

Pygora Breeders Association October 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

President Ruth Hawkins opened the regular quarterly meeting on October 8, 2018, via Yahoo Group email. All directors reported as present: Fran Bishop, Chris Utterback, Ruth Hawkins, Nan Nichols, Erica Brown, Debbie Eubanks. Other PBA members present as guests were Kari Schroeder, Christine Nauman, Korina Groff, Colleen McGee, Mandi Sadowski, Julie Case

Minutes from the April meeting of the board were posted by Nan Nichols and approved:

Fran – approve, 8 Oct 2018
Nan – approve, 8 Oct 2018
Chris – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Deb – approve, 8 Oct 2018
Ruth - approve, 9 Oct 2018
Erica – approve, 8 Oct 2018

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

Fran – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Nan – approve, 10 Oct 2018
Chris – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Deb – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Ruth - approve, 10 Oct 2018
Erica – approve, 10 Oct 2018

All committee reports below were submitted by Debbie Eubanks, posted and approved:

Fran – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Nan – approve, 10 Oct 2018
Chris – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Deb – approve, 9 Oct 2018
Ruth - approve, 10 Oct 2018
Erica – approve, 10 Oct 2018

PBA Committee Reports, October 2018

Breed Standard Committee:

Chair: Fran Bishop; **Members:** Chris Utterback, Jill Gallagher, Lisa Zietz, Terri Kistler

No Report for this month

Judges Training Committee:

Chair: Fran Bishop; **Members:** Chris Utterback, Jill Gallagher, Lisa Zietz, Terri Kistler

This OFFF there were several people who expressed an interested in getting the Judge's manual. We may need some funds to purchase more fleece for the samples we give to the applicants.

Show Rules Committee:

Chair: Chris Utterback **Members:** Jill Gallagher, Lisa Zietz, Terri Kistler, Erica Brown

The show rules committee has finished the fleece judging manual and will present it during the meeting. A HUGE thanks goes out to Terri for all her work. She really deserves a public thank you!

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For the Show Rules committee, I haven't received any communication from the last board meeting, so I haven't seen the updated JT Fiber Manual. Erica

Fiber Committee:

Temporary Chair-Ruth Hawkins

Mandi Sadowski has stepped forward and will become the new Fiber Committee chair, as soon as the position is approved by the BOD. Thank you Mandi for being willing to take on the committee!

Education Fund Committee:

Temporary Chair-Ruth Hawkins

Found under Educational fund on PBA website: A determined amount of money will be available each year for one or more grants, totaling no more than \$600.

Julie Case, Patricia Young, and Christine Naueman have volunteered to be on the Education Fund Committee. With board approval, Julie & Patricia will co chair the committee.

Youth Committee:

Chair: Janet Tilp; Members: Karen Price, Christine Nauman

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Public Relations Committee:

Chair: Collen McGee; Members: Jill Gallagher, Steve Young, Kari Schroeder, April Bowling

From January 2016 Minutes:

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.

Ads with Ogden publication (Mother Earth News, Grit and Capper's Farmer) will be ordered today - the bill will come to the PBA address. The tote bag vendor I had originally lined up for the Tote Your Goat bags is no longer available. I'm looking for another and will keep the order within the \$250 budget the board allowed for a first run. I will pay for that \$250 out of pocket and turn in the receipt when I locate a new vendor. Any profit made will resupply if demand is good. I will try to get at least a few samples to have to show at the Mother Earth News Fair. We can't sell them there but we can show off.

I am working on starting a new 4-H group here in central Kansas and am talking to the folks at the state level for Nebraska. We may have an opportunity to show these wonderful creatures at a future Nebraska state 4H convention. I am working on a list of State conference 4H POCs and will share what I put together and am happy to get any input from members. Is there a way to send info to all requesting those POCs so that I only have to find the ones we don't - as a body - have info for?

Ruth also came up with another drawing idea for a T-shirt using the pocketed goat. My local high school has a print shop and I will see about getting a couple of samples of each (T-shirt and bags) printed as a sample.

We had a good - small show (our two) - the first fiber goats allowed in many decades - at the Central Kansas Free Fair. The goal is to grow that with a new 4H program and eventually make is another sanctioned PBA show in the center of the country. I will begin working on the Kansas State Fair for fiber goat entries as soon as this Fair wraps up. Once we get Nebraska 4H on board I will work on that state fair also. I'm working my way out from my location and reaching out to create a demand for the Pygora among hobby farmers and 4Hers.

I have made contact with the Veterinary Science department at K- State to provide interactive opportunities for their vet students (this was very recent so that is still a work in progress.)

I have also reached out to the fiber arts/textiles section of K-State and will see how that works out - if it does. They are working with the USDA right now on a domestic study of the fiber industry in the U.S. I will make sure the Pygora breed has a spot in that conversation somehow. Once I see what interaction there can be outside of that study with the textiles school, I will work on reaching out to every fiber and textile school I can find to send samples of fiber and information about the breed. Again - attempting to create demand - this time for fiber and directing traffic to the breeder's association member website.

Attached is the tote bag design. Ruth drew the pocketed goat and I put the lettering. If there needs to be a change - let me know. I will hold until the meeting closes except the few samples I'll have printed at my expense for the Mother Earth News Fair as "prototypes".

That's all I have at the moment. There is a worldwide livestock show in Kansas City that I am also talking with organizers on presenting an educational program. However - it is during the day and business hours so when I see what form that can take - I will solicit for helpers on that if the opportunity is viable.

I did find another vendor of comparable price. So - all is ready and the bags can be completed within 10 days of ordering.

Merchandise Committee:

Co Chairs: Ruth Hawkins, Erica Brown

This committee is looking for a few members that are willing to help with ideas and create new PBA merchandise. Merchandise is a fun way to promote the breed, but we need help with getting new items available for members to use.

For the merchandise committee, I will begin working on 2019 calendars soon. I will order them and have them shipped to Ruth so she can add them to the store and ship from one location. I will order 24 to begin with and see how many we sell. Hoping to have them done by Thanksgiving, for members to Christmas shop. Erica

Show Secretary:

Erica Brown

The position of show secretary is needing to be filled. I will be ordering ribbons for the High Point winner program. I have receipts for the year to turn into the PBA office for reimbursement. There is one more Sanctioned show for 2018, SAFF, wishing them all good luck.

Ramblings from the Registrar

Spring was rather slow but the RUSH requests are making up for it.

Appears there are some super wonderful babies out there this year and lots of new owners. That's great! So glad many folks are discovering how wonderful Pygoras are.

Just want to remind everyone that if you request a signature it holds up your mail. I really have a very safe delivery of USPS, UPS and FEDEX. I know I should never say never but have never in 41 years (phew didn't realize it's been that long) had anything stolen from my mailbox nor delivery at my door. Perhaps my dogs have scared them off but none of my

neighbors have had problems either. If you just want tracking simple priority mail will give that to you much cheaper. However, if the signature is important to you I just want to tell you sometimes I'm not here and it takes a couple days longer for me to sign, put in mailbox, and have them pick that up and delivery on the following day. Enjoy the rest of summer and fall.

Webmaster:

Maggie Lehman

Website seems to be running smoothly. A more effective spam filter was added to the Register Online page. Show results updated through the July Washington County shows. High Point award posted. Minutes updated through April 2018. Always need GOTM pictures. Tag me on the PBA FB page if you see a cute one.

Relying on the meeting minutes is not timely for updates to the website. I somewhat monitor the meetings for what I need to know/do as the webmaster. But I would really appreciate a list of these from the VP after the meeting is adjourned (as per the VP job description #7). This would include any committee member changes, announcements to the membership, and a heads up for items such as the recent High Point Awards, Bylaws changes, Rules changes, changes to forms, etc. that will be added to the website as they are submitted by those responsible. The current VP is great about reminding me to change the GOTM!

Still looking for a current webmaster contract. Webmaster job description needs updating.

Newsletter Editor:

Maggie Lehman

From July 2003 Minutes

I, Jill Gallagher, make a motion to increase the newsletter budget to \$1800 per year. This will become effective immediately, 1/16/2006

The newsletter is running smoothly. I am always looking for fun pictures of good quality for the Happenings page. Always looking for articles too. Anyone doing an informational booth, 4-H project, a craft using Pygora fiber, building a better hay feeder, etc is encouraged to submit to the newsletter. it does not have to be more than a paragraph or two, pictures with captions are great!

Still looking for a current editor contract. Editor job description needs updating.

Maggie Leman

Old Business

New Meeting Format – Tabled for next meeting. Nan & Steve Young will get back with us on their findings. Time was short with show responsibilities.

Fleece Judging Manual – Revised manual

New Business

- Approval of Committee chairs: Mandi Sadowski – Fiber Committee, Julie Case & Patricia Young - Education Fund
- Grand Champion Buck wins – Proposal by Erica Brown – attached
- Show Chair Promotional Packets – Proposal by Erica Brown – attached
- Fleece Amounts for Shows – Proposal by Nan Nichols – attached (Covered in FJManual?)
- Show Sanction Fees “Roll Back” – Proposal by Nan Nichols – attached

- Judges Code of Ethics – Proposal by Ruth Hawkins (include JCoFE on PBA website under Judges)
- Judges Travel Expense – Proposal by Erica Brown – attached

Motion 18-7 – Amending the Requirements for Permanent Grand Champion - Buck

Maker – Nan Nichols

Second – Ruth Hawkins

I move to amend the PBA Show Rules, section H.2., replacing the highlighted sections with the information shown in brackets as follows:

H. Requirements for Permanent Grand Champion

2. Buck

- Have received 4 [3] Grand Champion wins at PBA sanctioned shows.
- Two of the Grand Champion wins must be “in fleece”.
- Three [Two] of the Grand Champion wins must have been in the Senior Division. One may be received in the Junior Division.
- Must receive 4 [3] Grand Champion wins under at least 2 different PBA licensed judges.
- A Buck must have sired one or more healthy, normal kids by 2 different does. Proof of ability to sire shall be the existence of PBA registered offspring. Verification will be made by the PBA registrar.

Ruth – yes, 12 Oct 2018
 Debbie - abstain
 Fran – no, 12 Oct 2018
 Chris - no, 12 Oct 2018
 Nan – yes, 12 Oct 2018
 Erica – yes, 12 Oct 2018

Motion 18-8 - Proposal to Offer “Show Box” Material to PBA Show Chairs

Maker - Nan Nichols

Second - Debbie Eubank

I move that the PBA authorizes the Show Secretary to offer each Show Chair who applies for PBA show sanctions a promotional packet, beginning with the 2019 show season. As needed, the packet could include up to 150 brochure copies, a show banner and a trifold poster, to be provided by the PBA and shipped to each Show. The funds to cover this will be capped at \$500/year, with this being the amount estimated to cover ALL materials offered for 4 shows. The promotional items may be kept in the region if intended to be used at another show, but should be returned if not needed.

Ruth – approve 15 Oct 2018
Debbie - approve 15 Oct 2018
Fran – approve 16 Oct 2018
Chris - approve 16 Oct 2018
Nan – approve 16 Oct 2018
Erica – approve 15 Oct 2018

Motion 18-9 - Proposal to Roll Back Show Sanction Fees

Maker – Erica Brown Second - Debbie Eubanks

I move that the fee for Doe, Buck, Wether and Fleece show sanctions be reduced to \$4.00 each beginning January 2019.

Ruth – approve 17 Oct 2018
Debbie - approve 17 Oct 2018
Fran – abstain
Chris - approve 17 Oct 2018
Nan – approve 17 Oct 2018
Erica – approve 17 Oct 2018

Motion 18-10 - Proposal to Rescind the Show Rules Committee

Maker – Debbie Eubanks Second – Erica Brown

I move to rescind the Show Rules Committee.

Ruth – approve 25 Oct 2018
Debbie - approve 25 Oct 2018
Fran – approve 25 Oct 2018
Chris -
Nan – approve 25 Oct 2018
Erica – approve 25 Oct 2018

The board meeting was adjourned on October 25, 2018. The next meeting will be January 15, 2019.