

January 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

President Ruth Hawkins opened the meeting on Jan 12, 2016 and all directors reported as present.

Minutes from the October 2015 meeting of the board were posted and approved:

Yes: Fran Bishop, Nan Nichols, Chris Utterback, Deb Rock, Ruth Hawkins Abstain: Erica Brown

All committee reports below were submitted by Chris Utterback, posted and approved:

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Committee Reports

4H Committee –Janet Tilp

I submitted a 4-H Fiber Goat Advancement in July 2015 to the Board. It was created by two of my senior members in my club about 5 years ago. I have been steadily trying to pass it around to the various counties in Oregon that I know have fiber goat projects. My kids have been using it for the past 2-3 years. I also had Lisa Roskopf and Lisa Zietz look at it as well. The only thing I have left to do is get the state to approve it. They have it, just have not had the time to look at it and approve it.

Apparently, it was decided that it was too broad and they wanted it to only be Pygora. So I am not sure what has happened to it since.

Chris Utterback created a Showmanship booklet for 4-H. But I have not seen where 4-H youth can access it and get one.

I had also created a list of resources for youth to get for further information about Pygoras and again I have not seen where they can access this.

Merchandise Committee – Renda Jones

The committee had a 2016 calendar sale. We were able to bring \$225 to the PBA.

The committee is looking for volunteers that can bring new PBA product ideas to the group so that we can continue bringing a variety of items to the membership. These items not only provide monies to our organization but also is a great advertising tool for our goats.

Education Fund Committee - Carrie McLachlan, Kim Depp

Nothing to report. Carrie is going to put something in newsletter.

Breed Standard – Fran Bishop, Chris Utterback

This year has been a busy one for the Breed Standard Committee.

Just for background, the Breed Standard Committee is called into 'session' whenever the registrar has a question about the registration of an animal. (Registration is not automatic for

any purebred Pygora. The goat must produce fiber and must meet the color standards in our breed standards. These state that Color marking faults are white socks from the hoof past the knee and specific markings or color patterns other than those found on a Pygmy goat. Bottom line, all our colors and patterns are based on the Pygmy goat. If it isn't acceptable to the Pygmy goat, it isn't acceptable to PBA.)

There were 2 goats that were reviewed by the committee because they appeared to be tri-colored. With new pictures, one goat was approved. The second goat was denied registration. It is a purebred Pygora but it does not meet the breed standards for acceptable colors.

Judge's Training – Chris Utterback, interim chair

Some good news and some bad news. We did get a new judge this past year. Lisa Grzeskowiak passed her tests this summer and jumped right in by judging a show.

Unfortunately, she has yet to complete the report of awards that makes the show official and allows PBA to record the championships earned. Many attempts have been made by the committee to reach her and promises to complete them were given but not kept. On January 2nd an email was sent to her requesting the report to be completed by January 11th or we would be forced to remove her from the list of accredited judges. As of this writing, we have received no reply.

On a happier note, we do have another person who has completed their test and the committee will be reviewing her answers in the next month.

Registrar – Fran Bishop

I have nothing other than what is put in the newsletter and the new agenda items that we will be discussing after the reports.

Fiber Committee - Terri Mattison; nothing reported

Fran Bishop submitted a Treasure's report, which was posted and approved:

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Old Business

Discussion on forming a new Education Committee was abandoned at the October meeting but brought back up for discussion. After debating PBA needs, available volunteer staff, and current committee and volunteer activities, it was decided to appoint a co-chair to the existing Public Relations (PR) Committee to advance development of more education resources for the PBA. Ruth appointed Terri Kistler as co-chair to PR committee with board approval. The existing PR budget was discussed and clarified; as of Apr 1, 2015 motion 07-10 passed unanimously for a PR Committee budget of \$1200/yr; this was deemed adequate for the current needs of the committee to move forward.

At the October meeting Fran announced that PBA member Candice Miller put together a Pygora display for the DC Sheep & Wool Growers show in Rhinebeck NY, and got funding from them for the display as well as a \$100 donation to the PBA. Terri Kistler suggested the

PBA Secretary send thank you notes to Candice and the DC Sheep & Wool Growers group. These were sent November 10th by Nan Nichols.

New Business

Discussion of a color chart specifically developed for Pygoras was tabled at the October meeting for further review by Fran Bishop and Maggie Leman. Fran clarified the purpose of the chart, "Just to be clear, this chart has nothing to do with what is or isn't acceptable, it has to do with what to call the colors that are. I have been trying to obtain adequate photos when people submit their registrations. ... I'm thinking it will be best to request specific photos for this color chart purpose." Fran also said that the NPGA had considered adding another color to their list of acceptable color for the NPGA registry, but had decided against it. The board debated linking our color standard to the NPGA on a permanent basis vs. linking it the NPGA color standard as of the initial founding of the Pygora breed vs. developing our own independent PBA standard color chart.

Motion 16-1

I make a motion that we create an ad hoc committee to do research on the color changes in NPGA standards. That committee will bring its findings and suggestions back to the BOD next meeting. These findings and suggestions will then be reviewed by the board. This committee will also gather and create a color chart, once the findings are reviewed.

Maker – R Hawkins Second – E Brown

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A proposal was brought by Nan for registering the term "Pygora" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This was brought discussed briefly, and concerns included the effect this might have on the existing "use" trademark, the cost to file and the way in which it might have to be defended. Ruth has an attorney friend who she will seek professional advice from. Fran suggested looking into other ways to protect the term, and Nan will follow up.

Announcements

At the end of the meeting Chris Utterback announced that she has finished a "Pygora Project Book", and will donate it to PBA as she did with the Showmanship Manual. She will get it to Maggie, who will get an estimate for printing and get it listed on the PBA website when the cost of printing is known. She would like it to be offered to youth and 4-H groups at a reduced fee, and for all proceeds to go to the youth committee for projects.

Ruth announced that Erica Brown will join Renda Jones and her on the Merchandise Committee.

The next meeting will be April 4, 2016. The board meeting was adjourned on Jan 24, 2016.