

Pygora Breeders Association July 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

President Ruth Hawkins opened the regular quarterly meeting on July 9, 2019, via Facebook Workplace. All directors reported as present: Fran Bishop, Chris Utterback, Ruth Hawkins, Nan Nichols, Christine Nauman, Collen McGee. Other PBA members present as guests were Maggie Leman, Erica Brown, Debbie Eubanks, Amanda Sadowski, Kari Schroeder, Korina Groff, Terri Kistler.

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

Fran – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Nan – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Chris – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Collen – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Ruth - approve, 19 Jul 2019
Christine – approve, 19 Jul 2019

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

Fran – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Nan – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Chris – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Collen – approve, 19 Jul 2019
Ruth - approve, 19 Jul 2019
Christine – approve, 19 Jul 2019

All committee reports below were submitted by Collen McGee, posted and approved:

Fran –
Nan – approve, 10 Jul 2019
Chris – approve, 10 Jul 2019
Collen – approve, 10 Jul 2019
Ruth - approve, 10 Jul 2019
Christine – approve, 10 Jul 2019

July 2019 PBA Committee Reports

Webmaster: Maggie Leman

The PBA site has had an SSL certificate installed. This makes the site secure for those making payments and filing forms from the site. Visitors will no longer get a "site not secure" warning. Cost was \$209.99 for 2 years. Need to address the registrar's ability to access and edit databases. There are free programs available depending on ability. Or the admin page of the herdbook can be revised to include what is needed. This would require technical support. Revising the herdbook admin pages makes it available to any future registrars. Getting free software is cheaper but may mean a steeper learning curve.

Editor: Maggie Leman

I am looking into another less expensive printer for our newsletter. Waiting for a quote. Hope to have this by the time the next newsletter needs to be printed.

Thanks, Maggie Leman

Merchandise Committee: Ruth Hawkins, Erica Brown, co-chairs

The merchandise committee donated the last three PBA t-shirts to the MFF fleece show. These were shirts that the printer donated at the time of printing, as "extras".

A few purchases of the PBA book bundles were purchased and shipped via the EStore.

PBA Breed Standard Committee: Erica Brown

The Breed Standard Committee would like to announce that Lisa Roskopf has joined the committee.

July 2019 Registrar Report: Erica Brown

Good day. Since being appointed to the position of Registrar on May 1, 2019, with the help of Korina Groff, Nan Nichols and myself, all the forms have been updated with the new address that are PDF files and Maggie Leman uploaded them to the website. I also went through the website and alerted Maggie to address and contact information changes that needed to be made.

I have met with Lisa Roskopf, on a regular basis, to type every fiber sample that has been sent in for permanent registrations.

2019 Pre-Registrations as of July 1, 2019: 24 Bucks, 34 Wethers and 67 Does.

Our Pre-Registration numbers are less than they have been in years past. This may be due to registration fee price increase., meaning less Pygora goats are being registered and may be a issue the Board would like to revisit.

The Registrar has received the Show Sanction paperwork and fees for the Washington County Fair and Southern Animal Fiber Festival. The checks have been deposited and the Sanction Paperwork mailed to the Show Secretary, Nan Nichols.

I am submitting the Permanent Registration Form to the Board for their approval as I made some changes.

Thank you to the anonymous donor who donated legal sized and certificate sized envelopes to the PBA to use for our correspondence with members.

I would also like to report that quite a few of the 2019 Pre-Registrations are being transferred to non-members, so I am including in each mailing to a non-member, our PBA membership form.

Judges Training Committee: Lisa Roskopf, chair

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Fiber Committee: Mandi Sadowski, chair

The fiber committee had been working on obtaining examples of the diversity of pygora and its many uses for its members to reference. The committee attempted to run a short paragraph in the last pipeline stating the following “The Fiber Committee is working on creating a document for members to see the versatility of pygora fiber. Please send any pictures you may have to laboroflovefarming@gmail.com with a picture of what was created, the name of what was made, percentage of pygora or other fibers used, and a brief description of how it was made. For example This yarn is 100% raw pygora, drum carded, two-plyed, semi worsted bulky weight.” The picture of this yarn was included but unfortunately the paragraph explaining what the committee was looking for was accidentally excluded. Not having access to the draft of the pipeline before printing this wasn’t caught until after publication. However, the committee will attempt to run this paragraph in the next pipeline and utilize facebook to obtain more examples of pygora fiber. In the interim, the committee is working on creating various fiber related articles for the pipeline.

Education Committee: Julie Case & Patricia Young, co- chairs

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Youth Committee: Janet Tilp chair

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Public Relations Committee: Kari Schroeder, chair

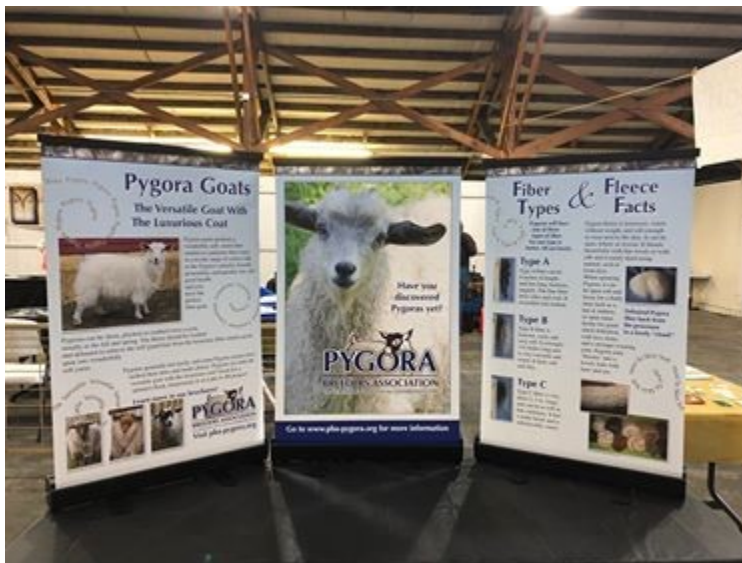


Photo submitted by Kari – showing how Education Funds were used to create these beautiful displays.

Proposal submitted to Board of Directors for future funding.

Show Secretary: Nan Nichols

The show season is underway, and we’re pleased to report that in 2019 the PBA will have 3 buck shows! In total, sanction applications are in for 5 doe, 3 buck, 5 wether and 4 fleece shows. Show information for the Washington Co Fair, Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival, and Michigan Fiber Festival are posted on the PBA website, and information for the Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair will be there soon. New this year - the Aug shows in Allegan MI are testing out

“back-to-back” goat shows with two judges, and the Oct Pygora shows in Fletcher NC will offer the first buck show in their area. PBA promotional brochures will be offered to show chairs and fleece sample boxes are getting set-up.

Old Business

- After a lengthy discussion on approving an “Ethics Statement” for the PBA there was no consensus on the issue, so the ensuing motions were withdrawn.

New Business

- The board approved an updated form to use for “Registration Completion”, for goats previously pre-registered.
- A proposal from the PR Committee for a multi-year advertising budget will be postponed until the Oct meeting.
- The board of directors conducted a closed session where we held the election of officers. Our elected officers are as follows:
Nan Nichols - President
Ruth Hawkins - Vice President
Christine Nauman - Secretary
Fran Bishop - Treasurer

The next meeting will be Oct 7, 2019. The board meeting was adjourned on July 24, 2019.