

The PBA Board of Directors meeting January 9-21, 2012

All members reported present and approved the last meeting minutes.

Officer Reports:

President - Elaine Deegan

The fiber study is underway, and it seems off to a slow start. I have the paperwork and will have it completed when I shear in the spring. I hope that others are doing the same, and we can focus attention on this mission.

We need to recruit someone from Region 2.

Linda recruited a Chair for the EF Committee. She is doing a wonderful job of connecting with each committee chair. Her actions are a powerful shot in the arm for the PBA, and help keep the organization accountable.

I would love to see our committees reenergized. Our VP's direct involvement may stimulate goal development. Requesting action plans may keep us moving forward. Time frames need to be flexible, due to the voluntary nature of our service. However, I continually emphasize that our volunteerism is a real responsibility. If holding a post, we expect a commitment. I will ask each committee to have contact with each other, and often as life makes it possible.

Vice President - Linda Garrett

With each New Year comes a new challenge. I am reaching out to the membership for thoughts and suggestions. It is my job to make myself available to the membership. I have begun a survey asking for helpful ideas. I have gotten positive feedback. At the completion of this project I hope to have some valuable information to share with the board. I would like to thank the committee chairs and the committee members for their hard work and commitment. All committee chairs are in attendance to answer questions if needed.

Treasurer - Fran Bishop

Report Attached

Secretary - George DeGeer

I have received 1 nomination for the PBS board. This person is from Region 2. I will not be running for the board as I have served 2 terms and it is time for some new blood. I am on vacation this week so I am not sure if I've received any more applications. Since I knew I was not going to apply I actively recruited a member from region 2. If both of the other sitting members will serve another term, we would have 2 board members from each region.

Committee Reports:

Nothing new to report from the Public Relations, Breed Standard, Fiber, Judge's Training, Merchandise, Registrar, or Youth committees.

Educational Fund

Ed. Fund Report/Vote & Board Approval Request - Linda Garrett (Committee Member)

The following is a brief explanation regarding the 2011 Education Fund application request submitted by Candice Cunningham and George DeGeer. After the E.F.C. vote was taken the committee was given the total money spent by Candice and George as follows: Candice \$148.71 and George \$126.00. If approved by the PBA Board Candice and George will submit their receipts to Fran Bishop for reimbursement.

Education Fund Committee vote taken January 8, 2012:

"We the Education Committee vote to approve the 2011 application submitted by Candice Cunningham in the amount NOT to exceed \$300.00. This grant is to be used for the shipping cost for the PBA Banner and Education Display."

Approved: Carrie McLachlan, Louellen Kelly, Linda Garrett No response: Liz Eaton

Fiber Study - Terri Kistler

Everything is in place for the study. The forms to be filled out are on the PBA website. I've received one set of samples already, and will be reminding everyone to save their samples when they shear and send them to me.

Ad Hoc Committee for National Goat Expo – Deb Rock

Allison and I have been trying to get sponsors for Natalie Redding to spin at N.G.E, but no go. I am trying with the Angora people to get a local spinner and split the cost. I guess there will not be a Pygora show.

Webmaster Report - Maggie Leman

My contract is up for renewal on 4/1/2012. The online registration is now working correctly. The breeder's and member's list are now working properly. Do we still need to get the number of goats owned on the breeder's list? At this time the breeder's list does not include the number of goats kept by each breeder. If this needs to be added I will need to get Aaron to do this as I do not have access to the database and would not be able to insert the correct code. I need more submissions for the Goat of the Month.

PBA Newsletter: Maggie Leman

I have edited 8 issues of the Pygora Pypeline since being appointed the PBA newsletter editor in early 2010. Beck Graphics continues as our printer. With the last issue a change of paper was made, making mailing easier and less expensive. Also the count has gone down to 180 copies, 160 mailed to members and the remaining going to the PBA office. This also lowered cost. The next issue will be the one with the election ballot. I need all information for that no later than February 1 so that I can be sure the newsletter is in the hands of the members no later than March 1. I will give a heads up to our printer regarding special mailing and ballot insertions. Nine members get the newsletter by email.

New Business:

Educational Fund Committee Chair Nomination

Linda Garrett nominated Carrie McLachlan to chair the Education Fund Committee.

This is a copy of her Education Fund committee report volunteering for the position.

Education Fund Committee Report: By Carrie McLachlan (Committee Member)

We helped fund the Pygora/PBA display at the New York Sheep and Wool Festival. I am not sure we have a Chair but I would be happy to serve in that role. I am starting a new position at work in January but in my time off in January prior to starting the position, I could try to get us on the same page with a goal. I would be happy to see this fund being used more; we had quite a good discussion going at one time. I think any education we can do is a benefit to all. I could write some short pieces for the newsletter to promote the fund a little more, e.g. showcase a 4-H Pygora project to let folks know the fund can help with that sort of publicity as well.

Approved: Deegan, DeGeer, Rock, Bishop, Garrett

Motion 12-1: I, Linda Garrett, move that the PBA Board approve the Education Fund Committee's grant in the amount of \$274.71. The distribution of the funds to be: Candice Cunningham \$148.71 and George DeGeer \$126.00. This payment will only be made once the PBA treasurer receives the appropriate receipts.

Second by Bishop Approved: Deegan, DeGeer, Garrett. Rock, Bishop Motion passed

Motion 12-2: I, Elaine Deegan, move that the PBA provide a helpful links page on the PBA website, to include the current Yahoo Pygora list. This page will help the general public to have access to a variety of Pygora related internet links, and will be managed by the webmaster.

2nd by Garrett Approved: Deegan, DeGeer, Garrett. Rock, Bishop, Frost Motion Passed

Motion 12-3: I, Elaine Deegan move that the PBA renew Maggie Leman's contract to serve as the PBA webmaster, to be reviewed annually in April of each year.

2nd by Fran Bishop Approved: Deegan, Degeer, Frost, Rock, Garrett Motion passed

President comment: There was some discussion about putting together another set of Pygora posters that could be shipped to the shows in the east and midwest less expensively than shipping the current Pygora display. Linda was asked to work with her committee to put together a proposal that could be brought to the board.

Meeting adjourned on January 21, 2012.