

PBA Board Meeting Minutes - September 2011

Submitted by George DeGeer, PBA Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Deegan on 9/12/2011. Roll call was held and all members checked in. The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed and approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

President – Elaine Deegan

As of this date, we still have an opening for the Education Fund Chair. Please consider nominating a PBA member that might be interested in this position. I believe the best results come from a personal contact.

I wanted to thank each of you for your “virtual attendance” of this meeting. I appreciate all the work you do as individuals and as committee members throughout the year. I strive to hold a concise meeting, while allowing participants to offer their view points without criticism. This is our forum for progress. We are all volunteers on a cooperative mission!

I hear the Michigan Festival was a great success with more Pygora presence. This is very good news. Thank you to Allison Sluis for leading in this area. We are moving in the right direction. Thank you for your attention.

Vice President – Linda Garrett

Being the PBA VP has been a pleasure for me. I have enjoyed working with all of the committee chairs and learning about their ideas for the future. Representing the membership and serving with my fellow Board members has been a joy. My head is filled with so many thoughts and ideas. Nearly two years ago the Board appointed me to jump start the membership into contributing to the Newsletter. My task has been accomplished and our members are talking. I have decided to discontinue being the PBA Newsletter Liaison. Now my number one consideration is, "How can the Board stimulate more membership participation?" My idea is to poll some of our members and try and get their feedback for the future. I know that we have people that are just waiting in the wings to participate in the PBA.

Treasurer – Fran Bishop: Treasurers report was presented.

Secretary – George DeGeer

It will soon be time for board member nominations. We should be looking for a candidate in Region 2. We have plenty of members in that region now, and I think the PBA would be well served if we had full representation from that region. If you know a good candidate from Region 2 contact them now and recruit them to run.

I'd like to say thanks to everyone who organized the Michigan Fiber Festival. I believe that these shows have the greatest potential to promote Pygoras, and the PBA board members should help to encourage and support these efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations - Lisa Grzeskowiak

I hope everybody was able to read our article in the September/October 2011 Hobby Farms issue.

Judges Training – Jill Gallagher

At this time, the Judges Training Committee has sent out 2 judges training packets to 2 members. We will need to print up more booklets as we are now out. However this fall we will be making some changes to the training and to the show rules and therefore will wait until after that time to make a revised Training booklet. There are no new applications waiting for booklets. At OFFF next week in Oregon, I will meet with the core of my committee to discuss how the reworking of said above will be accomplish.

Show Secretary - Lisa Grzeskowiak

The Michigan Fiber Festival was a success. There were new faces and I believe the new location Allison chose for us was great. There seemed to be more pedestrian traffic, questions and inquiries about Pygoras. OFFF is coming up; rosettes are ready to send to Linda on the 12th. I have been working with Fran to get the revised forms. I will have these printed at my local print shop as soon as I am sure we have the final stamp of approval on all. As show season is winding down, I will soon take inventory of rosettes and verify what needs to be restocked for next year. I am still learning and the help I have received has been invaluable, thank you for your patience and willingness to share information.

Youth Committee - Janet Tilp

Ever since I have been on the PBA Youth Committee, I have received a few requests for how to show Pygora goats for 4-H groups in the West. Most of the information I can find is on dairy goats or meat goats and both of those show very differently. So I have decided to try to create a book for 4-H groups on this topic and maybe Fiber goats in general. There is very little information about fiber goats at all for 4-H groups. I may need help from other experts reviewing the draft. Linda suggested that the information could be added to the PBA website. My committee goal is to continue to provide information to 4-H groups in general and to write the book. A thought just occurred to me - do 4-H groups get the PBA newsletter at all or could they? I was just wondering if it could be used as a forum to spread information to 4-H groups for their use and share resources getting information they may need. I have not had a chance to see if Chris Utterback or

Lisa Roskopf still want to be on the committee. I just sent an e-mail to Candice Cunningham to see if she might want to be on the committee. Will let you know when I hear back from her.

NO REPORT/NOTHING TO REPORT: Breed Standard, By-Laws, Fiber, Educational Fund, Merchandise, Registrar Ad Hoc Committee for National Goat Expo - Allison Sluis /Deb Rock

The NGE is moving forward with great progress. More Associations are becoming involved with being sponsors, having booths, sponsoring sanctions and judges for the shows and more. Some of them include, MDGA, TMGR, NDGA, USBGA, AKGA, NPGA and a few more. AGS is sponsoring sanctions, MDGA is sponsoring sanctions and 2 judges, NDGA is sponsoring all sanctions and 2 judges, USBGA is having their national/regional shows at the NGE and sponsoring sanctions and 2 judges, TMGR is sponsoring sanctions and 1 judge, AKGA is a Bronze sponsor and having a booth and giving a presentation of the breed.

As for sponsors, we have AKGA, NDGA, TMGR, MDGA, and Rock Farms. We are working on grants through Universities and USDA. We are also searching and looking for sponsors from farms, businesses, equipment dealers, and so forth. We have the seminar schedule pretty well set, with 5 days full of educational seminars, discussion, demonstrations, and clinics. Each will have handouts for those attending. Educational Seminar Series A-F with varying numbers of seminars in each series. Demonstrations for spinning, shearing, lotion and soap making, as well as clinics for showmanship, breed standards and so forth. Sponsor packets, vendor packets, and such are posted on the website. We have made it so members can join and membership fees are also posted on the website under the membership forms. We are in need of sponsors and vendors and this is what we are working hard on getting now. Dr. Frank Pinkerton is on the BOD as well as Joe and Lora Pilotte.

I am working on getting spin off, and/or Hobby Farms to sponsor Natalie Redding to spin, and looking into another spinner of the traditional means.

Webmaster report - Maggie Leman

There is still a problem with the online Application for Registration form. I hope I can get Aaron to help me with that soon. Fran, Aaron and I have been going round and round with trying to determine what the exact snafu is. It is likely a JavaScript error somewhere.

Newsletter Report – Maggie Leman

Due to changes in the USPS rules we are having an issue with the rates for mailing the newsletters. Linda brought this to my attention. I am checking into it at my end and will be getting with Beck Graphics to see if we can lower the cost of mailing the newsletter out. There has also been an issue with the newsletter not staying folded shut during mailing. Beck Graphics is looking into that too.

NEW BUSINESS 9/20/2011

Motion 11-06: Education Fund Mission Statement

I, Linda Garrett, move to approve the Sept. 2011 revised Education Fund Committee Mission Statement to read as follows:

The Education Fund was put into place with the sole purpose of promoting and educating the “General Public” regarding the Pygora goat. PBA members in good standing may apply for these funds. The funds are to be used in ways that would benefit the PBA and address the goals mentioned. All grants need PBA Board approval.

Motion 2nd by George DeGeer

YES: George DeGeer, Elaine Deegan, Linda Garrett, Fran Bishop, Deb Rock, Deb Frost NO: none

Fiber Study Proposal - Terri Kistler submitted a fiber study proposal to the board that she and her team, Chris Utterback and Kari Schroeder, worked on together. After considerable discussion this was tabled until after the Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival.

The meeting was adjourned on 9/20/2011.

Meeting reconvened on 9/27/2011 by President Elaine Deegan. After continued discussion of the fiber proposal wording Elaine put forward the motion below:

Motion 11-07: PBA Fiber Study

The PBA will contribute a maximum of \$600.00 to the 2011/2012 Fiber Study. Each PBA member in good standing can send an unlimited number of samples and the PBA will pay one half the costs for the first six (6) at the rate of \$ 4.38 each. The fiber study has the intent of obtaining samples from each of the three regions, by *June 2012. The FS Committee will use our website, our newsletter, and other general public communications to announce the availability of PBA funds to support this study.

2nd by George Degeer

YES: George DeGeer, Elaine Deegan, Linda Garrett, Fran Bishop, Deb Frost ABSTAIN: Deb Rock

The meeting was adjourned 10/2/2011.