

PBA Board Meeting Minutes April 23, 2012

Meeting Called to Order April 23, 2012 - Elaine Deegan

Roll Call

Present: Elaine Deegan, Linda Garrett, Fran Bishop, George DeGeer, Deb Rock,

Absent until 4/30/2012: Deb Frost

Minutes from Jan 2012 meeting approved on 4/24/2012 by G. DeGeer, L. Garrett, F. Bishop, E. Deegan, D. Rock, approved on 4/30/12 by D. Frost.

Officer Reports:

President Message -Elaine Deegan 4/27/12

It has been a very productive year for the PBA. We have achieved so many things together, with devotion to serve the membership, and promote the Pygora goat.

I am content that all posts are filled, and with the progress that has been reported in this meeting. Committee reports were often lacking, and under Linda Garrett's direction as the VP, we have reports available to make decisions. We are better organized, and there is a lot of commitment from a large pool of people with pygora passion.

I have decided to step aside as the President of the PBA. With the help of the BOD, and Fran especially (with procedural guidance) I have tried to lead in a respectful and cooperative way. We have had our disagreements and lively debates; yet we continue to make great progress for our breed. I am especially proud of our website and our Newsletter, as well as our Fiber Study. It is for personal reasons that I must step aside from this post. My life has gotten too busy with responsibilities and unpredictable upheavals. Although this too shall pass, life is currently too complicated to devote the time this post requires and the membership deserves. I will remain on my post on the BOD, Region 3, along with Fran, and will strive to offer positive and enthusiastic participation in the PBA meetings.

Thank you all for making the PBA a stronger organization.

Vice President-Linda Garrett 4/25/12

Recently I conducted a survey with twelve of our PBA members and here are some of their thoughts. Survey question: "How can the PBA Board better serve you, the membership?" I hope that the board and committees will help implement these requests and ideas.

From Janice Parker:

1. I would like more information on fiber in our newsletter.
2. List of who processes Pygora fiber.
3. List of the normal price for finished fiber per ounce.
4. Information on the normal weights of adult Pygoras.
5. Information on supplements. How you get goats to eat them.

From Nancy Fanning:

I really don't know what or how the board can help with the lack of events and attention the pygora gets here in the east. Some of us can't get to the west coast for shows due to finances or lack of helping hands. I try to attend as many of the Angora goat and sheep events in the area that I can, but often it is just a social gathering for me because they can't help me much and I can't help them much. One thing that would be great is if there is someone out there that can help me with advice on shearing equipment and training. I have a nice (brand new - never used) shearer but the wrong blades. Anyway, I think they are the wrong blades. They are very large and

heavy. I think too big for Pygoras. I haven't found a shearer in the area that will do goats. I thought about signing up for a training class offered on a farm in Maryland - but it is for sheep.

From Mary B. Donaty:

Is the PBA linked in any way to any goat medical research that can be passed on or at least appear on the PBA website?

VP Report Approved: (4/25) Bishop, Rock, Deegan, (4/26) DeGeer, (4/30) Frost

Treasurer Report - Fran Bishop 4/25/12

Approved: (4/25) Garrett, Deegan, Rock, DeGeer, (4/30) Frost

Secretary-George DeGeer

Committee Reports - April 26, 2012 (Garrett submitted)

Editor Report - Maggie Leman

The printer, Beck Printers, has made a change to the paper to make mailing the newsletter easier. It makes the self mailer newsletter conform better to current postal regulations. As another cost saving measure, Fran cut the number of newsletters that are sent to the central office.

Webmaster Report - Maggie Leman

Nothing new to report. Fran requested revisions to some forms. I will provide them this week (4/23-27).

Committee Fiber Study - Terri Kistler

Currently, we have 61 fiber samples with 18 extra samples (those entered by folks who had more than 6 samples) for the fiber study. The deadline for accepting fiber samples for the study is May 1st and I am hoping to get quite a few more. As soon as I have all the samples, I will send off the box to Yocom-McColl and contact Fran to send the check for the PBA's half of the fees.

Merchandise Committee - Report by Allison Sluis (Chair. Renda Jones)

Pygora merchandise committee ideas:

1. Offering embroidered items, I have used ThreadLogic in the past with good success. We would just need the logo digitized and pay a setup fee.
2. Offering books like the NPGA has for conformation, showing and an owner's manual, might need to team up with the education committee for this
3. Offering signage for stalls, or farms, similar to the one presented at the board meeting, but I was thinking more like an 11x17 aluminum sign that gives a brief overview of Pygoras.
4. Pre-printed promotional fliers, there is a Pygora FAQ that is free for people to print their own which we could offer in bunches of 25 (if people don't want to use their own ink and have to fold them) and/or have a new color flier with fiber pictures. I have used UPrinting in the past.
5. Playing cards with either the PBA logo or Pygora pictures.

Public Relations - Chair. Lisa Grzekowiak (K. Schroeder, L. Kelly, J. Gallagher)

Nothing new to report, although, I would like to add, if there is an expressed interest in this position, I would be willing to pass it on. This is not to say that I do not want to do it or cannot do it but maybe if there is somebody who runs for a board seat who does not get it would still like to be a part; this may be an opportunity to do so.

Show Secretary - Lisa Grzeskowiak

I will be formatting all show results information that I have – 2 large binders – and will pass them on to be put on the website under show results. I have made a count of ribbons and will be placing an order soon for the necessary quantities. I would like to know how payment is to be processed – reimbursement to me by the PBA or is there a different way I need to handle this? I will be going to the printers as soon as the Report of Awards for is finalized to have them printed. With these two items we should be ready for show season.

Youth Committee - Chair. Janet Tilp (Candice (Cunningham) Miller) Working with Candice on a youth book.

Fiber Committee - Chair. Darlene Chambers (P. Tigner) Nothing new to report.

All Reports Approved: (4/26) Bishop, Garrett, Rock, Deegan, DeGeer, (4/30) Frost

NEW BUSINESS

BOD Closed session: Going with the majority, we made a decision that Wendy Hallman and Deb Rock will be on the BOD for the PBA. Both are good candidates that we can offer with confidence to the membership.

Let the record show that the BOD approved the President's appointment of the new Directors.

Approve - Deegan, Bishop, Garrett, Rock, Abstain-DeGeer Absent - Frost

Re-Open meeting:

PBA Banner report - Linda Garrett

Motion 12-4 Banner Purchase

I, Fran Bishop, make a motion to buy the display banners for a cost of \$75 plus postage to the Public Relations Chair from Chris Utterback which are duplicates of the informational display created by Chris Utterback. Chris has donated to PBA all rights to use, display and promote the Pygora with these banners. The Public Relations Chair shall be in charge of the banners. The Chair will request a \$40 deposit. The cost of mailing to and from the location is at the requesting member's expense. The deposit is refundable when the banners are returned in good condition and within two weeks after the event requesting the use.

Second: DeGeer

Yes: Rock, DeGeer, Bishop, Garrett, Deegan Absent: Frost

5/5/12 Motion 12-4 Approved with the majority of the votes

*Linda will contact Lisa Grzeskowiak to let her know about this change in her responsibilities

Membership Drive

Motion 12-5 Ad Hoc Membership Drive committee chair Garrett (Rock & Sluis)

I, Fran Bishop, move to create an ad hoc committee to research and develop ways to increase membership and interest in the Pygora Goat. Linda Garrett has volunteered to chair this committee.

Second: Deegan

Yes: Deegan, Garrett, Rock, Bishop

Absent: Frost

5/5/12 Motion 12-5 Approved with the majority of the votes

Linda Garrett moved to adjourn, second by Fran Bishop. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned on May 5, 2012

Next Board Meeting 6/4/12