



~ Brian L. Hartzell ~

July 7, 1977- June 8, 2009

Our member, our friend



## The measure of a man...

Not how did he die,  
 but how did he live?  
 Not what did he gain,  
 but what did he give?  
 These are the units  
 to measure the worth  
 Of a man as a man,  
 regardless of birth.  
 Not, what is his church,  
 nor what was his creed?  
 But had he befriended  
 those really in need?  
 Was he ever ready,  
 with word or good cheer,  
 To bring back a smile,  
 to banish a tear?  
 Now what did the sketch  
 in the newspaper say,  
 But how many were sorry  
 when he passed away.

## Wrapping up Nationals

From the moment our bid was accepted, until the last show report was mailed, we have had a wonderful outpouring of help from our members and friends of our club. Which just goes to show why we are the "Great" Lakes JWF! From making banners and decorating the booth to donating party favors, collecting baskets items and making cookies for the hospitality table, our members have rocked the Wooly world and raised the bar on future National shows!

You guys did a great job, each and every one of you!

The shows were well attended, and I've heard nothing but rave reviews.

Our board created a very tight budget and stuck to it, not knowing if the economy would hurt the entries and exhibitor numbers or not. As it was, there were quite a few breeders, even from our state, that did not show for one reason or another. However, we did hit our goal of 600 total

rabbits entered, plus a few extra. Our basket auction went better than expected with more baskets being donated than at previous Nationals, balancing out the lower bids on each. The rabbit trios were the hit of the weekend, with our very own Bridget Fitzpatrick winning the highly sought after agouti/tan trio! Next year, Nationals will be at the same place as last years ARBA Convention; Louisville Kentucky. More information is on the web at [tksrba.com](http://tksrba.com).

~Laura Sturdevant

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**Treasurer's Report**
**Summer 2009**

<b>Period Starting:</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>Memberships</b>					
Individual	465.00	25.00			490.00
Family	330.00				330.00
<b>Total Memberships</b>	795.00				820.00
<b>Revenue</b>					
Entry Fees	1,252.25	6,919.79	3,149.33		11,321.37
Spring Specialty Profit	16.04	7.71			23.75
Raffles	1,222.00	116.00			1,338.00
Donations	5.00				5.00
Newsletter Advertising	69.26				69.26
T-shirt sales	1,042.50				1,042.50
NJWRC Comtrib to Nationals	0.00	850.00			850.00
Other (MSRBA Hotel Reimburse)	104.23				104.23
<b>Total Revenue</b>	3,765.72	7,893.50	3,149.33	0.00	14,808.55
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,560.72</b>				<b>15,628.55</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>					
Charter Fees ARBA	105.00				105.00
Charter Fees	55.00				55.00
Sanction Fees	220.00	40.00			260.00
Table Fees	125.00				125.00
OSRBA Nationals	180.00				180.00
NJWRC Trophy Sponsorship	200.00				200.00
Per Head Fee (MSRBA)	112.00				112.00
Judge's Fee	471.00		3,059.00		3,530.00
Judge's Hotel	186.48		242.57		429.05
Printing	197.21	28.41	9.60		235.22
Telephone	0.00				0.00
Postage	113.70				113.70
Office supplies	115.53				115.53
Advertising	37.08				37.08
Marketing/promotion	30.00				30.00
Bank charges/NSF	63.50				63.50
Miscellaneous	26.00	851.93	239.56		1,117.49
Awards	401.81	1148.86	97.00		1,647.67
Software	0.00	249			249.00
Banquet	0.00		1,586.41		1,586.41
Remark Cards	0.00	101.63			101.63
Postage for Newsletters	148.64				148.64
Postage for Membership pks	13.39				13.39
Pizza	49.00				49.00
Other (Flowers)	870.50				870.50
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	3,720.84	2,419.83	5,234.14	0.00	11,374.81
<b>Balance after Expenses</b>	<b>839.88</b>				<b>4,253.74</b>

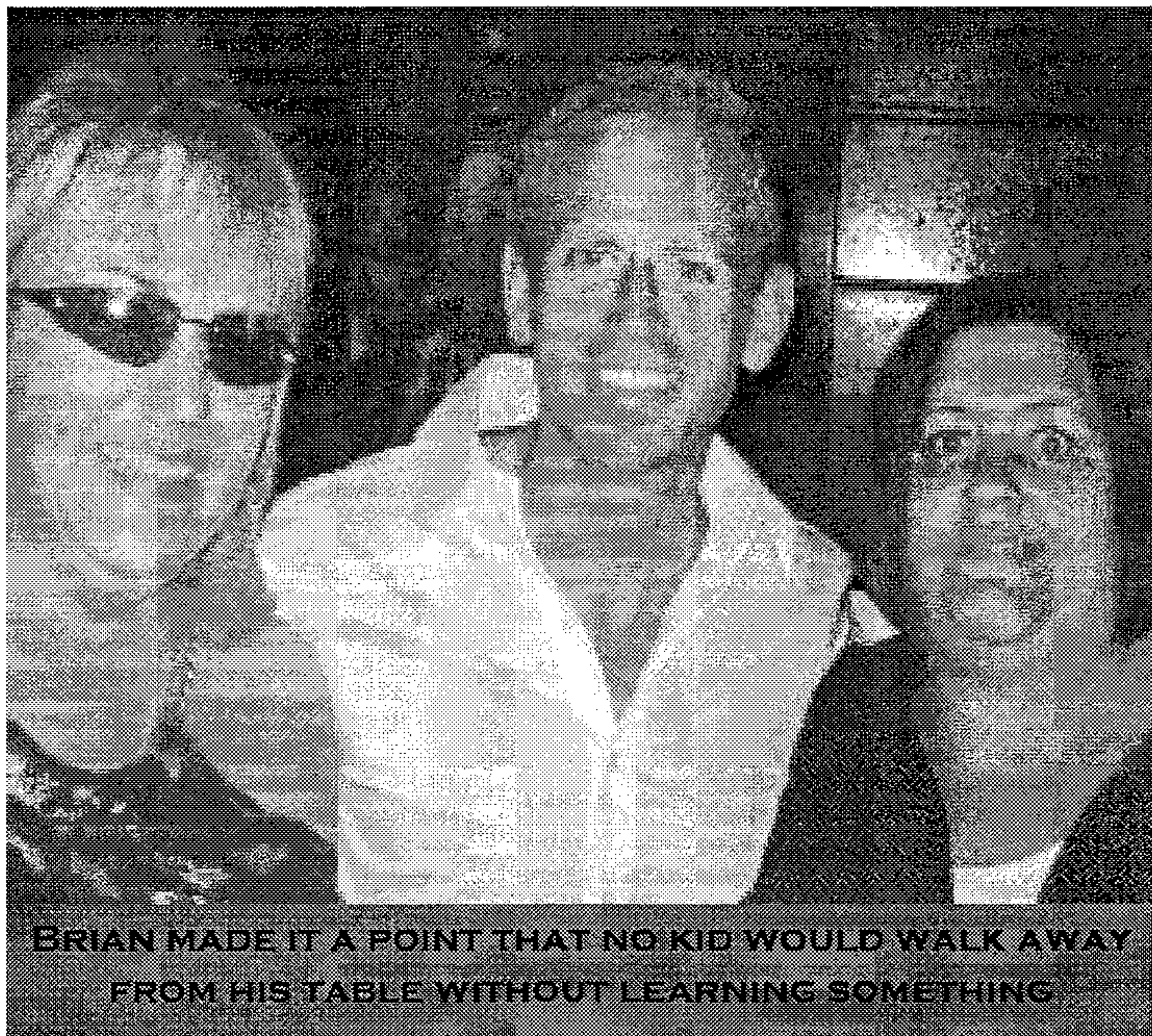
# The passing of a friend

On June 8th, the Woolly world was devastated to learn that Brian Hartzell, age 31, had unexpectedly passed away. He died of natural causes after leaving his parents home and traveling to work. Life in the Jersey World as we have known it would be no longer.

We looked forward to having Brian's smile, joking nature and positive attitude at shows. Now we will cherish our memories and hold them in our hearts forever.

Brian was more than a rabbit exhibitor, and there were many sides of him that we never got a chance to know. He as a caring, giving individual that would give the shirt off his back, and the shoes off his feet to help a friend. And he did! Brian spend every waking minute filling his life with new experiences, and doing more than showing rabbits. He traveled to several foreign countries including Mexico and Europe. He swam with the sea turtles in Hawaii and helped the elderly in his home town. He was a 4-H leader and worked closely with the youth in his county. Brian took the time out of his schedule to travel to Mexico for

"Homes for Hope" and built houses for families that didn't have them. On the few weekends he was not showing or Judging a show, he could be found doing such things as



planting flowers for his mom, skiing, working out, and "having a blast" with his close friends. These are sides most of us never got to know, and what truly made Brian a special person, and not just a rabbit breeder.

In the rabbit world, he has served as the President of the Miami County Rabbit Advisors, was a past Director of the National Jersey Woolly Rabbit Club, a 4-H leader, and was known throughout the country as a top breeder and exhibitors for both Jersey Woolies and American Fuzzy

lops. He had the distinction of being a Master Breeder in the American Fuzzy Lop club. Brian spent years perfecting his herd, and is responsible for presenting and the

this year, and to many other Nationals and conventions trios.

To honor his life, our club will be donating to the "Brian Hartzell Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund" which has been set up by the NJWRC. Private donations in his memory are accepted, along with those from other clubs.

Brian had a special place in his heart for the youth, and would always make time to go over their rabbits with them. He pointing out faults, areas to improve on, and what they were doing right and needed to continue. He often said that no youth would walk away from his show table without learning *something*, and that was true. Wherever Brian was, you would find a trail of breeders following 20 feet behind him hoping to get a few minutes of his time, and a few opinions on their rabbits.

Brian had an exceptionally close relationship with his family; his Mother, Sherry, who many of us have met at the Troy shows, Nationals or Convention where she would come and help him show; his Father Gary and Sister Stephanie. Our prayers go out to them. He will be missed:(

**BRIAN HARTZELL  
MEMORIAL YOUTH  
SCHOLARSHIP**  
CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE  
MAILED TO  
LINDA BAKER, NJWRC  
P.O. Box 428  
FREDRICK, PA 19435

Complete National results are available on the National Jersey Wooly Rabbit Club site

**~Open Results~**

**Best of Breed:**  
Brenda Reilly, Shaded Senior Buck

**Best Opposite of Breed**  
Laurie Owen & Bill Patrick, Broken Junior Doe

**Best Breed Display**  
Brian Hartzell

**Best of Group Agouti**  
Brian Hartzell

**Best Opposite of Group Agouti**  
Janice Hatt

**Best of Group AOV**  
Jenea Rollins

**Best Opposite of Group AOV**  
Laura Sturdevant

**Best of Group Broken**  
Laurie Owen & Bill Patrick

**Best Opposite of Group Broken**  
Amber Henderson

**Best of Group Self**  
Debbie Russell

**Best Opposite of Group Self**  
Patricia Wess

**Best of Group Shaded**  
Brenda Reilly

**Best Opposite of Group Shaded**  
Angel LeSage

**Best of Group Tan**  
Laurie & Bill Patrick

**Best Opposite of Group Tan**  
Jenea Rollins

**Best White Wool/Overall**  
Jeff and Denise Geick

**Best Colored Wool**  
Gayle Beirau

**~Youth Results~**

**Best of Breed:**  
Abigail Esreal, Shaded Sr. Buck

**Best Opposite of Breed**  
Heather Kaminski, Self Sr. Doe

**Best Breed Display**  
Tessa Erb

**Best of Group Agouti**  
Jessica & Taylor Usakowski

**Best Opposite of Group Agouti**  
Nicole Boulter

**Best of Group AOV**  
Cassandra Gonzalez-Loesch

**Best Opposite of Group AOV**  
Tessa Erb

**Best of Group Broken**  
Hailey Wolfe

**Best Opposite of Group Broken**  
Tessa Erb

**Best of Group Self**  
Tessa Erb

**Best Opposite of Group Self**  
Heather Kaminski

**Best of Group Shaded**  
Abigail Esreal

**Best Opposite of Group Shaded**  
Kaitlyn Luch

**Best of Group Tan**  
Tessa Erb

**Best Opposite of Group Tan**  
Mary Seddon

**Best White Wool/Overall Wool**  
Jessica & Taylor Usakowski

**Best Colored Wool**  
Abigail Esreal

## The Presidents Report

I'd like to thank everyone for jumping in and helping out at the show, and in the months leading up to it! We had a great weekend, thanks to you!

We had two beautiful trios which were raffled off at our banquet; a shaded trio which Heather Neveu worked tirelessly to put together, and an Agouti/Tan trio that came together quite nicely too. We raised over \$1,100 on the trios, which is an amazing amount of money! The donors were Brian Hartzell, Brian Caudill, Marcia Hinkemann, Lisa Smith, Gayle Beirau and Daykota Moat. Please take a minute to thank them for their donations as these were some of their best stock!

For the Basket auction, we raised about \$1,300 total. We had a huge number of baskets brought in by regional clubs and individuals, and the quality was just amazing, as usual. I seriously doubt if we will ever do better!

We gave blankets as awards for groups, and clocks for the BOB/BOS winners. I hope everyone was happy with them. They were embroidered with a lighthouse and our club name and occasion/win on them, without a rabbit.



Our club will be holding its first election of officers this fall, and I would like to see as many candidates on the ballot as possible! This is always a fun and fulfilling way to do something for the club. I'd like to encourage members from other states to participate too, as it is a regional club, not a Michigan club. It will go a long way in expanding our inter-state relations with other breeders of our breed.

I'd like to hear back from everyone on hosting a future Nationals again. What could make it better? What did everyone like the most and least, without tearing it apart to bad-LOL! Was the location good? Should there be a specialty on the same day or just the National show?

And last but not least, I'd like to thank our show committee and secretaries! We had to deal with a new show program that did not work as easily as it was suppose to. Actually, it was a disaster-everything that could have went wrong, did! But we were able to laugh about it, and will have some memories to think back on in the future:) We learned a lot, and have the experience under our belt now to do it even better next time.

We would also like to host some area specialty shows, and need your input. We've heard everything from a back yard BBQ fun show to doing a double with another club. Your input would be greatly appreciate.

See you this summer!  
~ Laura Sturdevant, President

### Great Lakes Jersey Woolly Fanciers Specialty Show Columbus Ohio, May 2nd 2009

#### ~ Open Best of Breed ~

Brian Caudill  
Self Senior Doe

#### ~ Youth Best of Breed ~

Tessa Erb  
Tan Senior Doe

#### ~ Open Best Opposite of Breed ~

Laura Sturdevant  
AOV Sr. Buck

#### ~ Youth Best Opposite of Breed ~

Tessa Erb  
Self Sr. Buck

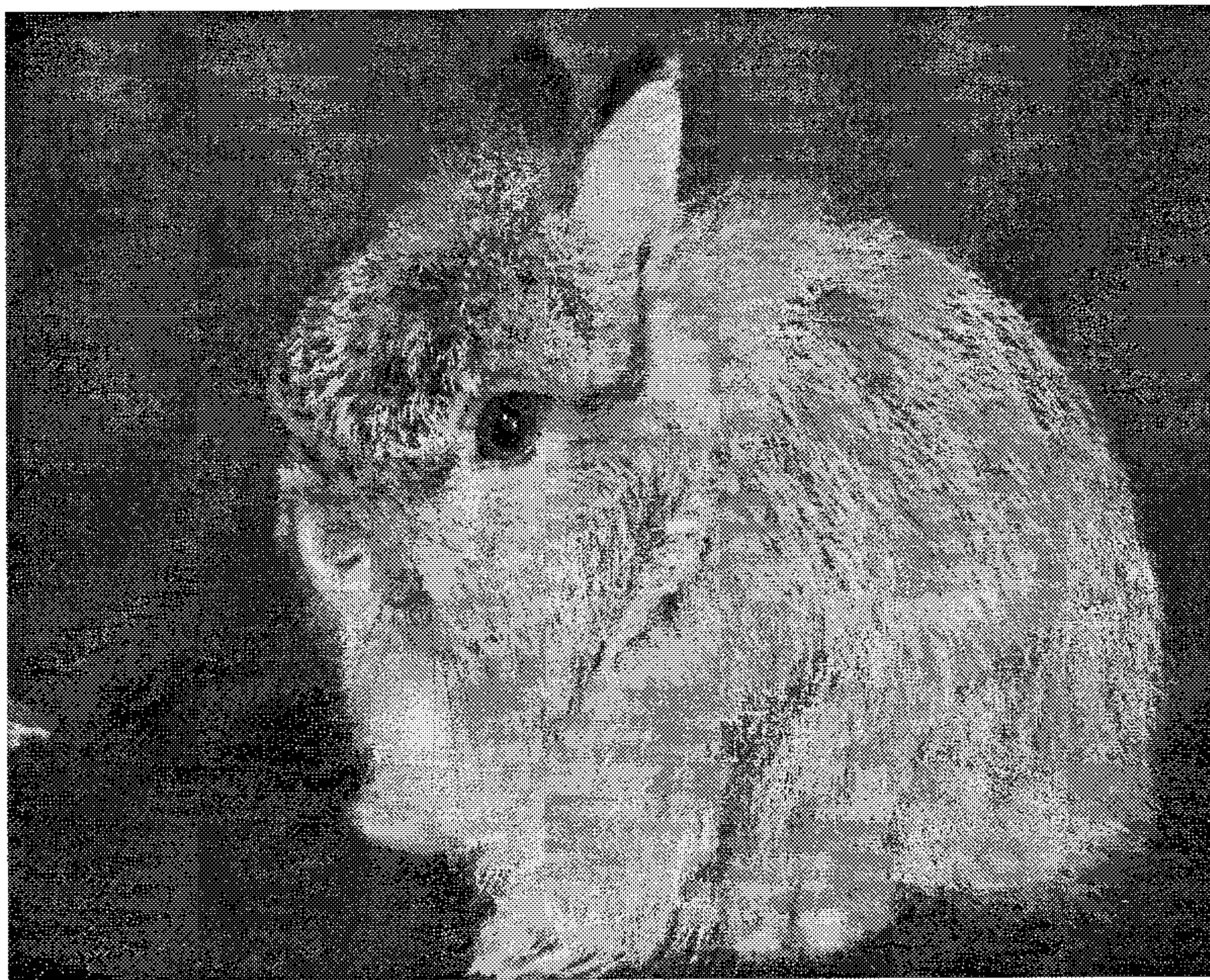
## Vice President's Report

Hi everyone! Nationals was a success, by and large, some issues but those were worked out and hey everything in life is a learning curve right!

I recently went to WI for a show. While there I discussed some things we have been noticing in the breed that were also discussed with the proposed changes in the ARBA standard. If you are also a member of the national club you should have gotten a ballot and the list of proposed changes. Some of these changes have caused quite a bit of discussion. While the changes may pass or not some of the concerns I and some other breeders have with the breed do seem to be valid. Ear placement, wool, and head mass, are all things that seem to have slid out of the radar.

Ear placement has been noticed lately in many woolies to be too far back where the wooly's ears are angled backward toward the back of the rabbit, or nearly laying on the back of the rabbit. Ideally ears should be upright and on the top of the head.

Wool I think is the area where the biggest differences in opinions occur. Wool should have guard hair, longer hairs that will rise out of the rest of the coat and under wool, which is denser and softer. Some have said that softer coats that also show more density have lead to the wool not displaying the easy care quality the breed is after. However several people have also express a worry that if one changes that focus to more a coarse texture coat that density will decrease and more hair like woolies will then become dominate. To me wool is a balance and netiher of these animals mentioned above has a correct coat. A



wooly coat shouldn't be a puff ball effect, but should be a more like a draped coat over the body. When you look at a hair like coat it will drape like this, but if you feel it, one should notice a thinner density and actually a softer, silky texture. With the drape you should have a coat that is still a tiny bit coarse with guard hairs on the sticking out from the edges and you should still have a lot of coat to get through to get to the actual body of the wooly.

Head mass is one thing I have noticed myself to be lacking, funny thing is that I have some older bucks, more directly out of older stock, from say 10 years ago, and they have nicer heads in general. To me head starts when babies are little, if you look at a baby wooly when it is a newborn to 4 weeks you

should be able to pick out the ones with good head structure. A wider, rounder, head with shorter ears, when woolies are 4 weeks old I like to describe a good headed one this way, like two equally sized pom poms glued together. The head at this age should be almost as big as the body, and interesting fact of nature if you look at many species including humans, the size of the head often develops faster than

other areas. In humans the head of a 2-3 year old is nearly the size it will be as an adult, probably why we see this effect in four week old woolies.

Just some ramblings on the issues, as always everyone is welcome to their own opinion. Hope everyone is well, and while summer may be bringing you molty woolies now, try to keep in mind the pretty new coat your wooly should be putting on when fall comes around. And hope to see some new faces at shows, numbers are down and while winning and doing well is nice, you can't do that with any competition. So get out there and show, and maybe the new winner will be you!

TTFN ~ Becky

