

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL



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2020 OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALENDAR:

September 1: Official Notification in Newsletter of Candidates and
Constitution Referendums

October 1: Mail Ballots to Members by USPS mail**

October 31: Ballots must be returned by USPS mail and **RECEIVED**

November: Count, verify and announce election results

*****If you have moved in the past two years, please contact Gail Carlson and
verify that we have your current address on file.***

Please Vote! Your Voice Matters!

The CI Club Newsletter is published three (3) times per year. Approximate printing dates are January 1, May 1 and September 1. Please send all submissions to the Newsletter Editor at least two weeks prior to the printing date. All members are invited and encouraged to submit articles for the Newsletter.

MASTER BREEDER PROGRAM

Rich Barczewski, Master Breeder Chair

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Master Breeder Milestones

The Master Breeder Points are on the CI website, reflecting all shows that have reported to us as of May 31, 2020. The respective list of shows reporting is also on the website. If a show is missing, contact your District Director.

Congratulations to our Milestone recipients! Keep up the great work!

MASTER BREEDER is our Club's highest honor.

The Title and Plaque are awarded when a member earns 500 points in one Variety in no less than 5 years.

The **SILVER CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** is earned when a member earns 250 points in one Variety.

The **BRONZE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** is earned when a member earns 100 points in one Variety.



DONNA SMITH • Bantam Mottleds • March, 2020

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Regretfully, the Board of Directors has made the difficult decision to cancel the **2020 Annual Exhibitor Awards**. The AE Awards are based on Master Breeder points earned within the calendar year. While we recognize that some areas of the country have been able to hold shows in 2020, Covid-19 has caused this to not be true for most of the country. It was the majority decision (although not unanimous) that cancelling the 2020 AE Awards would be the only fair decision to represent the entire membership.

To be very clear, this will in no way affect any points and/or awards earned in 2020 in the Master Breeder Program.

The 2021 Annual Exhibitor Awards will be based on MB points earned in the calendar year 2021.

JUNIORS' REPORT

Ross Treffert, Junior Program Chair

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You asked for Club Tees in Youth sizes, and we are happy to announce that they are now in stock and ready to ship!

They come in Youth sizes S-M-L-XL, and the color is Heather Navy. They are \$15.00 plus \$5.00 s/h.



Cochins International Proudly Supports these Organizations!
We invite you to join and support them, too!



JUNIOR AWARD PROGRAMS

PIN PROGRAM

Juniors (CI member under the age of 18 years of age) may earn achievement pins for Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed wins in either an Open or Junior APA/ABA sanctioned show. These pins look great on the lapel of a showmanship coat, show apron or hat! Please submit copies of your coop tags or show report showing the name of the show, date, bird placement and signature of an adult, along with your name and address to the CI Junior Chair.

COCHIN CASH PROGRAM

Objective:

The objective of this new program is to not only incentivize Juniors and accelerate Junior exhibitor numbers, but to also promote Junior exhibition excellence.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this program, "Juniors" are defined as a member of Cochins International under the age of 18 years old, with a JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP or part of a family membership. To qualify for the program the junior must be on their junior membership or a junior listed on a family membership but can be shown in Open or Junior show to earn Cochin Cash.

For the purpose of this program, "Meets" are defined as any APA/ABA sanctioned show.

For the purpose of this program, "Cochin Cash" is defined as coupons awarded for designated placings at meets, and are redeemable only in the Junior Store on the Cochins International Website and hold no cash value.

For the purpose of this program, "Junior Store" will be placed on the club website, and items in the store will only be available for redemption with Cochin Cash.

Program:

1) To earn Cochin Cash the junior must place: Reserve of Variety, Best of Variety, Reserve of Breed or Best of Breed with a recognized variety of Bantam or Large Fowl Cochin with a minimum of 5 birds in the Class.

2) Copies of coop tags must be provided to Junior Program Chair, by either mail or email. Name, Date, Show and City of meet must also accompany the coop tags on "Show Results" form provided in the Juniors area on the website.

3) Cochin Cash will be paid out and mailed as follows:

Best of Breed: \$5.00 + Gold Pin (from current Pin Program)

Reserve of Breed: \$4.00 + Silver Pin (from current Pin Program)

Best of Variety: \$2.00

Reserve of Variety: \$1.00

4) Original Cochin Cash coupons must be submitted with Merchandise order from the Junior store. Coupons must cover the cost of the merchandise as well as the cost of shipping.

5) If Cochin Cash coupons redeemed exceed the amount of the order, coupons will be returned with the difference in amounts to the nearest dollar.

Other:

This program does not replace the Cochins International Pin Program. It is a separate and independent program.

Program is subject to change within 30-day notice of newsletter per Junior Program Chair or B.O.D.

★ ★ Junior Achievement Pins ★ ★



★ ★ Preview – Junior Cochin Cash Store ★ ★



Drawstring Bag
\$15.00 + s/h



Journal/Notebook
\$12.00 + s/h



Lunchbox/Cooler
\$26.00 + s/h



Fleece Blanket
\$35.00 + s/h



Chair w/Logo
& Your Name
\$33.00 + s/h



Stainless Steel
Bottle
\$18.00 + s/h



Sling Backpack
\$21.00 + s/h



Large Duffel Bag
\$28.00 + s/h



Fleece Jacket w/Logo & Your Name
\$42.00 + s/h



(Items in the Junior Cochin Cash Store can ONLY be purchased by Juniors redeeming Cochin Cash.)



CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE BEST BANTAM
DeKalb County Fair
Maysville, MO • June, 2020
Bantam Birchen Cock by
Damien Webb

GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
Lafayette County 4-H / FFA Show
Higginsville, MO • July, 2020
Bantam Black Cock by
Lilly King



GRAND CHAMPION BREEDING PEN
RESERVE GRAND IN SHOWMANSHIP
Sibley County 4-H Show
Arlington, MN • July, 2020
Large Fowl Black by
Sophie Klehr

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW
CH. LARGE FOWL – CH. ASIATIC
Indiana State Fair 4-H Junior Livestock
Indianapolis, IN • August, 2020
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Colton Chandler-Deuser



MEMBERSHIPS

Gail Carlson, Interim Membership Chair

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Welcome to our Newest Members!

We're happy you have joined our Cochins Family!

Arkansas

Ross Harrington
Hardina & Tarvin Poultry

California

Carey Harper

Canada - Ontario

Matthew Ciliska

Germany

Jürgen Krüger

Illinois

Jennifer Alban

Louisiana

Gracie Brown

Massachusetts

Richard (Rick) Ellis, Sr. (*Welcome Back*)

Missouri

Walker Dycus

New York

Bliffin Chicks

North Carolina

Melanie Egts
Brenda & Paige Smith
Kanyon Blake

Ohio

Mark Lange

Oklahoma

Frank Douglas

South Carolina

Jonathan Morrison

Utah

Kade Esplin (*Welcome Back*)
Kathy Ashcroft

Virginia

Regina Turner

Washington

Mike Ewanciw

★ Renewals for Calendar Year 2021 Now being Accepted ★

<u>Cochins International Membership Totals</u>			
Type	8/15/19	8/15/20	Change
Single	165	169	+ 2.4%
Family	85	92	+ 8.2%
Junior	19	21	+ 10.5%
	269	282	+ 4.8%

Membership Totals by District

Northeast 1	CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT	20
Northeast 2	DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV	20
North Central	IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI	53
Southwest	AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX	59
West Central	IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY	23
Southeast	AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN	59
Pacific	AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA	28
Canada	All Provinces	18
International		2
	Total:	282

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Please contact your District Director for more information or to apply.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gail Carlson, President

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Missouri Greetings to Everyone!

What can I write about this year that hasn't already been written? I'm not even going to try. So, let's move forward with some Club business!

A heartfelt thank-you goes to **Bernita Miller** for her many years of service to Cochins International as the Southwest District Director. Enjoy your retirement, and we know we will still see you at the Sedalia shows!

Emily Murphy has only been with us a short time serving this past term as Secretary, but we wish her all the best in the future.

A huge thank you to our members who have stepped up to seek election for the upcoming term as Officers and Directors. This Club simply doesn't exist without our Volunteers, and your willingness to serve means the world to us.

Your ballots will be in the mail to you on October 1st. Remember: your returned ballots must be RECEIVED by October 31st. Please vote – your voice matters!!

As I'm sure you are aware by now, some of our fall District Meets have been cancelled, as well as our Eastern National. Our thoughts are not only with our members affected who were planning to attend, but also to the host shows and clubs. We hope you will continue to support these shows in 2021 – your 2021 attendance will be more important than ever!

Our 2020 Western National in Shawnee, OK is still on, and we hope to see everyone there December 12th. I look forward to working with our Oklahoma State Rep, **Christie Ross**, to make this National one you will never forget!! We're going to need (many!) volunteers to help at the show, and we hope you will also consider donating auction items and award premiums to show your support! Please watch your emails and the Club Facebook Group over the next couple of months for more information.

Due to the cancellation of so many shows across the entire U.S. this year, the BOD had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Annual Exhibitor Awards, as they are based on points earned in 2020. This in no way affects our Master Breeder Program. Again, to be very clear, this will in no way affect any points and/or awards earned in 2020 in the Master Breeder Program.

We are very happy to announce our selections for the 2021 National Meets:
EASTERN: Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers / Lebanon, PA / October 9, 2021
WESTERN: Nebraska State Poultry Assn. / Lincoln, NE / November 20-21, 2021

Manufacturing has finally opened back up in New York, and our new Club merchandise finally arrived last week!! You asked for Youth Tees, Full-Zip Front Hoodies, and more extended sizes, and now we have them! And for the deal-hunters out there, we still have some older apparel close-out priced at 50% off!

You can renew your Club membership now for the full calendar year 2021 – you don't have to wait until January. If you have misplaced your membership card and are unsure of when your membership expires, please don't hesitate to email me. I will also be printing your membership expiration dates (above your name) on all the ballot envelopes going out October 1st. Your continued support is appreciated!!

I want to thank **Darrell Garland**, **Ashley Lejeune** and **Kanyon Blake** for taking time out of your hectic trip in June to stop by and visit. It was wonderful to meet you and talk Cochins!

I also want to thank **Bill Kramel** for coming down and helping me build a couple new pens in the barn. Couldn't have done it without you!

In closing, I want to say that I truly believe 2021 will be a banner year for Cochins and the poultry fancy. Most everyone has taken advantage of the extra time in 2020 to improve their flocks – and I look forward to seeing better birds and larger attendance at the shows in 2021.

Stay safe, be healthy, and spread a little kindness whenever you can! Gail

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jason Young, Vice President

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Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all doing well. This year has been a challenging year to say the least. I feel sometimes as if we are in a nightmare and hope to wake up and the world be back on track again. But in reality, it's not going to happen. I truly hope all of our wonderful members in CI are happy and healthy as that is what really matters. Clubs, shows and raising chickens come second to me when I think of the problems the world is facing during this time. A lot of folks are hurting right now and I pray each and every night for all of us to get back to some form of normalcy sooner than later. 2020 has brought on many challenges and heartbreaks.

Recently, we had our Eastern National club, have to make a decision to cancel their show due to the Pandemic that is sweeping the country like a wild fire out of control. While it may seem like not much to some, we have had some work extremely hard to put on a great show for our members. The BOD had to make what will likely be an unpopular decision to cancel the eastern show for 2020. I can assure you, that was hard on all of us to accept, but we thought we are doing what's best for the club and it's members. Our director responsible for this show was torn to pieces over what to do. However, at the end of the day, he has volunteered to step up and help the 2021 show be the best it can be. I'm proud to say what a good group of folks you have determining what to do. A lot of heart went into those decisions. Hopefully 2021 will be back to somewhat normal and we can start to rebuild the lost time with friends and fellow exhibitors at the shows.

Remember, this is an election year. If you'd like to step up and have your voice heard, you need to vote when ballots come your way. I'm running for Vice President again in hopes to help this club grow and make some changes to help us move in a positive direction.

As always, I'm here to help in any way I can. Reach out to me at anytime if I can ever do anything to assist you or answer questions for you.

Thank you,

Jason Young, VP Cochins International

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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What a crazy summer !!! I would have to say by far this has been my best hatching year. I just love watching the birds mature. It always amazes me with genetics. Every year I will have a color pop up that I didn't breed for, this year I have a couple self blue large fowl cochins that have popped up. Not sure from where but I am watching them mature. It has been a good year for growing everything from flowers, to veggies to the birds. It seemed strange for me not being swamped with judging assignments for August in years past I have done anywhere from 12-15 fairs in August and this year just one. This fall I see myself only judging 2 open shows. More time to be home and keep ahead of cleaning pens and shifting birds around. Besides the cochins I have raised quite a few peacocks, dewlap Toulouse geese, pheasants and had a litter of puppies. Never a dull moment around the Matts farm !!! Even though the shows and fairs have been cancelled I still am glad I raised what I did. I Just enjoy cochins , I enjoy judging and showing but just enjoying the birds around the farm is what its about. I hope everyone has a nice fall and I hope 2021 brings the hobby and the country some normalcy. Until then take care and stay safe. Jamie

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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With the lack of shows due to the Coronapocalypse, many of us will have extra birds this fall. What to do with them? Well, you could take measures now to limit the amount of extras later in the year. Use this as an opportunity to cull as hard as possible. A flaw at a young age won't get better. You will be doing your breeding program a favor by eliminating sub-par birds early and avoiding the temptation to keep them for future breeding. You will also give the grow outs you keep more space and taking some burden off your feed bill.

I am sure most are aware that the Ohio Poultry Breeders Association canceled their show for this November. However, as an alternative this year they are coordinating a virtual show. Watch your email and on-line for more details.

Even without shows, or with very limited shows this fall you can still enjoy your hobby. I like the shows from the comradery perspective. I can enjoy my birds just fine here at the house. Use your extra weekends to build some more pens! That's what I am doing!

Take care! Tom

★ ACCOUNTING BASICS ★

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF CASH ON HAND

	YEAR ENDED 12/31/17	YEAR ENDED 12/31/18	YEAR ENDED 12/31/19	7 MOS. ENDED 7/31/20
Revenues:				
Membership Dues	2,200.67	3,548.54	4,239.77	2,580.00
Membership Dues & Merchandise	1,152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	872.00	2,512.00	1,004.00	1,333.00
Less: Merchandise Sale Discounts	0.00	(95.90)	(77.54)	(558.00)
Subtotal: Dues & Merchandise	4,224.67	5,964.64	5,166.23	3,355.00
Merchandise Shipping Fees	17.00	132.76	37.54	223.00
Breeders Directory Ads (Bi-Annual)	1,089.00	0.00	835.00	0.00
Premiums from Host Shows	0.00	0.00	262.00	0.00
Cash Donations	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Raffles & Auctions	317.00	759.00	304.00	175.00
Other - Merchandise Drive	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other - Non-Inventory Merchandise Sales	36.00	109.50	74.00	0.00
Total Revenues	5,783.67	6,965.90	6,698.77	3,753.00
Expenses:				
Advertising	125.00	95.00	30.00	65.00
Breeders Directory (Bi-Annual)	1,749.48	0.00	1,964.32	0.00
COGS - ABA Cochin Bantams Book	88.55	0.00	81.12	0.00
COGS - AmeriTee T-Shirts	0.00	1,654.00	0.00	0.00
COGS - ChickenZoo Decals	0.00	0.00	0.00	127.65
Dues - YEPA	25.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Junior Program Awards	190.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Member Memorial Donations	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	638.61	150.31	256.90	184.25
Office Supplies	0.00	341.38	917.62	650.65
PayPal/Bank Fees	9.02	45.27	25.19	13.27
Plaques	96.00	142.25	32.00	0.00
Postage & Shipping	453.54	983.99	1,041.69	581.56
Rosette Ribbons	1,128.60	464.25	182.10	631.69
Self Blue Qualifying Meet	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Show Promotions / Awards	0.00	1,163.61	430.50	197.90
Website	19.95	214.35	19.95	235.95
Total Expenses	4,574.55	5,339.41	4,981.39	2,687.92
NET CASH PROFIT (LOSS)	1,209.12	1,626.49	1,717.38	1,065.08
Beginning Cash Balance on Hand	3,014.98	4,224.10	5,850.59	7,567.97
Net Cash Profit (Loss)	1,209.12	1,626.49	1,717.38	1,065.08
ENDING CASH BALANCE ON HAND	4,224.10	5,850.59	7,567.97	8,633.05



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receiving your Newsletters
in the future by email.**

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COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF INVENTORY ON HAND (at Retail Values)

Item	Retail		1/1/19 Inventory		2019 Purchases		2019 Adj. / Promos		2019 Sales		12/31/19 Inventory	
	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	18	360.00						140.00	7	11	220.00
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	52	1,040.00						160.00	8	44	880.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	44	1,100.00			-1	(25.00)		250.00	10	33	825.00
Sweatshirts	30.00	47	1,410.00						90.00	3	44	1,320.00
Hoodies	35.00	46	1,610.00			-1	(35.00)		210.00	6	39	1,365.00
Caps	10.00	12	120.00						20.00	2	10	100.00
Patches	5.00	86	430.00						45.00	9	76	380.00
Decals	9.50	3	28.50			-1	(5.00)		19.00	2	1	9.50
ABA Cochlin Book	10.00	3	30.00		12				70.00	7	8	80.00
			<u>6,128.50</u>		<u>120.00</u>		<u>(65.00)</u>		<u>1,004.00</u>			<u>5,179.50</u>

Item	Retail		1/1/20 Inventory		2020 Purchases		2020 Adj. / Promos		2020 Sales		7/31/20 Inventory	
	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	11	220.00						80.00	4	6	120.00
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	44	880.00			-1	(20.00)		60.00	3	41	820.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	33	825.00						0.00	0	33	825.00
Sweatshirts	30.00	44	1,320.00			-1	(30.00)		420.00	14	29	870.00
Hoodies	35.00	39	1,365.00			-1	(35.00)		665.00	19	19	665.00
Caps	10.00	10	100.00			-2	(20.00)		20.00	2	6	60.00
Patches	5.00	76	380.00						20.00	4	72	360.00
Decals - LF	9.50	0	0.00		12				28.50	3	9	85.50
Decals - Bantam	9.50	1	9.50		12				9.50	1	12	114.00
ABA Cochlin Book	10.00	8	80.00						30.00	3	5	50.00
			<u>5,179.50</u>		<u>228.00</u>		<u>(105.00)</u>		<u>1,333.00</u>			<u>3,969.50</u>

UPCOMING DISTRICT & NATIONAL MEETS

(Below are confirmed Meets placed as of this publication date.)

Sept. 19-20	New Ulm Fall Classic	New Ulm, MN	West Central
Oct. 8-10	Utah Fancy Poultry Association	Farmington, UT	Pacific
Oct. 24-25	Ontario Poultry Breeders	Grassie, ON	Canada
Nov. 7-8	Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Assn.	Fayetteville, AR	Southwest
Dec. 12	Oklahoma State Poultry Fed.	Shawnee, OK	West National

2021 EASTERN NATIONAL MEET

October 9, 2021

Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers
Lebanon, Pennsylvania

www.lebanonpoultryfanciers.wordpress.com



COCHINS INTERNATIONAL

2021 WESTERN NATIONAL MEET

November 20-21, 2021

Nebraska State Poultry Association
Lincoln, Nebraska

www.nestatepoultryshow.com



NATIONAL MEET ROTATIONS

EAST DISTRICTS

2018 – Southeast / Dec. 1-2 / Tennessee Valley Poultry Club / Knoxville, TN

2019 – Northeast 1 / Sept. 8 / Twin Tier Poultry Club / Bath, NY

2020 – North Central / Nov. 21 / Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn. / Morehead, KY

2021 – Northeast 2 / Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers / Lebanon, PA

WEST DISTRICTS

2018 – Pacific / Dec. 1 / Pacific Northwest Poultry Assn. / Ridgefield, WA

2019 – Canada / Oct. 19-20 / Ontario Poultry Breeders / Grassie, Ontario

2020 – Southwest / Dec. 12 / Oklahoma State Poultry Federation / Shawnee, OK

2021 – West Central / Nebraska State Poultry Assn. / Lincoln, NE

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL



2020 WESTERN NATIONAL MEET

December 12, 2020

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation

Shawnee, Oklahoma

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Oklahoma STATE POULTRY FEDERATION



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NORTHEAST 1 DISTRICT REPORT

CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT

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So here we are watching our chicks grow up, looking for that special one or hopefully more.

I am sorry we had to cancel the District meet, however I am thinking we may be able to hold one if the Northeast Poultry Congress is a go.

I will make that decision closer to December.

There is a special meet for the Twin Tier show in NY in September. I am so looking forward to showing and seeing our Cochin folks.

Shows I would like to place meets at would be Boston, Northern NY, Rhody. That's if they have a show.

Tough times right now, but we will get through all this.

Stay safe and well

Lisa Podgwaite, District 1 Director

NORTHEAST 2 DISTRICT REPORT

DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV

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Dear District Members,

I hope that all have been taking care in these difficult times. I bet those young birds are continuing to grow and fill out even more and looking ready for the show rooms. Unfortunately with the pandemic we are seeing the shows and halls being affected as well. I know personally due to the shows I had requested off for being cancelled that my Fall Show season will be nonexistent. I'm sure we are going to continue dealing with this odd phenomenon for longer than we expect and can only hope that by the time the shows return next year this has all passed and we can see all our friends and compete once again. I hope that all are continuing as normal with breeding. If one positive I can take away from this is being able to focus more on your breeding than before and taking the time to delve into the standard and find something new to focus on in your own birds. Unfortunately with all but possibly 1-2 shows cancelled in this District it really puts a damper on the potential of showing and means that I will not likely see most of my poultry showing friends for another year. Hopefully all are taking care and I will wait to see you all in the 2021 show season.

Christopher Rob, Northeast 2 District Director

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI

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Well this year was definitely an interesting one and a challenge for those who share this great passion in our hobby. I'm heartbroken that our 2020 Eastern National was canceled and was unfortunately not rescheduled. I do not know if I will be around for the next National rotation in the North Central District, but I will try to make 2021 the biggest yet in the North Central District. With our biggest District Meet, and little extras for special meets. I think I can speak for every member and VOLUNTEER that sits on this board that we have encountered a lot, dealt with a lot, and fought for our members. Most importantly I and many others learned that there is no black or white areas in times like this. There are a lot of gray areas and unknowns. I began exhibiting right before the Major AI outbreak in the Midwest. This has brought back a lot of the anger, frustration, and disappointment of shows being canceled. But WE made it through those times and we will make it through these times as well. I just want to take a moment and thank every member in my district and those who have gone above and beyond to help make this one of the best districts in our club. I greatly appreciate all of the hard work and dedication from all of those who help make this club the absolute best! Let's not dwell on the negative of this year and find the positives that have come out of this year so far.

Hope y'all are staying safe and healthy. Enjoy the few shows that are still able to go on. And let's get ready for Spring Show Season 2021!

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX

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Hello from Missouri

It has been a very strange year. Hope everyone is fine. No shows here this year, We are planning on April 2021 at Sedalia, Mo. The county fairs have had some great birds this year. The state fair had just a youth show this time. This will be my last year as District Director. I have enjoyed being part of this club. I will still be going to shows with my son Brent Warner and family. I still have a few birds around the place. The Barreds are my favorite. If you can help the youth give them all the advice you can and maybe a pair of nice birds to get them started in showing. Thank everyone for all the help you have given me over the years. Hope to see you next spring at the shows.

Bernita Miller

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY

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Rainy morning here in Minnesota, maybe a good time to think about our chicken hobby.

In our West Central district, at least half of the shows have been cancelled due to the covid virus. Dealing with this virus and dealing with chickens, sometimes are kinda alike?

Amazing how many similarities? The chickens can come down with virus's and so can we. When you bring your chickens home from a show, it is suggested to quarantine for 14 days to prevent the spread of disease. Same thing with covid 19, if exposed quarantine for 14 days.

We hear a lot about the search for a vaccine for covid 19, some are looking forward to getting vaccinated, some say they won't get the shot. Many of the best chicken breeders I know regularly vaccinate, some don't. I vaccinate for Laryngo, for my chickens. I also make sure to keep up to date on my own tetanus vaccinations.

At the chicken show some will always be supportive of what the judge observes and comments, taking time to learn about how to improve their birds. Others will frown on what the judge says, thinking they know best. Same with covid 19, some will listen to the experts, and try to be more careful in their daily habits, social distancing etc. Others will again frown on the experts. and do their own thing.

On a rainy morning here in Minnesota, I remind myself, that the one thing I can do to make life a little better, a little easier, whether at the chicken show, or in the grocery store, is to take time to respect others. Respect those at the chicken show, maybe their first time, maybe they are your biggest competitor. Take time to listen to their story. have a positive attitude. Be supportive.

Same goes for dealing with this covid 19, take time to listen to their story. Some we know have covid 19 in their lives, some don't have a single case of covid in their county.....

we all have different situations, take time to listen, be supportive.

The rain is coming to an end, time to listen to my chickens, time to clean the coop!

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SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT

AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN

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Happy almost fall! I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits.

It's been a struggle since March on show season. Many shows have canceled in SE. This is a hard decision to make. Please support these shows when they have them again. Shows aren't in it for the money. It's the love of the hobby!

Now more than ever is a time to show gratitude towards these shows and volunteers. I'm sure they can use some kind words. We also have many shows still going on in the SE. This could change suddenly so please watch for posts from said shows who are now a go.

It's that time of the year again! Elections!!! I have been honored to be your district director for the past almost 4 years. I've always tried to reach out and hear what members have voiced thoughts on. I have always spoke on behalf of what they want not what I personally want. I've tried to represent each and everyone of you in a fair way. I will be running for DD again this term. It's been stressful to say the least since spring. I am not a quitter so if y'all are in I'm in!

I was hoping to make an announcement for the 2021 district meet. However I have decided to hold off on making a choice on where and when. I've tried to rotate to all the states in this district to give all members a chance to attend. I have on list 2 states FL and TN.

With Covid and the regulations constantly changing and evolving. I've put that on hold for now. I hate to book and at last minute it be changed or canceled. It may come down to I need to place in a state that has already held one out of the rotation I have made to be fair. I do not have to keep with this rotation per bylaws. It's just something I wanted to act on to try and make sure every state can host a district meet. So please stand by on announcement on this.

Show season might not be the way it has. I'm not sure how many shows I will actually get to attend this coming fall. I know a lot of you are use to seeing me a lot. And trust me I miss all of you so very much. I have to consider my health and the health of my family also.

I'm asking everyone to step up and be active. I will never turn down any help! I am always trying to involve everyone .

Please reach out to each other be kind be helpful and show some words of positivity. In this time we all need them.

National... as we know the Eastern National was canceled. We all put hours into thoughts talks and emails with this. It wasn't easy on anyone of us. The Western National is still a go as of now. We need help with raffle donations and such. Any help would be awesome.

Last but not least I would like to thank those who are not re-running for office in CI. Thank you for the time you have put in to volunteerism and this great club. I look forwards to working with the new volunteers who are stepping up!

As always keep working hard on them Cochins. Be kind to each other. Enjoy this hobby. Take the time to help the youth!

South East district director,

Ivy Young

PACIFIC DISTRICT REPORT

AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA

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Hello from the Pacific District! As with many areas of the country, most of our fall shows have been cancelled. We are fortunate that our 2020 District Meet, to be held at the Utah Fancy Poultry Association's event in Farmington, UT on October 8-10 is confirmed! There are still west coast shows booked in early 2021 and we hope that social gatherings will be more acceptable as those dates approach.

In spite of this disappointment, this is my favorite time of year raising standard poultry. Opening the hatcher in the spring is something I will always look forward to, but as summer closes and fall begins I most enjoy scrutinizing a group of young birds, finding the birds with faults, and picking out the birds that may grow into something special. The selection process is very enjoyable for me, and looking over a group of young birds after removing the lower-quality individuals I have been questioning is very rewarding. The club mission is to promote the development of the cochin breed; accordingly, if we choose to multiply our birds, we must be willing to promote birds that will improve the breed and eliminate others from the breeding flock.

I see many breeders, especially new breeders with great intentions, looking for guidance on how early one can cull birds from the flock. Due to their fullness of body and feather, large and bantam cochins continue to develop until a year of age, and the longer a breeder can wait to decide which to keep and which to cull, the better. Practically, however, space and money dictate for many of us that lower quality birds be dropped when their faults are permanent. Well planned, this also allows us to hatch more birds, which as a result can quicken the pace of improvement. In the interest of this improvement, here is a timeline of characteristics that can be judged "early" as cochins mature:

Shortly after hatching:

General health, straight toes, leg color- these things rarely, if ever, improve with age

Several months of age:

General health, straight toes (sometimes birds do develop crooked toes over time), side sprigs on combs, in some cases, plumage color. Note! Plumage color changes A LOT with age, but there are consistent progressions. Birds can be culled for red or silver lacing in the hackle or shoulders of varieties where this is a fault, but don't confuse this for white tipping which usually disappears with age. Patterned varieties can show color faults early. I recommend that a learning breeder not cull early for color until the breeder has several years of notes and observations under his/her belt; this experience will educate earlier decisions each year.

Four to six months of age:

At this age I begin to feel confident about eliminating birds for wing confirmation, one of the most widely seen faults in the cochin breed. Before judging a bird on wing confirmation, all of the narrow/pointed "chick wing" feathers must be molted out and replaced with the rounded, wide adult primaries and secondaries. These larger feathers should all be allowed to grow to a consistent length across the wing; this precise age will vary across strains and even across sexes from a single breeding. See page 23 for photos and detailed comments about early wing confirmation.

In addition to these guidelines, here are some universal ideas to keep in mind when culling your flock:

1. If in doubt, notate and observe further while the bird matures. This not only prevents you from making a hasty mistake, but greatly informs future decisions.
2. Be aware of the size of your “pool” of potential birds. At the end of the year, you need to have enough birds to produce and improve the next generation; some faults may need to be tolerated for future improvement in order to meet this goal. This is especially important in rare varieties or if you are following a closed mating program.
3. Comparison is an outstanding tool. If in doubt about a particular bird, compare the characteristic to other birds of similar age, or wait until there are more birds at the same level of maturity. This will greatly assist decision making, especially as you get down to the final birds.
4. Ask a mentor. Judging the quality of birds is something that is developed over many years; culling a bird is usually permanent. Getting an educated second opinion can be great for the development of both your flock and your future judgement.

I would like to close by addressing one of the most difficult aspects of our hobby-what happens to a bird that is “culled”? This varies widely, but as someone who is intentionally bringing an animal into this world, we owe it a high-quality life and a humane ending whenever we can control this. To this end, I encourage people to be open-minded; what we see as a “waste product” can hold value with others. Many pullets can be sold to live to backyard poultry keepers who want a diverse and attractive flock. Some people are eager to utilize birds of any size or shape for food; this is a very high cause indeed and should be welcomed. I have found a demand for my excess birds with wildlife rehabilitators and falconers; they are openly grateful for donations of humanely killed, frozen birds of any size. Most importantly, understand these markets and your abilities to dispose of birds responsibly before hatching; the breed will not benefit from careless distribution of low-quality birds.

Enjoy and improve those cochins!

CANADA DISTRICT REPORT

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Checking in from Canada, I regret our status is mostly unchanged from previous. As we have assumed the “hurry up and wait “ lifestyle, I personally cannot help but feel a little deflated as we approach the autumn months. Generally the busiest season of the hobby, yet my calendar is strikingly bare of the usual array of X's and scribbles that denote the poultry events I am eagerly planning to attend as an exhibitor, spectator or in a judging capacity. For in this very unfortunate and unusual year, there are only but a mere few events struggling to survive the impact this pandemic has provided us. I sincerely wish our entire membership the best of health during these trying times, for certainly this virus can affect us not only physically, yet mentally as well.

Even though we are heavily restricted regarding events and gatherings, I am happy to announce the district meet for Canada shall be placed to the Ontario Poultry Breeders show October 24th 2020. Previously placed in New Brunswick yet cancelled due to the pandemic restrictions, I hope we can serve the hobby by holding the event at another show this year rather than cancelling altogether. The OPB show is held at the West Niagara fairgrounds in Grassie Ontario. The show will run in a restricted capacity according to the Covid-19 constraints in place. Please check out their Facebook page for posts outlining the rules and protocols allowing them to proceed with a safe event.

A Special Meet will be held at the new Renegade Poultry Show to be held in Brigden Ontario at the Moore Agricultural Society location, Brigden Fair Grounds. Again, this event will be operating in accordance to Covid-19 restrictions and protocols. Please also see their Facebook page for details and prize list as they present. Please be aware that unfortunately either of these events can be cancelled at any time due to the changing regulations surrounding Covid.

I urge the membership to keep up with posting on the Cochins International Facebook page, as it is always pleasurable to see pictures and videos of your Cochins! Thanks to technology we have a great way of sharing and coming together with our common interests.

It is also nice to see Facebook posts on my personal page and miscellaneous poultry groups from fellow Canadian fanciers and our American Neighbors who are still able to attend poultry shows in their areas where allowed. Although these are trying times, I hope our membership continues to find ways to safely enjoy the Hobby doing so in a way that suits you and your flock!

Til next time...Roxanne

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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Due to the Global Corona Virus Pandemic (COVID-19) everyone is experiencing here in the U.S. and abroad, virtually all Poultry Expositions, Summer Fairs/Exhibits and Shows have been cancelled. Therefore, there is no International Cochin News being reported by our members, for our members, at this time. We invite any or all of our International Members to alert us to any change in the current environment that would affect the poultry environment, especially with regard to cochins and/or pekings including large fowl cochins.

We want to wish you the very best in these trying times and hope that you, your families and your cochins are all doing well. Please feel free to provide any update, formal or informal, that might affect the current status of poultry, cochins (large and bantam/pekings) in particular, in your specific area or country. This, is so we can keep our members here and abroad advised of any changes in the current Global Pandemic environment. My e-mail is: jdburgess@verizon.net

Warm regards, John Burgess

EARLY WING CONFORMATION VISUALS

By Bryant Helvey

Early Wing Conformation Visuals- by Bryant Helvey

The birds in these photos are all approximately 16 weeks old and have been raised in the same conditions.

This birchen pullet has "good" wing confirmation at this age. Her secondaries and primaries have grown in to a consistent length allowing us to make a judgement. All of the feathers are facing up individually and are level the full length across the wing, giving the appearance of a smooth fan. There is not a significant gap between the secondaries and primaries. This pullet should be re-evaluated as she ages but at 16 weeks of age shows good promise in this area.



Wing is flat across the top, fans evenly, no significant gap between secondaries and primaries for a bird of this young age.

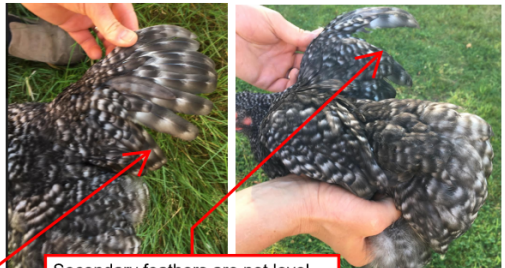
This barred cockerel should not be further judged on his wing confirmation at this age. His secondaries and primaries are varying lengths indicating that they still have growing to do. He can be re-evaluated when these feathers have all grown in to a consistent length.



Secondary feathers still not grown to full length.

Primary feathers at varying levels of growth.

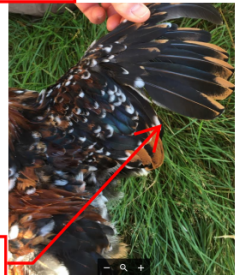
This barred pullet demonstrates poor wing confirmation that will not improve with age. Her secondaries and primaries have grown in to a consistent enough length allowing us to make a judgement. A gap is visible between the secondaries and primaries when viewed from above- the secondaries seem to be stacked up upon themselves close to the body. More obvious is that the wing is not flat across the feathers- when viewed from the sides, the secondaries seem to be "falling away" from the primaries. This bird can be culled for wing confirmation.



Gap between secondaries and primaries, visible from above.

Secondary feathers are not level with primary feathers, seem to be "falling away" leaving a large gap when viewed from the side.

This mille fleur cockerel demonstrates questionable wing confirmation. His secondaries and primaries are flat across the top- no gap when viewed from the side. However, there is a visible gap between the secondaries and primaries when viewed from above. The secondaries are stacked upon themselves to some degree and each feather is rotated slightly toward the body, giving the secondary group a slight "cupped" appearance. Both wings are similar (frequently birds will exhibit one strong wing and one weak wing.) One could proceed by comparing this bird to his brothers; if some do not exhibit these traits, it can be assumed a flaw and the bird can be culled. If this trait only shows on one wing, or shows very consistently across brothers of the same age, the breeder may consider holding the bird for evaluation at an older age.



Concerning gap between secondaries and primaries, visible only from above.

HAPPENING AROUND COCHINATION



In June, **Ashley Lejeune** (SC), **Darrell Garland** (NC), and **Kanyon Blake** (NC – behind camera!) visited **Annamay Carlson** and **Gail Carlson** in Missouri.

In June, **Emily Murphy** was crowned Ms. Agriculture USA Runner-Up. Congratulations!



In August, **Alinza Deuser** and **Colton Chandler-Deuser** traveled from Indiana to North Carolina to visit with **Darrell Garland**.

★ ★ MEET THE CANDIDATES ★ ★

OFFICERS:

Term: January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2022
Officers are voted on by the General Membership.
Uncontested positions will NOT appear on the ballot.

PRESIDENT:

Stephanie Coomer

My name is Stephanie Coomer and I am writing this to officially announce my intent to run for President of Cochins International. A little about me first, I run my small farm in Central Indiana, we raise Large Fowl Black & Blue Cochins, as well as Orpingtons, Bourbon Red turkeys and also have horses and pigs. I am an active member of CI and a member of the APA for 3 years. I am in my 3rd year exhibiting Cochins and other poultry and raising poultry for 6.

I feel that I would be a great candidate for the position of President because I was the President of the Board for a 501c3 for over 3 years, I have the leadership skills and experience and understand the importance of having a dedicated board to drive the Club into the future and the importance of working as a team to drive success. I will hold the board of Executives and the Board of Directors accountable and help push the presence of CI in all districts. In my professional life I am a Corporate Recruiter, and a graphic designer. In my personal life I have been a 4H leader, I give riding lessons and finish horses in my spare time, I am a designer for the APA yearbook as well as a member of their Marketing team and I have and will continue to assist my district in any way I can. I have donated my time locally to host free in person and online Clinics for youth and adults interested in learning about beginner breeding and exhibition. I have been blessed to have been guided by a couple of the great breeders of these birds and I mentor young people in my area passing on that amazing knowledge. I feel that nurturing any interest of our youth to our fancy is so important for the future of this club and exhibition poultry. In the future I will continue to strive for breed excellence through judging 4H and Showmanship and intend to file for my judges apprenticeship with the APA. I believe that you can never stop learning.

As president, I would strive to continue the reputation of CI as a leader. In the amount of shows I attend I will be someone our members both recognize and feel comfortable consulting with. I would work to build a strong team foundation within the Executive Board and Board of Directors and push forward to the bright future of CI. I will strive so that the CI members are rewarded for their hardwork and active membership. Thank you for your consideration.

Please I encourage you, if you do not already have a CI membership, join the club and vote!

Gail Carlson



It has been an honor and privilege to proudly serve the members of Cochins International since 2011 in various capacities.

In 2011, I volunteered to take over the Club website as the old site was closing down. I designed, launched, and maintain the website you see today.

That was the same year I volunteered to assume the position of Editor/Publisher of the Breeders Directory. I continue to publish the

Directory every two years, and have now published 5 issues since 2011.

In 2013, I launched the Online Shows on the website. Between 2013 and 2016, we held 9 shows, all judged by APA/ABA judges. The Judges' written critiques were the highlights of the shows, and these remain on the website today as great educational tools.

My first "official" capacity with the Club was when I was elected to serve as Vice-President for the 2015-2016 term.

In 2015, I wrote and sponsored the Annual Exhibitor Award program. It was passed unanimously by the BOD, and remains one of our most popular award programs today.

I was re-elected to serve as Vice-President for the 2017-2018 term.

In September of 2017, when Linda Tobia stepped down as President, I was appointed by the BOD to act as President for the remainder of her term thru December of 2018.

Since May of 2018, I have been Editor/Publisher of the Club Newsletter.

In the fall of 2018, I was elected to serve as President for the term of 2019-2020. It is the position I currently hold. As President, my responsibility is to maintain the mission of the Club, support our membership, and guide and coordinate the activities of the Club.

For the past three years, it has been an honor to lead the efforts of the Board of Directors as we:

- *Increased the fund allocations for our Junior programs and National and District Meet awards;
- *Worked with the APA & ABA Standards Committees to correct errors in the Cochin standards;
- *Worked with the APA Standards Committee to secure APA recognition for Buff Columbian and Lemon Blue Bantams; and
- *Implemented the State Representative Program.

Cochins International was formed to promote, encourage and foster the development of the Cochin breed. We have a very diverse membership – from backyard fanciers to Master Breeders & Exhibitors, and from the young to young-at-heart. But it is our passion for our Cochins that binds us, and our commitment to help one another succeed keeps us strong.

My commitment has been, and will always be, to the success of our Club and our Members, and cannot be questioned. I am asking for your continued support as I seek re-election as your President for the 2021-2022 term.

Thank you! Gail Carlson

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Jason Young

To the Members of Cochins International

Hi everyone! I am the standing Vice President for Cochins International. I have severed since 2019 through the present. I am officially putting my name back in the hat to run for the office I currently hold again for 2021-2022. The past year and 8 months for me on the BOD of CI have been fun, tough and sometimes challenging. I will tell you, there is a great group in office currently. We have directors that go out of their way to help you, the membership. I am truly honored to have severed with them. In 2021-2022, I plan to work with the Board and membership to have your voice heard more than ever. I want to work on some things such as job descriptions for the positions of office. Right now, some are unclear. I will try to help the club by rewording some of these positions to give someone a better idea of what they would be doing,

should they step up to help work in the club. I will assist our President in all ways if they need me. I am looking to add a member's only forum discussion page, whether it be on Facebook or another route. There are many options out there, and I plan to propose to the BOD, several choices and then on to you the members to decide. We need a place to actively ask those questions that only member voices should be heard. I will also work diligently with all other Officers and Directors to help plan and put on the very best CI meets possible, if a National, District or Regular meet. There is a lot that can be done, to make things better and this club to grow to be the best breed club. 2020 has been a crazy year and I am not sure what 2021 and even 2022 holds for all of us in the poultry world. I can only say, if I go back in office as your VP, I will work hard, to keep you, the members, heard above all else. We have a great club and I only want to do everything I can to help it be better and better. I am so glad to have worked alongside of Gail Carlson. She has taught me a lot and works tirelessly for this club. I hope to be able to help her ease her load if elected again. She has truly busted her tail for you all in the past. A special thanks to Gail Carlson and all the BOD for what I consider a successful term. I hope I am able to continue to work with this great group as a board member. Pandemic or not, we have all tried to keep Cochins and Cochins International a very important part of our lives. Good Luck to everyone in 2021 and reach out to me at any time. Thank you, Jason Young VP Cochins International

SECRETARY:

Darrell Garland

Hello, my name is Darrell Garland and I am 22 years old. I live in Western North Carolina, in small town friendly Rutherfordton. I grew up around poultry my whole entire life and I still want to continue to work for the fancy. I want to do and achieve a lot of things within the hobby. Running for the Secretary position for Cochins International is one place I'd like to start so I can work to give back to the poultry fancy.

My experience so far, I am the state representative for Cochins International and I stand by and represent North Carolina within the club. For the past few years, I've become very knowledgeable with filling out show reports, clerking and interacting with the different clubs that I have attended shows at and many different district directors and officers, both current and previous-ones. I always meet and greet new people getting into the breed with a smile and I'm always willing to help with anything they need, and helping anyone learn. I've now been breeding bantam cochins for around six years and slowly starting with large fowl. I breed bantam cochins in the colors of blue, black, and mottled and buff as well as a few other fun colors. Large Fowl, I'm working with blacks and blues. I attend almost all the shows in the South East making at least 2-3 new shows every year to meet other breeders. I'm willing to stand by new and current members not only at shows but for calls or emails and willing to work day and night to make sure that the club is always held to a high standard and one members are proud to be a part of. [SEP] As your Secretary, I would work hard on getting to know new and current members and reaching out to prospective new members who are interested. I will also work hard to include and encourage our younger generation members and junior exhibitors because they are our future of the hobby and showing. [SEP] My goal is to be the best Secretary I can be and to work as hard as possible to please everyone and to be sure their voices are heard.

I feel I can be an asset to the Executive Board and the entire Board of Directors by doing the duties with pride and hard work that are laid out by the By-laws and feel I can bring some new and fresh ideas to help keep this club we love moving forward in a positive direction.

Lastly, please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions you may have for me or my intentions to serve your club. A vote for Darrell Garland is a vote that will count when you want to come express your opinions and ideas. Thank you all for reading and your consideration of placing me as Secretary.

Thank You, Darrell Garland

TREASURER:

Jamie Matts

I am running again for treasurer of this club. I have been a member for over 30 years and continue to raise, show and sell a variety of cochin bantams and large fowl. I wish more people would volunteer to serve and help this club. The breed has given me so much over the years and serving and volunteering is a way I give back.

Thanks for your continued support. Jamie

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

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Northeast 1 District - CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT:

Lisa Podgwaite

Hi I am running again for District 1 Director. I have been showing and breeding white and black Cochins since 2009 and they are my love.

I hope to continue helping others with showing as well helping in any form.

I have had the opportunity to have some wonderful Breeders guide me along the way. A big thank you to them.

I live in Vermont and go to also all the New England shows as well as others long distance.

So I hope to continue.

Thank you, Lisa Podgwaite

Northeast 2 District - DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV:

Christopher Rob

Dear Northeast District 2 Members,

My name is Christopher Rob and have been the acting District Director since the resignation of Richard Barczewski the Fall of 2019. In the past I have been a member of the Cochin International Board as Secretary for the club. At the time of stepping up to be Secretary position I was a young kid who thought I could do anything. I was elected in for the position in the 2016 election. Half way during that term I had been adjusting to a new job as the senior staff at the age of 26. That was major undertaking at the time and I felt, as though I tried, that I was not able to commit myself to the club as someone in that position should. Which is why I had finished my term without seeking reelection. Since then we have settled in to that career and have gotten to spend more time than ever with my birds and have learned to balance work and life without being completely exhausted. At this time I enjoy being a member of your board and happy at all times to help with old an new members alike. I have been raising and showing Cochins for more than 10 years and the main breed that started my interest in the fancy. I will always remain a member of the club as it was my start in the show world. I have many friends and memories with members of this club and

in no way will that change with or without election. I will always enjoy the company of my fellow exhibitionists/breeders and enjoy learning more about their breeding efforts and struggles. So, at this time, I am announcing my running as District Director for Northeast 2 to continue pursuing a improved/better future for this club. Thank you for all your support and vote going into this year's election.

Christopher Rob, Northeast 2 District Director

North Central District - IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI:

Ross Treffert

Re-elect Ross Treffert for your North Central District Director. This year sucked! Meh. As many of you have had to chance to get to know me over the past 2 years as serving as your North Central District Director. I hope you all can see and know what is really important to me. If you do not....It's preservation of the breed and the presence of Cochins International at our shows. If re-elected I will not change a thing. Those two areas will never change for me. This year has really been a challenge for all board members of this club. Some more then others. But I promise you that I/we fought, kicked and screamed through all of it to fight for the show to go on. I look forward to the coming years and if re-elected I promise to make up 2020 in the best ways possible for the 2021 show season. As always Stay safe, stay healthy, and Cochins Rule!

Southwest District - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX:

Brent Warner

Hello Cochin International members!

My name is Brent Warner and I would like to show my intent to run for Southwest district director. I have first hand knowledge of this position since my mother, Bernita Miller, has been the district director for almost 20 years. When I am not busy working and running my construction business, I am outside watching and critiquing my cochins on how to improve them and make them comparable to the standard of perfection. I have been raising and breeding cochins for many years. I gained my knowledge and my love for cochins from my mentor and step-dad Kenny Miller. I have also assisted with clerking at sanctioned poultry shows. I will represent this district to the best of my abilities if I am elected to this position.

Thank you for your time, Brent Warner

Christie Ross

Hello fellow Cochins International Members,

My name is Christie Ross. I am writing to announce my intent to run for the Southwest District Director. I live in Northeast Oklahoma. My love of poultry came from my late father. He raised various types of poultry, waterfowl and peafowl. Of all of the birds my father raised his cochins were always my favorite. I have been an active member of CI for the past 5 years, raising and exhibiting bantam and large fowl cochins. I love working with youth and have helped many young people getting started in the hobby, including my grandchildren. I have attended many shows across the country and have met and made friends with many wonderful people in the hobby. Sharing our passion and knowledge with youth and newcomers is vital to maintaining the existence of our hobby. I will work hard to represent the Southwest District and ensure our district has an active voice in the board meetings. I would greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to working together with you all if elected.

Thank you, Christie Ross

West Central District - IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY:

Rick Klehr

I have been honored to be the director of the west central district. So enjoyed meeting all the cochin fans, both young. and old.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the members of this district as their director and look forward to this district hosting the Western National in 2021.

Thank you, Rick Klehr

Southeast District - AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN:

Ivy Young

Hello everyone It's election time!

I've served on the BOD the past 4 years. While I would love to say it's all been a cake walk. This term has been challenging to say the least. I have struggled the past few months on this decision. I was 2nd guessing myself on if I could help the SE or hurt them in 2021-2022. Due to Covid. But I'm not a quitter I'm not made like this. I/we have worked so hard to make this a awesome district. It's really came so far from when I've started. I promise everyone of you I will not stop. Things might be a little different for me in the way I handle things. But I will welcome the challenges of all this! Make this mess my message! If elected I will keep striving for the best! Keep voicing my members thoughts in every choice I make! I couldn't run this district without everyone of you helping me. It's been a honor pleasure and a few grey hairs. But if y'all are in I'm in!

Please make sure everyone of you vote! Thank you again to everyone for letting me serve as the SE District Director.

Ivy Young

Pacific District - AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA:

Bryant Helvey

My name is Bryant Helvey. I joined Cochins International as a youth member the year of the club's formation. I have been pleased to serve the club these past years and would like to continue to contribute as Pacific District director and meet our members around the country. Thank you for your support of our club!

Canada:

Roxanne Daley

Greetings Cochins International members! My name is Roxanne Daley. I am currently District Director for Canada and would like to Share my Letter of Candidacy for this position for the upcoming term.



I have enjoyed serving the Canadian Membership over the past two years. Although new to this position, it has been an enjoyable journey meeting people and learning more about the Club. It has been an expansion and opportunity to further my interest and enjoyment in the poultry hobby. I have been keeping poultry upwards of 16 years now and I've had Cochins since day one. They are a favorite breed! Along the way I have focused on breeding, exhibiting, mentoring and sharing my knowledge and experiences. Participating in my local poultry club as not only a member but advancing to the Secretary/ Treasurer, Vice

President, President and Past President positions. My interest in Poultry has also enabled me to be a founding member of the Ontario Poultry Judges Association. We formed this association to help certify new judges in Ontario, Canada. I also have successfully completed the program gaining my license to judge poultry licensed by the OPJA and as a female am quite proud of that accomplishment, using judging opportunities to further my education in the wonderful world of poultry!

Hosting the Western National last year at the OPB show in Ontario was some work but a lot of fun! Canada is a very large geographic District but folks came together from across the country and we saw American visitors as well. I was happy to be a part of the event and worked hard soliciting donations for prizes, encouraging entries, sharing knowledge and great conversations in addition to supporting the sales of Club Merchandise and promoting Cochins International during the show. It makes me happy to know my peers are enjoying themselves and their experiences within the Fancy and of Cochins International! I look forward to continue to serve the membership in Canada if they so wish to have me! I enjoy promoting not only the cochin community but all poultry breeds as poultry has been a piece of my life for many many years now. It is a wonderfully social community, a very welcoming community and a very helpful and supporting community and I am proud to be a part of that community!

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration! Roxanne

International:

John Burgess

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that it is my intent to run for the position of International Director of Cochins International during the Fall 2020 Election covering the next two (2) years (2021-22).

I enjoy conversing with and exchanging information regarding cochins with our International members and non-members overseas who also have an interest in cochins (large, bantam/pekin) of any color variety included in their respective flocks. My current flock includes bantams in black, white and birchen. My interest here is focused on data exchange thru informal discussion with International cochin/pekin enthusiasts. This is consistent with my working career before I retired as a civilian from the U.S. Army Night Vision and Electro-Optics Laboratory where my last assignment was as the International Program Manager.

Regards, John Burgess

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★ ★ CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW ★ ★

PROPOSED CHANGES

A “Yes” vote will enact text changes and/or additions as stated.

A “No” vote will not change the respective Articles.

If approved, changes shall take effect January 1, 2021.

Voted on by the General Membership.

Referendum #1: CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE VI. SHOWS

There will be two NATIONAL SHOWS a year, one Eastern and one Western. Show regions will be separated primarily by the Mississippi River and will allow for Eastern and Western Regions and Canada. An attempt will be made to place National Shows on a rotational basis by regions. For National Shows to be considered, they must guarantee at least 100 Cochins in the show. In the event of multiple requests for the National Show, it shall be awarded to the show offering the most specials and awards. The quality of the facility will also be considered. DISTRICT SHOWS and SPECIAL MEETS will be placed by the respective District Directors with District Shows placed on a rotational basis. All clubs that request a meet will be issued a Special Meet if not awarded a District or National Show.

Proposal: Change (above) highlighted text to:

National Meets are established to promote & advance exhibition of the Cochin breed and, as National Meets, should reflect the best interests of the entire Club membership. All aspects & criteria of bids received are given consideration, including, but not limited to: premiums offered, quality of venue & facilities, location, date of show, past show attendance & performance, and expected show attendance & performance.

Referendum #2: CONSTITUTION: ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Proposal: Add the following new text:

In the event of any natural or man-made disaster beyond the control of the Club, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to temporarily suspend and/or override any relevant portion of the Club Constitution and/or By-Laws, and shall act in good faith to exercise any necessary and/or corrective action that is in the best interest of the Breed, Club and Membership.

Referendum #3: BY-LAWS: ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Proposal: Add the following new text:

SECTION 5. Qualifications and Eligibility:

All Officers and District Directors must execute Duties as stated in By-Laws Article III; must be at least 18 years of age at commencement of term; AND

District Directors: Must have been a Cochins International member for at least one full year immediately prior to commencement of term.

Officers: Must have served as a District Director for at least one full 2-year term prior to commencement of term; OR must have been a Cochins International member for at least three (3) full years immediately prior to commencement of term.

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