes, I was backing it up, but it took the flash drives with it when it crashed. I am very pleased to report the ATRBA Board approved the purchase of a computer and our club now owns a Dell. My prayers have been answered. I have set it up but have not had the time to enter all the club files. We will now be able to have more current information for those who visit our website and I won't have to be entering everything over, and over, etc.

There was a change to the sweepstakes listing read at the convention. One of the times I re-entered Director Brigette Armstrong as a member I accidentally used a duplicate membership number and therefore the program omitted her as it will not recognize two members with the same number. All her points have been added and the correct listing is located elsewhere in this issue. My apologies to those who were affected. New plaques are being made and will be mailed to those affected. Those problems should not occur again now that we have a new computer.

Please look at your mailing label to see when your membership is due. If you mail your dues it will save the club the cost of mailing a renewal. If you send it early you do not lose any time, I apply it beginning with your expiration date.

Anne is waiting on this so must close. MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year to everyone. Enjoy your family and friends and keep Christ in Christmas.

Carrol

ATRBA Directors' Reports:

ATRBA Director Susan Pohto

Hi. My name is Susan Pohto and I am a single mom and I live in North East Ohio. This is my 13th year teaching high school chemistry and prior to that I was a Research Chemist for 15 years. In 1996, I was divorced and I went back to school to become a teacher and we moved in with my parents in 1997. My son, Larry was 8 and my daughter, Abby was 7. I had promised my daughter that as soon as we could she could have a cat. Well, my Dad (Abby's grandfather) hates cats, so I said how about a rabbit? Everyone was ok with that. Little did we all know what that one rabbit would become. Abby's first rabbit was a Broken Tort Holland Lop named Bailey. Over the next several years we added rabbits, joined 4-H, started attending rabbit shows and tried several different breeds, including Palominos, New Zealand Whites, Netherland Dwarfs, Dutch (Chocolate), Mini Rex's, Tans, and Himalayans. In July 2004, I purchased a house with a garage which is now our rabbit barn. Both of my children showed in youth and I supported them. Larry's first priority was Boys Scouts and he did attain the rank of Eagle Scout in 2004. Abby's first priority was the rabbits and 4-H. She went to State Fair with the rabbits and her dogs; she was the Geauga County Junior Fair Queen in 2007 and won Grand Champion Market Rabbit and Reserve

Champion Market Duck. She also was the 4th Runner Up in Senior Breed ID at the ARBA National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. With my kids getting ready to go off to college, just about everyone assumed that I would sell all the rabbits and be done, BUT I realized I really liked raising rabbits and going to rabbit shows and talking to people. Abby also was not ready to quit. So, when she was 18 in 2008 we started showing together.

When we first heard about Thriantas, we really liked them and we decided we wanted to get a pair - but I really did not think that we would have a chance to get them. In April 2006, we went to a show and there was a lady selling all her rabbits due to health reasons. We got a pair of Thriantas - Carr's Tucker and his daughter. Abby started showing them in youth and than in Open with both of our names. At the majority of the shows we had the only Thriantas. We slowly started adding Thriantas. At the first Thrianta National Show in Columbus (2007), Abby won the trio of rabbits - we were both excited. We currently have about 40 rabbits, 20 Thriantas and the rest Holland's. My son and my future daughter-in-law have Mini Rex's and Standard Rex's. I love working with 4-H kids (& adults) and have sanctioned Thriantas at many shows. Rabbit shows in the top half of Ohio now have Thriantas sanctioned most of the time and we have average around 20, we have had as many as 30 at a few shows. I love my Thriantas and I love talking about rabbits and visiting with people at the shows. Do I think I know everything about rabbits? No way! I always want to learn more.

I am sorry that I was not able to go to convention in San Diego. Since I am a teacher, weekend shows and summer shows are not a problem - I'm there! I was able to work out a way to be at part of the conventions in Grand Rapids and Louisville. I look forward to seeing everyone in May for our National Show in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Pohto

ATRBA Director Bill Mairs



GREETINGS FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

It must have been the warm sunshine that created one of the most relaxing conventions I have been to.

I would like to congratulate the winners in open and youth. The classes were not dominated by any one breeder. Any of the top 10 in each class well represented our breed.

Each year I am finding the classes getting more consistent in body type. The color still varies a little, but overall getting closer to the ARBA standard.

The seminar put on by Glen Carr had a lot of interest. I counted over 30 people listening and not all of them Thrianta breeders.

In our breed a few things I look at when the kits are young is the hind foot, a long narrow hind foot usually gives me a longer in shoulder adult. A short fat foot gives me a more compact style I am looking for. Kits seem to change color until they 5 months old. I am looking for 360 degree color and I don't care if they are a little lighter. I find that if I have type and color all the way around in 1-2 breedings I can change the color to meet N/A standards.

Some of my does run in the 6 1/2 -7 lb. mark. These I breed to bucks that are 3 3/4 to 5 lbs.

These matings produce good show quality rabbits, within weight range.

In closing I would like to thank all the breeders that donated items for the raffle table, rabbits for the auction and time to help everything run smoothly.

Next time, I hope to give a report on the Championship show in Utrecht, Holland.

Bill Mairs

ATRBA Director Bob Lloyd



Hello to all of you Thrianta breeders! The most beautiful rabbit in the ARBA!!!! How has everybody been with you breeding program? Mine has been great – I have over 30 babies!!! My health has been a bit shaky at times this year, but I feel pretty good now. Congratulations to all of you winners in San Diego!!! I'm hoping to be in Ohio in the spring! Well, I sure hope that all of us improve on the quality of our fantastic little red rabbits! Thanks to everyone!!!
Your friend and fellow breeder,

Bob Lloyd

ATRBA Director Kim Glass



With the holiday season right around the corner, I would like to thank so many of you for all that you do to promote our club and our breed. We are fortunate to have many active members in our club. I hope everyone that was able to attend the ARBA Convention has photos and memories to share with the rest of us who weren't able to attend. I missed going very much.

I have corresponded with our President, Glen Carr and he has asked me to recruit my fellow club members to coordinate the ATRBA booth for the ARBA Convention 2010 in Minneapolis, MN. I am looking for creative individuals who would be interested in working on our booth display. The theme for the show is "The Fun Never Ends in 2010", so let's put our heads together and see what we can come up with! Please send any suggestions to me at kim@roodrabbits.com.

Our merchandise sales have gone well this year and we will look to order new stock soon. If anyone is interested in a particular style of apparel that we have not had available in the past, please contact me. I am always open to suggestions and would love feedback from our membership regarding our existing selections and possible new items. Email me at kim@roodrabbits.com with your ideas or comments. Thank you.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and hope that you

continue to promote the ATRBA and our unique breed, the Thrianta.

Kimberley Glass

ATRBA Director Brigette Armstrong



Well the San Diego Convention is over and what a great time I had. Congrats to all the winners, (Youth) BOB and BOS Jasmine Beyer and in (Open) BOB- Dera Oldofredi and BOS- Michelle Wojcik. The best part was watching youth Best in Show when Jasmine Beyer's Senior buck won the group, a first for our wonderful breed. Thanks to all those managed the booth.

My drive to and from California was long but very scenic, the different terrain was amazing. Everything from desert areas, sand dunes to mountains of such difference depending on the area.

We was hit rain then snow the first day driving from Sand Springs, OK. To Flagstaff, AZ., we woke up Thursday morning to 12 degrees and the inside of the car windows froze from the rabbits, then snow on several of the mountain tops. The next day into California we had three US Border Patrol stops what fun and then the sand dunes, then finally beautiful San Diego.

It was nice to meet all of you at convention. Since home, I've been breeding rabbits so far 22 bred but only 6 Thriantas. Get those nest boxes full for the Nationals in May.

Brigette Armstrong

ATRBA Director Cindy Wickizer



Director's Report

Wow, what a convention! The main comment that I have heard from our local breeders who have returned from sunny Southern California is that they can see why people live down there where it is warm in the winter. As with most convention that are held on a coast, many of the exhibitors used it as a vacation to see some of the sites which were outside of showing rabbits. There were trips to the San Diego Zoo, Sea World, and the beach. Numbers of rabbit shown are always smaller but there were many fine animals present. Because of the tight economy, I don't think that most of the booths at convention sold a great deal of things. I thought that we did very well considering that the show room was not as well filled with people buying items or contributing to raffles.

I want to personally thank Anne Ott and Bill Mairs. They are a pleasure to work with. Anne had our booth up and going in no time and the pictures that she had done were absolutely beautiful. She also provided the first place awards for both open and youth and provided all of the certificates and pens. Bill donated boxes of salmon for our breakfast door prizes and Canadian club whiskey to make it one of the best breakfast gatherings held at the convention. I have worked with Bill and his wife Marianne in the past on several projects as he is president of our Great Northwest Show Group.

Thank you to all that helped from all of the hours that the Ashleys of Ohio spent sitting in the booth to all of our runners who got the animals up to the table. Things went very smoothly! There are some highlights that I will remember. Brigitte Armstrong and I are

two of the shortest judges in the ARBA! We looked for Sharon Brown from California to see if we could measure against her, but could not find her! The tutorial that Glen gave after the auction was a tradition that I think that we would like to see continued. The chance to talk about Thriantas and to ask questions of others was of great benefit to all of us. This is what people used to do a long time ago before things became so hectic at conventions.

I think that the thing that I enjoyed the most was getting to listen to people talk about the future of the club and things that they would like to see done in the future. You could hear that there was a spirit of coming together to see our club progress. There were volunteers for committees that Glen has yet to form. In the few years since the acceptance of the breed, interest is high. We had people stop by the booth who were interested in the breed, but had never really had a chance to see many. Our members took those people out to see them and talk about Thriantas. We should continue to grow!

I also want to tell you a little about Jasmine Beyer and her Best of Breed and Best of Group winner at the show. Jasmine is new to rabbits and this was her first convention. She was encouraged to bring her rabbits to convention and they won! She was so excited! I just hope that she will now compete in the California royalty contests and go on to the ARBA National competition. She would stand a great chance of winning. She promised that she would write an article for our newsletter in the future and her dad is supposed to send us some pictures.

I will see everyone in Ohio next May for the national show!

Cindy Wickizer



ATRBA Youth in the News!



Jasmine Beyer and her little sister enjoying breakfast at the 2009 ARBA Convention! The whole Beyer family helped with the youth show, and were totally supportive of Jasmine's new hobby and homeschool project – raising Thriantas! Her new project seems to be winning with them, too – watch for her in ARBA Royalty in the future, as well! Congratulations to Jasmine, and thanks to her whole family!



Courtney Pape, one of our newest youth members, finally got her first Thriantas! In our last newsletter, you'll remember her article about why she needed a rabbit, and her parents agreed, and let her visit Glen Carr's rabbitry in Ohio. Courtney is now the proud owner of some great young Thriantas – please say "hello" to her at upcoming shows! Her Mom, Jill, says that Courtney is excited about breeding her first Thrianta pair later this year. She is trying to learn all she can before her first breeding attempt – an intelligent decision! Welcome, Courtney!



ATRBA Youth breeder **Maddy Copus** won a \$1,000 ARBA Educational Scholarship at the 2009 ARBA Convention – congratulations! She's now enrolled in college in Western Washington.



ATRBA Youth breeders: **Callie Weber**, Member of the 1st place Team Judging – Senior, 2009 ARBA Convention; & **Reni Lucido**, District Winner and National 4th Runner-Up Achievement, & 1st Runner-Up 2009 ARBA Queen! In addition, **Miranda Menard** was a member of the 1st place Intermediate Team Judging! Congratulations to all of our Thrianta youth competing in Royalty!

News & Views:

Many Thanks to the Really Red Rabbit Club of California, especially **Chris Hemp** and **Chuck Baldwin**, for their many hours of devotion to our club, the Thriantas, and the 2009 ARBA Convention! They not only worked for hours helping at the Convention office, but also donated wonderful raffle items, and bought tons of raffle tickets! Chuck also helped with Glen's Thrianta seminar, providing his 1st place senior buck, and also his lovely Florida White buck – the 6th place winner. Chuck really had a great Convention – congratulations! Thank you, thank you, thank you, to **Bill & Tammy Ashley** of Ohio for the incredible effort into helping our club! From spending hours in the ATRBA booth, to answering questions from new Thrianta breeders, to helping

at our breakfast, plus at the ATRBA Board meeting – all without entering a single rabbit at Convention! They just wanted to help – now, that's dedication! More thanks go out to those who provided photos from Convention – **Ken Motz, Cameron and Leslie Seddon**, and the **Wojcik family**. Thanks for all you did to support the club, and provide all our members with a photo history of this event! A special thanks goes to **Duane Holman**, who was there for all of us at Convention – working the booth, carrying rabbits, helping with the auction, answering questions – what a treasure Duane is for our club!

Red Rabbit Ranch



My herd sire - 17 GC legs, Best of Breed at the 1st ARBA Thrianta Sanctioned Show

Also home of #TLB1: BOS - 2008 ARBA Convention
 1 Reserve in Show
 2 Honorable Mentions
 9 shows - 8 Best of Breed wins!

Carrol Hooks

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“Toad’s Wild Ride”

Hi, my name is PBA's Toad, a junior Thrianta buck from Brigette Armstrong's Lil' Darlings Rabbitry in Oklahoma. A little about myself – my Daddy is PBA'Carr's Mugs, and Mommy is Carr's Dee Dee, and I'm very spoiled! When I was born and started coming out of the nestbox, I received the name “Toad,” because I looked like a little fat toad, and my brother ended up with the name “Frog,” but something happened to him. As I grew up, my owner Brigette pampered me all the time! My first time to go anywhere was the big 2-day drive to San Diego. My carrier was nice. I had feed, water, and hay all the way, and then my favorite treat, carrots! Also, I had a great spot in the car to ride. The weather wasn't too bad, while in motion we had very nice, comfortable temperatures; then, the first night it was a little nippy, but we had a blanket covering the top and sides lightly. The next day we again had a nice drive into California. Friday, we entered the show room, and I adjusted into my new home for a few days. A lot of people looked at me, and then I got to be judged, and placed 5th, even though I went off feed on Monday morning! My owner tried everything to get me to eat, and finally I did on Wednesday. Thursday, I got to start my drive back to Oklahoma, another 2-day adventure! Now, I'm home and again having a new experience – breeding! Little Toadies are due in December, and they'll be looking forward to the 2010 Nationals! Also, my owner says that I should have little brothers and sisters coming soon!

By: PBA's Toad

ATRBA Convention Auction Results:

Thanks to the following members for providing and purchasing Thriantas for our auction at Convention. A huge thanks to Bill Mairs for serving as auctioneer, and Glen Carr for keeping up with it all!

Dera Oldofredi donated a junior buck and doe, both purchased by Anne Ott; Anne Ott donated a buck purchased by John Carter; Callie Weber donated a buck and doe purchased by Dan Carter and Michelle Wojcik, respectively; Leslie Tucker donated a buck purchased by Duane Holman; Bill Mairs donated a buck purchased by Cindy Wickizer; Lee Kelley donated a buck purchased by Michelle Wojcik; & the Seddons donated a custom-made Thrianta calendar, purchased by Chuck Baldwin. The Seddons and Carrol Hooks also made donations, bringing our auction total to \$1,100. Several donors donated the entire purchase price of their Thriantas to the ATRBA, so this auction was very successful – again, thanks to all!

Our July – September, 2009 numbers are as follows:

INFLOWS:

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| Donation General Fund | \$5.05 |
| Membership Dues | \$313.00 |
| Merchandise Sales | \$51.00 |
| Merchandise Shipping | \$4.95 |
| Misc. Income | \$40.00 |
| Patch Sales | \$11.00 |
| Reimb. NSF Fee | \$10.00 |
| Reimb. NSF Check | \$51.00 |
| Sanction Income | \$1,395.00 |
| Total Inflows: | \$1,881.00 |

OUTFLOWS:

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| Guidebook | \$1,842.91 |
| Legal/Prof. Fees | \$59.00 |
| Merchandise Expense | \$4.95 |
| Newsletter Expense | \$549.89 |
| Office Postage | \$88.00 |
| Secretary Comm. | \$95.60 |
| Total Outflows: | \$2,640.35 |

9/30/09 Reconciled Bank Balance:
\$12,417.91

ATRBA Membership Contest as of 11/18/09

4 New Members:

Tim Branham, Anne Ott

3 New Members:

Duane Holman, Carrol Hooks

2 New Members:

Andrew Hayes, Susan Pohto, ATRBA Booth

1 New Member:

Charles Baldwin, Joe Betts, Glen Carr, Bob Lloyd, Bill Mitchell, Kevin Puckett, Ina Mae Schmidt, Leslie Seddon, Leslie Tucker, ARBA Rabbit Show

ATRBA Cash Flow Report



“Hunter gets his rabbit”

ATRBA member Kathleen Feller came to the rescue, when Indiana youth breeder Hunter Beeson lost his treasured Thrianta – Kathleen drove to meet Hunter and his parents, and Hunter got a lovely junior buck. Kathy said that “Hunter is a wonderful kid, and I know he will have a lot of fun with his new bunny. Thanks to the ATRBA for giving me the chance to help Hunter out!”

2009 ARBA Convention Open

95 shown by 24 exh., Judge: Rusty Westhoff
BOB – Dera Oldofredi, Jr. Buck
BOS – Michelle/Pat/Patrick Wojcik, Sr. Doe

24 Senior Bucks Shown:

- 1st – Charles Baldwin
- 2nd – Marianne/Bill Mairs
- 3rd – Leslie Seddon
- 4th – Casey Jones
- 5th – Sara/Gary/Yvonne Michaud
- 6th – Leslie/Allison Tucker
- 7th – Michelle/Pat/Patrick Wojcik
- 8th – Brigette Armstrong
- 9th – Marianne/Bill Mairs
- 10th – Dera Oldofredi

32 Senior Does Shown:

- 1st – Michelle/Pat/Patrick Wojcik
- 2nd – Lee Kelly
- 3rd – Marianne/Bill Mairs
- 4th – Sara/Gary/Yvonne Michaud
- 5th – Bonnie Rowan
- 6th – Charles Baldwin
- 7th – Brigette Armstrong
- 8th – Anne Ott
- 9th – Lee Kelly
- 10th – Marianne/Bill Mairs

20 Junior Bucks Shown:

- 1st – Dera Oldofredi
- 2nd – Marianne/Bill Mairs
- 3rd – Casey Jones
- 4th – Michelle/Pat/Patrick Wojcik
- 5th – Brigette Armstrong
- 6th – Ken Motz
- 7th – Chris Hemp
- 8th – Kendall Green
- 9th – Marianne/Bill Mairs
- 10th – Dera Oldofredi

19 Junior Does Shown:

- 1st – Dera Oldofredi
- 2nd – Kendall Green
- 3rd – Dera Oldofredi
- 4th – Dera Oldofredi
- 5th – Jill Pfaff/Matt Gholden
- 6th – Cameron B. Seddon
- 7th – Chris Hemp
- 8th – Leslie/Allison Tucker
- 9th – Michelle/Pat/Patrick Wojcik
- 10th – Marianne/Bill Mairs



Michelle Wojcik, Glen Carr, & Dera Oldofredi



Dera with her BOB-winning junior buck, and Michelle with her BOS winner, a senior doe



Dera Oldofredi with her junior buck – he almost matches her hair, doesn't he? Congratulations to all of the winners at the 2009 ARBA Convention, and many thanks to Glen Carr (shown watching in the background here) for the many hours of work in the ATRBA booth, at ATRBA meetings, during the shows, and for presenting an incredible Thrianta seminar!

2009 ARBA Convention
Youth

39 shown by 11 exh., Judge: Rusty Westhoff

BOB – Jasmine Beyer, Sr. Buck

BOS – Jasmine Beyer, Jr. Doe

10 Senior Bucks Shown:

- 1st – Jasmine Beyer
- 2nd – Callie Weber
- 3rd – Jackson Calbreath
- 4th – Casey Angello
- 5th – Callie Weber
- 6th – Callie Weber
- 7th – Kendyl Schultze
- 8th – Staci Hogue
- 9th – Staci Hogue
- 10th – Patrick Aldridge

15 Senior Does Shown:

- 1st – Cameron J. Seddon
- 2nd – Jasmine Beyer
- 3rd – Callie Weber
- 4th – Callie Weber
- 5th – Charles Seddon
- 6th – Ben Liwanag
- 7th – Marissa Menard
- 8th – Callie Weber
- 9th – Charles Seddon
- 10th – Staci Hogue

8 Junior Bucks Shown:

- 1st – Jasmine Beyer
- 2nd – Jasmine Beyer
- 3rd – Callie Weber
- 4th – Callie Weber
- 5th – Cameron J. Seddon
- 6th – Charles Seddon
- 7th – Kendyl Schultze

6 Junior Does Shown:

- 1st – Jasmine Beyer
- 2nd – Jasmine Beyer
- 3rd – Jasmine Beyer
- 4th – Cameron J. Seddon
- 5th – Charles Seddon
- 6th – Kendyl Schultze



Judge Rusty Westhoff with Jasmine Beyer and her Youth BOB and BOS winners – her BOB winning buck was also **Best of Group 2**, the first time in ATRBA History – Congratulations, Jasmine!



Glen Carr presents Jasmine Beyer with her class and breed wins at Convention!



Glen in the youth show area - San Diego



Cameron Seddon of Alaska, with visitors to the Youth Barn in San Diego – they're all the way from Australia, and are very interested in getting Thriantas approved in their country!



Judge Rusty Westhoff judges youth Thriantas, while Cindy Wickizer and Brigette Armstrong run the table. Youth breeder Callie Weber watches, taking a break from Royalty contests!



Glen Carr's on the receiving end of ATRBA Sweepstakes awards, presented by Bill Mairs and Cindy Wickizer.



Glen Carr showing his never-fail training methods for Thrianta posing! Just kidding! Glen used a wide variety of Thriantas to educate breeders and Thrianta enthusiasts about our ARBA Standard of Perfection, and how to breed for correct Thrianta color, type, and fur. Thanks, Glen – your advice was of immeasurable importance to us all!



Marianne Mairs, Anne Ott, and Leslie Seddon take turns in the ATRBA booth – many thanks for all of the wonderful raffle donations!



Glen Carr presents Charles Baldwin his award for 1st place Senior buck, 2009 ARBA Convention!



Glen Carr presents Dera Oldfredi with her awards for 1st place junior buck and doe, and BOB (for her junior buck)!



Ken Motz, Bill Mairs, and Marianne Mairs at the ATRBA Breakfast, enjoying the San Diego sun!



Glen Carr presents Michelle and Pat Wojcik with the awards for 1st place Senior doe, 1st place fur, and BOS!



Dera Oldfredi, and Bill and Tammy Ashley, all ready to enjoy the ATRBA Breakfast at the Del Mar Denny's



Best of Breed Thrianta
2009 ARBA Convention Best of Breed Row



Pat Wojcik and Judge Rusty Westhoff with the Wojcik family's BOS-winner!



Leslie Seddon wants to take the "woodie" to Alaska, but Cameron says, "No way!"



Glen Carr presents Sarah Williams with her ATRBA Sweepstakes award for 10th place!



The Seddon's senior buck sure looks good – he did extremely well in his class, too!



Cindy Wickizer and Bill Mairs keep Judge Rusty Westhoff supplied with rabbits and paperwork in a most efficient fashion! Chuck Baldwin and Cameron Seddon are assisting with running rabbits to the show table – thanks, guys!



Cameron Seddon accepts for his sons Charles and Cameron – 1st place Youth Senior doe, and 1st place Youth Fur!

American Thrianta Rabbit Breeder's Association General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Glen Carr at 8:30 A.M. on November 5, 2009 at the Del Mar, California Denny's. The roll call of officers and directors showed that President Glen Carr, Directors Bill Mairs, Brigitte Armstrong and Cindy Wickizer were present. President Carr requested that we have a moment of silence for Past President Bob Whitman.

President Carr commented on the work done by Duane Holman on behalf of our club.

Leslie Tucker made a motion which was seconded to not read the minutes from last year's meeting as they had been published. The motion carried. The minutes were approved.

President Carr asked for a count of exact voting members. There were 18 voting members present.

The report of the Secretary Carrol Hooks was read. It included the financial report, membership figures, membership contest, affiliated clubs, sweepstakes, sanctions, and the guidebook. Brigitte Armstrong made a motion which was seconded to accept the report. The motion carried.

The Audit Committee report for the 2008-2009 year was given. Bill Ashley made a motion which was seconded that the report be accepted. The motion carried.

The resolution presented to change the by-laws to reflect extra points being given to members who showed at the national show and convention was discussed. The board was not in favor of this resolution. Cindy Wickizer made a motion to accept the resolution. This motion was seconded. The resolution was defeated.

President Carr stated that no election was held because of appointments made to the board and that there were positions which had no opposition.

The Standards Committee report was read. The slight changes to our standard were explained by President Carr.

President Carr gave an update on the guidebook and expressed thanks to Amanda Pitsch for the excellent work that had been done on this project. He directed that a

letter be sent from the club to thank Amanda and her husband for their work.

Anne Ott gave the website report. She stated that we have about 150 hits a day. She also stated that she updates the information on the web site as soon as she receives it. There was a discussion of updating the sweepstakes and keeping it up to date as this was one of the main ways that people who were seeking points had to see their standings. She stated that she could only post the results that she had received. Anne stated that she can always use pictures and materials for the web page. The newsletter was discussed. The next deadline is rapidly approaching and thus members are encouraged to write an article for publication. Members were encouraged to buy any merchandise that they needed from the booth. It was also stated that Kim Glass was able to order merchandise in small amount should something be desired. Pat Wojcik made a motion that the reports that had been given be accepted. The motion was seconded and carried. President Carr also announced that he would be selecting the Breed Chair and Secretary for the ARBA National Convention soon.

President Carr announced that the Ohio Thrianta Club would be hosting the National Thrianta Show the first Saturday in May. The bid had been accepted by the Board of Directors and while there were a few conditions on the bid most of those had been resolved after speaking to the Ashleys. Bill and Tammy Ashley gave a brief report on some of their plans.

There were several issues discussed by the board of directors which included new equipment and the purchase of a banner. President Carr stated that the board members present had discussed those matters and that a report would be given later on any actions taken by the board. He also stated that some of the decisions made at the board meeting had been discussed with officers and board members not present. President Carr recognized Jasmine Beyer who won Best of Breed Youth Thrianta and went on to win Best of Group at the San Diego Convention. He also recognized Dera Oldofredi as the Best of Breed Open winner and Michelle, Pat and Pat Wojcik as the Best Opposite Sex winners. The class winner awards were presented as well as

the sweepstakes awards for the previous year.
 President Carr thanked Bill Mairs, Anne Ott and Cindy Wickizer for their work on behalf of the Thrianta club and further thanked them for their work on the Thrianta breakfast. It was announced that we would have a Thrianta auction and a Thrianta tutorial and discussion in the showroom and that we would try to start as soon as we were all back at the showroom.
 There was a motion to adjourn which was seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Cindy Wickizer
 Acting Secretary

ATRBA Final Open Fur Sweepstakes
(7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

- 1st Bill/Tammy Ashley, 3002 pts, 32 shows
- 2nd Susan/Abby Pohto, 1431 pts, 35 shows
- 3rd Glenn Carr, 566 pts, 5 shows
- 4th Laura Rittershofer, 534 pts, 9 shows
- 5th Carrol Hooks, 489 pts, 13 shows
- 6th Kim Glass, 412 pts, 8 shows
- 7th Richard/Val Robledo, 192 pts, 4 shows
- 8th Danielle Van Slyke, 190 pts, 4 shows
- 9th Anne Ott, 174 pts, 2 shows
- 10th Ellen Anderson, 112 pts, 7 shows

ATRBA Open Fur Sweepstakes
(as of 11/18/09)

- 1st – Susan/Abby Pohto – 497 pts, 7 shows
- 2nd – Bill/Tammy Ashley – 417 pts, 9 shows
- 3rd – The Wojcik Family – 120 pts, 1 show
- 4th – Teri Ashley – 103 pts, 8 shows
- 5th – Larry Pohto III – 55 pts, 7 shows
- 6th – Bridgette Kingery – 36 pts, 1 show
- 7th – Leslie Seddon – 24 pts, 1 show
- 8th – Anne Ott – 12 pts, 1 show

(*NOTE: Double Points Awarded for ARBA Convention)

ATRBA Final Open Sweepstakes
7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

- 1st Duane Holman, 5886 pts, 27 shows
- 2nd Bill/Tammy Ashley, 4317 pts, 38 shows
- 3rd Susan/Abby Pohto, 4033 pts, 41 shows
- 4th Bob Lloyd, 3281 pts, 6 shows
- 5th Anne Ott, 2908 pts, 21 shows
- 6th Kim Glass, 2860 pts, 18 shows
- 7th The Wojcik Family, 2806 pts, 30 shows
- 8th Brigette Armstrong, 2467 pts, 16 shows
- 9th Dera Oldofredi, 2327 pts, 23 shows
- 10th Danielle Van Slyke, 2192 pts, 16 shows

ATRBA Youth Fur Sweepstakes
(as of 11/18/09)

- 1st – Caitlin Bernard – 160 pts, 2 shows
- 2nd – Kendyl Schultze – 120 pts, 1 show
- 3rd – Charles Seddon – 40 pts, 1 show
- 4th – Kaitly Faucett – 6 pts, 1 show

(*NOTE: Double Points Awarded for ARBA Convention)

ATRBA Final Youth Fur Sweepstakes
(7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

- 1st Makenna Morse, 262 pts, 9 shows
- 2nd Sarah Glass, 186 pts, 6 shows
- 3rd Karina Anderson, 112 pts, 7 shows
- 4th Caitlin Bernard, 99 pts, 2 shows
- 5th Kaitlynn Faucett, 72 pts, 3 shows
- 6th Amanda Grove, 64 ps, 4 shows
- 7th Emily Walley, 26 pts, 2 shows

**ATRBA Final Youth
Sweepstakes
(7/1/08 – 6/30/09)**

- 1st Sarah Glass, 1555 pts, 18 shows
- 2nd Callie Weber, 1001 pts, 11 shows
- 3rd Makenna Morse, 996 pts, 14 shows
- 4th Morgan Boes, 962 pts, 12 shows
- 5th Alexis Wade, 832 pts, 7 shows
- 6th Corey Henry, 813 pts, 12 shows
- 7th Lacey Wade, 694 pts, 7 shows
- 8th Amanda Grove, 691 pts, 9 shows
- 9th Kaytlynn Meyer, 659 pts, 6 shows
- 10th Sarah Williams, 579 pts, 7 shows



Glen Carr presents youth breeder Callie Weber with her 2nd place Youth Sweepstakes Award – congratulations!

**ATRBA Youth Sweepstakes
(As of 11/18/09)**

- 1st Jasmine Beyer, 1194 pts, 5 shows
- 2nd Callie Weber, 451 pts, 3 shows
- 3rd Corey Henry, 343 pts, 5 shows
- 4th C.J. Seddon, 220 pts, 1 show
- 5th Morgan Boes, 168 pts, 6 shows
- 6th Jordan Furer, 155 pts, 5 shows
- 7th Matthew Boes, 146 pts, 6 shows
- 8th Andrew Hayes, 136 pts, 1 show
- 9th Alex/JT Sipkema, 119 pts, 2 shows
- 10th Caitlin Bernard, 98 pts, 2 shows



Jasmine Beyer and her BOB and BOG 2 winning senior buck in San Diego!

**ATRBA Open Sweepstakes
(As of 11/18/09)**

- 1st Dera Oldofredi, 2069 pts, 12 shows
- 2nd Anne Ott, 1626 pts, 11 shows
- 3rd The Wojcik Family, 1275 pts, 10 shows
- 4th Duane Holman, 966 pts, 6 shows
- 5th Bill/Tammy Ashley, 865 pts, 11 shows
- 6th Susan/Abby Pohto, 837 pts, 7 shows
- 7th Bill/Marianne Mairs, 818 pts, 3 shows
- 8th Lee Kelly, 786 pts, 6 shows
- 9th Casey Jones, 582 pts, 9 shows
- 10th Ken Motz, 564 pts, 4 shows

**ATRBA Expired and Soon-
To-Expire Membership
Listing:**

The following memberships expired as of 11/1/09 or before:

Iakaaki Akump, Karen Brounds, Anthony Campbell, Linda Clevenger, Mark and Sandra Cox, Dan and Jan Daniels, Harold Dorrington, Monica Dyer, Deanna Elkins, Kathleen Feller, Brianna Forgie, Amanda Grove, Janice and Fyan Gustafson, Chris Hemp, Barb Hinckley, Ken Kendall, Luanna Lane, Brianna and Tina Letcher, the Lokke family, Sara Plokhooy, Carole Roberts, the Ross family of Ohio, Justin Rozinski, Anne Tater, Carla Wilson, Lauri Wiss, Lisa and Hilary Wittrock, Joshua Wyss, Ellen and Karin Anderson, Lynn Baker, the Brumley family, TJ Eilers, Ben Haney, Austin Lowe, Amanda Pitsch, Harold and Ina Mae Schmidt, the Seddon family, and Sierra Slightom.

The following memberships expire as of 12/01/09:

the Boes family, Terry Creason, Lee Kelly, Anthony and Lynne Mandile, Bethany and Sherila Scagnelli, Allison and Leslie Tucker, and Meg Whitehouse.

The following memberships expire as of 1/1/10:

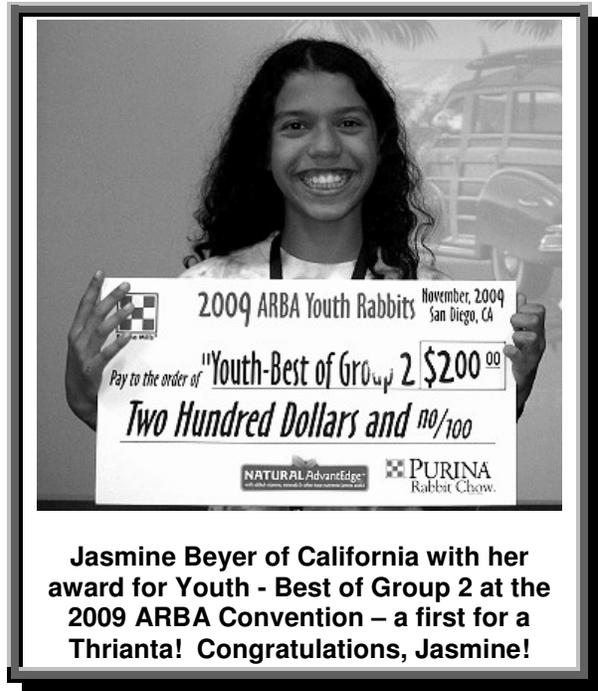
Sean Anderson, Mariah Dupuy, Tracy Frable, Larry Fries, James and Laurie Hoppe, Robin Hruz, Bob Mc Bee, Jana Nudspeth, Kathy and Katie Parker, Dave and Jeanna Pauly, Matthew Robertson, Danielle Van Slyke, and Scott Williamson.

The following memberships expire as of 2/1/10:

Caitlin Bernard, Cassie Eisner, the Faucett family of Indiana, Chrisshai Fletcher, Jordan and Richard Furer, Justin Grimsley, Jason Haas, Dusti Hicks, Elizabeth and Lind Johns, Brandi and Peter Loughrey, Amelia Mc Peek, Helmut and Vella Melzer, Tina Reif, Bonnie and Don Rowan, Johna Rypczynski, Wendy Spangler, and Sheryl Speirs – Furer.

If your ATRBA membership has expired, or is expiring soon, please send your membership application and fee to our ATRBA Secretary, Carrol Hooks. This saves the club the cost of sending a

renewal notice! Please add your e-mail to your membership application, as some e-mails have changed over time, and we need to ensure our files are up-to-date. Thanks!



Jasmine Beyer of California with her award for Youth - Best of Group 2 at the 2009 ARBA Convention – a first for a Thrianta! Congratulations, Jasmine!

Jasmine Beyer's 2009 ARBA Convention Story:

Dear Mrs. Wickizer,

I just want to thank you for encouraging me while I was in San Diego. It was my first Convention, and you made me feel right at home. I appreciate that you took me under your wing and shared information about breeding Thriantas. And I really enjoyed how you introduced me to Mr. Glenn Carr, Mr. Bill Mairs, Mrs. Ann Ott—they are some of the best-known Thrianta gurus. I also liked Miss Brigitte—she was very warm and welcoming like you.

When I joined the rabbit project in 2005, I was actually raising another breed. One of my friends, Aimee Williams, around September 2006, was interested in a new breed that had been recently recognized. My little sister Jessica wanted to get *one* for

her birthday, but instead she somehow got *two*, and I was given the older one. I began to realize that I really liked Thriantas. I named her Cinnamon, and she won a few legs, but she couldn't be registered or Grand Champion because she had too much European import in her background. I bred her, and she was a *great* mother. She pulled fur, lined her nest box, and kindled like a pro. I was warned that first-time does can be disastrous, but I have to say, Cinnamon's birthing was the easiest I have ever had.

Every Thrianta litter that I've had pretty much follows this pattern: At first, they are so cute and adorable. Then, they hit three months, their ears and feet get longer, their heads are too large for their bodies, their fur turns cottony and uneven—in short, they are hideous! With my first two litters, I seriously considered culling the whole lot--But I had nothing else to show, so I decided to be patient. Am I glad that I waited! I have seen it time and again where the ugly 3-month-old Thrianta, transforms into the rabbit to beat on the show table

When I first joined my 4-H Rabbit Project, I thought raising rabbits would be cute and fun. Little did I know that it would also involve hard work and making difficult decisions. The past few years I've been culling rabbits with respiratory issues, malocclusion, eye tumors, snipey heads, light coloring, long bodies, and even some bad attitudes. I have also lost several BOB and BOSB rabbits to cage injuries, heat strokes, and sometimes to unknown causes.

As I continued to work on my Thriantas, I noticed that I was doing well on the show table. To be honest, I hadn't planned on attending Convention. There were many Open breeders such as Julie Spier, Jeannie McDevitt, Dera Oldofredi, and Aimee Williams who encouraged me to attend. I wanted to go, but my parents were unconvinced. Finally, Judge Cathy Szychulda spoke with my mother and told her that she had to take me to Convention. So, Mom and Dad packed my sister, two brothers, 10 rabbits and me in an RV and drove to San Diego.

My first day at Convention was simply overwhelming. To see thousands of rabbits at once was simply amazing! Monday morning, I woke up early and I groomed all of my rabbits twice before the show. I was so nervous and my dad who is usually cool under pressure even broke a sweat! I was actually really surprised when my rabbits won BOB and BOSB. Just when I thought life couldn't get any sweeter--my BOB buck was chosen Best of Group 2! I could hear the Thrianta breeders, my rabbit project members and my mom screaming. I couldn't scream; I was speechless.

I want everyone to know that I didn't get to Convention on my own. I want to thank Aimee Williams, Barbi Brown, Terri Reyman, and Dera Oldofredi for helping me establish a strong breeding program. I would also like to thank Julie Spier and Jeannie McDevitt for encouraging me even when I had tough times with my rabbits. Judge Cathy Szychulda: thank you for convincing my parents to take me to Convention. Glenn Carr and Bill Mairs, your articles provide the best information on raising Thriantas. Cindy Wickizer: thank you for showing me around Convention. I would also like to thank my family for believing in me and helping me with my rabbits. Raising Thriantas has been an adventure. I don't think the same girl from 2006 wouldn't have ever thought she would make it to Convention. But with a lot of help—she did!



Jasmine Beyer and Cindy Wickizer
**American Thrianta Rabbit
Breeders Association Audit
Report**

The Audit Committee met on November 1, 2009 to audit and review the financial status of the club for the period of July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009. The audit committee consisted of Bill Mairs, Glen Carr and Cindy Wickizer.

Three different figures are given in three different reports which vary by around 30 cents. It was decided that these figures used in the other reports were probably typos. The bank balance used was \$9032.75 on June 30, 2008 and thus this figure was used to move forward with the audit.

The committee reviewed checks written against receipts presented. The committee further reviewed bank statements and deposits. We found that the items presented balanced with the statements. The committee had several recommendations to make the audit of the treasurer's books easier to follow.

1. A general ledger which lists all checks and deposits by month separate from the bank statements would be helpful.
2. When the next audit is done, checks that have not cleared from the previous audit should be reflected within the audit period. There was a check written in May which is carried over several months on the bank statement. It was difficult to track this check which was not cashed until months later.
3. Some of the categories of how income and expenses are tallied would be easier to track with different headings. We did not know if the computer bookkeeping program used could be changed to reflect different categories.
4. Because we would like to budget money for certain projects in the future, we would like to see a balanced monthly statement which

reflects our inflow and outflow provided to the board.

Presented by the Audit Committee:

Cindy Wickizer, Bill Mairs and Glen Carr

2009 American Thrianta Association Board of Directors Meeting at San Diego, California

The meeting was called to order by President Carr at 1:45 P.M. on Sunday, November 1st. Present were Glen Carr, Bill Mairs and Cindy Wickizer. Director Brigette Armstrong was in attendance at the convention and would be informed of topics discussed in the meeting.

Minutes of the previous Board meeting were not read as it was decided to read them at the membership meeting. The secretary's report on the financial status of the club, membership figures, membership contest, a list of affiliated clubs, sweepstakes, standard committee report, web site, sanctions, guidebook, and membership listings were reviewed.

The proposed resolution to award 100 points to exhibitors at ARBA conventions and ATRBA national shows (as printed in our newsletter) was discussed. Cindy Wickizer made a motion, seconded by Bill Mairs that the board not support the proposal. Motion carried 3-0. (Brigette later voted to not support this motion.) It should also be noted that this proposal had been discussed with the other board members prior to this meeting.

President Carr stated that a breed superintendent and breed secretary for the 2010 ARBA convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota had not been determined. He had several people in mind, but he wanted some time to contact these people after convention.

The bid to host the 2010 National Thrianta Show submitted by the Ohio Thrianta RBA was discussed. There were several questions about the bid concerning the budget to host such a show. It was the unanimous decision of the board to accept the bid with several conditions. 1) The trio rabble income would be split 50/50 with the national club. 2) ATRBA would rent its own display tables. 3) A budget for money proposed for awards would be provided to the ATRBA. 4) A possibility that the ATRBA would provide some financial assistance toward the expense of the show.

A proposal sent to the ATRBA by the sponsors of the 2010 ARBA Convention to purchase a standing banner representing our breed to be display at the convention and then retained by the club was perused. The cost of the banner is \$200.00. No action was taken.

Secretary Hooks provided a proposal for the purchase of a computer for her use to the club business was discussed. All were in favor of the proposal, however, it was felt that a couple of questions regarding model desired and maintenance issues should be answered. No action was taken. The entire board would be asked to vote on the proposal at its earliest convenience.

Section 6 of the ATRBA constitution and by-laws were discussed. This section speaks to board members having to attend at least one annual/general membership meeting of the club during their term in office. The secretary has missed two annual meetings. No action was taken by the board at this time.

Several areas of concern were discussed. Consideration was given to appoint a sweepstakes committee to keep an ongoing tally of points and to report them to the web master in a more timely manner thus generating more interest in the annual contest and to relieve the secretary of some tedious work. Secondly, it was determined to create a budget for awards for the annual ARBA convention and annual sweepstakes contest to be provided to Neff Engraving. Providing such a budget would allow this company to prepare these awards in a timely manner and have them delivered to

the appropriate party in good time. Bill and Cindy will meet with John Neff at this convention to discuss this plan. Awards sponsored by our club for the 2010 ARBA convention for our breed both in open and youth shows will include Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex, Best Fur, 1st-5th place in each class, and Best Display. A logo will be determined and provided to Neff Engraving for use on all club awards.

The last topic discussed was concerning formulating an annual budget for the club. We've been very fortunate to gain a financial balance. To insure fiscal responsibility an annual budget would be prudent. President Carr will consider the appointment of a budget committee.

The meeting was recessed until Director Armstrong could meet with the board members present to finalize votes and actions taken.

Submitted By:

Cindy Wickizer
Acting Secretary



Chuck Baldwin and Brigette Armstrong enjoy the ATRBA Breakfast in San Diego