

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes-- October 2020 Pygora Breeders Association (PBA)

Call to Order

President Nan Nichols called the quarterly meeting to order on October 12, 2020, via Facebook Workplace. All directors reported as present: Nan Nichols (President/Region 3), Ruth Hawkins (Vice-President/Region 2), Christine Nauman (Treasurer/Region 1), Debbie Eubanks (Region 2), Kari Berecz Schroeder (Region 1), Beverly VanHook-Schrey (Secretary, Region 3).

Meeting Attendance

PBA Committee Members and Guest Members included: Brette Soucie (Registrar/Breed Standard), Amanda Sadowski (Fiber/Breed Standard), Erica Brown (Merchandise), Fran Bishop (Archivist), Robin Oliver (Show Secretary), Collen McGee (Public Relations)

Minutes

Minutes from July 2020 meeting presented by Secretary Beverly VanHook-Schrey were shared and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report compiled jointly by Treasurer Christine Nauman and outgoing Treasurer Fran Bishop was presented and approved unanimously by the Board of Directors.

Committee Reports

Vice-President Ruth Hawkins uploaded Committee Reports for Board review. The Board unanimously approved the following Committee Reports.

Breed Standard Committee

Chair: Brette Soucie pbaregistrar@aol.com;

Members: Lisa Grzeskowiak, Terri Kistler, Amanda Sadowski, Debbie Eubanks, Beverly VanHook Schrey
Budget:

Report:10/11

Due to the hecticness of the summer months, we delayed our work on the independent breed standard and hope to have more time to put towards it this fall. The committee was able to review and offer recommendation to the proposal regarding "Over Percentage " goats.

Educational Fund Committee

Co-Chairs: Julie Case juliewgw@gmail.com& Patricia Young info@yaklady.com;

Members: Christine Nauman

Budget: Report:

No report submitted.

Fiber Committee

Chair: Amanda Sadowski sunorahfarm1@gmail.com

Members: Kira Marks

Budget:

Report: 10/10

Debbie Eubanks has resigned from the Fiber Committee. We thank Debbie for her years of service to the committee and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Kira Marks will be joining the Fiber Committee. Kira has a passion for fiber arts and will be a wonderful asset to the committee. The fiber committee has been looking into viable options for micron testing now that Yocum McColl has retired. Samples can still be sent to SGS Wool Services in NZ, whom Yocum McColl sold their equipment to and trained in micron testing and fiber analysis. Options within the United States are Montana Wool Lab located at Montana State University and Bill Sims Wool and Mohair Research Lab located at Texas A & M

Judges Training Committee

Chair: Lisa Roskopf lisa@hawksmtnranch.com;

Member: Liza Sanford-Crane

Budget: none

Report: 10/7/2020

The Judges Training Committee has committed to updating and editing the PBA Judges Training Manual and putting it into WORD format for ease of maintenance in the future --progress continues. Rather than duplicate various PBA manuals and documents such as the PBA Breed Standard and PBA Official Show Rules, the JTM shall simply reference these external documents (via hyperlink) on the PBA Website. This should eliminate duplicate versions, possibly out of sync. If the referenced documents need revisiting, that can be addressed as appropriate.

Merchandise Committee

Chair: Erica Brown remymclean@yahoo.com ; Members: Ruth Hawkins

Budget: \$500

Report: 10/7

Items sold from July1-September 30:

PBA v-neck t-shirt –1

PBA stall signs –2

Pygora Fiber Goat Showmanship -1

Fiber Fun book -1

Here is the PBA store inventory list:

6-Stall Signs

2 -2020 Calendars

2-Pygora Fiber Goat Showmanship Booklets

2 -Pygora Goat Management

23-Fiber Fun Books

Shirts:

5-Heather Purple V neck t-shirts

2 -Heather Purple Tanks

6 -Antique Sapphire t-shirts

8 -Heather Red t-shirts

1 -Heather Navy t-shirt

Public Relations Committee

Chair: Kari Schroeder crickview@pocketinet.com; Members: Collen McGee, Ruth Hawkins

Budget: \$1,250 per year

Report: 10/8

The PR Committee has several projects that they would like to promote as well as events that we would like to gather information on to create reports. However, due to time constraints, we have not made the

progress we would like. Kari Schroeder, the PR Chair, is requesting to step down as chair of this committee, because her extremely busy schedule is keeping her from accomplishing what she would like for the PR Committee. She will plan to continue as a member. We are very excited that Collen McGee is willing to return to the position of PR Committee Chair. She stepped down a while ago when the PBA Vice Presidency position became vacant and she was willing to take on that responsibility (VPs cannot also be chairs). Now that she is no longer VP, she is willing and able to return to the PR Committee Chair position. She did a great job in the position previously, and the committee members believe this will be good for the PR Committee overall and help move us towards our PR goals.

Youth Committee

Chair: Janet Tilp janettilp31@gmail.com;

Members: Karen Price, Christine Nauman

Budget:

Report: No report submitted.

Other Reports

Newsletter Editor: Maggie Leman maggidans@msn.com**Report:**

No report submitted.

Registrar: Brette Soucie pbaregistrar@aol.com

Report: 10/11

Not much to report on. Everything seems to be going smoothly. The summer quieted down a bit with registrations but they are picking up a little now that fall shearing has been completed. Here are a few numbers to sum up this quarter:

New Members this quarter: 5

Total Preregistrations this quarter (for 2020): 43 (133)

Does: 20 (69)

Bucks: 6 (18)

Wethers: 17 (46)

Permanent Registrations this quarter (since March 2020): 18 (98)

Does: 13 (64)

Bucks: 1 (17)

Wethers: 4 (17)

Show Secretary: Robin Oliver roliver2078@gmail.com

Budget:

Report: No report submitted

Treasurer: Christine Nauman woolypinesfarm@gmail.com**Report:**

No report submitted.

Webmaster: Maggie Leman maggidans@msn.com**Report:** No report submitted.

OLD BUSINESS UPDATES

Treasurer Transition

New Treasurer Christine Nauman has been working with past Treasurer Fran Bishop to take on the Treasurer's role. Christine has received the checkbook and bank statement copies. Signature forms for having her on the PBA account have recently been submitted, and she can begin making payments on behalf of the PBA. Christine plans to begin tracking income and expenses for 4Q 2020.

Show Secretary Transition

Nan transferred ROA forms, templates and the PBA embosser to newly appointed Show Secretary Robin Oliver in mid-August, and the PBA Champion/Reserve Champion ribbons were sent in September. The Lemonade Fleece show verification was a collaborative effort between Nan and Robin, and Robin took care of the Michigan Fiber Festival Pygora Fleece show on her own.

Disaster Plan

Nan has been investigating platforms separate from our current PBA website to use for digital storage/backup of PBA records but has not yet organized plans for Board consideration.

Archivist Update

With help from Maggie Leman, the job description for the newly designated position of PBA Archivist has been posted to the PBA website. A scanner was ordered to enable Archivist Fran Bishop to digitize paper records.

F2/OP Registration

A report from the *ad hoc* committee formed in July to work out the details for revising current operating processes regarding PBA registration of "over percentage" goats was shared with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

F2/OP Registration

Following discussion of suggestions from the F2/OP *ad hoc* committee appointed in July, the following motion was made.

Motion 20-8: I move to accept the report presented by the *ad hoc* committee with the change of F2 to OP (Over Percentage) as the designation, and that by accepting this report, the board gives Maggie authorization to hire tech support to draw up an estimate for the project. This estimate will be presented to the Board for additional approval before this project moves forward.

Maker—Kari Berecz Schroeder, 10-16-2020

Second—Ruth Hawkins, 10-16-2020

Approved:

Ruth—Yes, 10-16-2020

Christine—Yes, 10-16-2020

Kari—Yes, 10-16-2020

Beverly—Yes, 10-16-2020

Debbie—Yes, 10-16-2020

Nan—Yes, 10-16-2020

PBA Breed History Website Update

The Board considered updating the PBA website by consolidating multiple breed history links and updating breed history information and details.

Motion 20-9: I move that we consolidate and/or update all information and photos on the PBA website under one tab named "PBA History." I propose to use the suggested changes presented, as well as add any additional historical information or photos that members may be able to contribute at this time to create a complete history for PBA.

Maker: Kari Berecz-Schroeder, 10-17-2020

Second: Beverly VanHook-Schrey, 10-17-2020

Approved:

Debbie—Yes, 10-17-2020

Kari—Yes, 10-17-2020

Christine-- Yes, 10-17-2020

Beverly-- Yes, 10-17-2020

Ruth-- Yes, 10-17-2020

Nan-- Yes, 10-17-2020

PBA Funding for Scrapie Resistance Testing

The Board discussed limited funding for scrapie testing among PBA members interested in participating in a Scrapie Resistance Study.

Motion 20-10: I move that the PBA does a scrapie study, and this study will utilize some PBA funds to defray the cost for the participating farms. A Scrapie Study Committee will be appointed to finalize the details and costs of the study, collect and send in samples, and report on data once received. This committee will present their plan and recommendations at the next board meeting.

Maker: Kari Schroeder, 10-29-2020

Second: Debbie Eubanks, 10-29-2020

Ruth Hawkins—Yes, 10-29-2020

Debbie Eubanks—Yes, 10-29-2020

Christine Nauman—Yes, 10-29-2020

Kari Schroeder—Yes, 10-29-2020

Beverly Van Hook-Schrey—Yes, 10-29-2020

Nan Nichols—Yes, 10-29-2020

Topics Discussed at Length by the Board but Receiving No Board Action

There was discussion of a proposal to bestow permanent member status upon several PBA founding members and strategic planners. After much discussion, the proposal was shelved.

There was discussion of confusion surrounding multiple Facebook pages devoted to Pygora goats. Suggestions for improvement/clarification ensued, including discontinuing a requirement for PBA membership for access to one of the pages, shutting down a page, and combining pages. Discussion resulted in clarification of the responsible party for each of the Facebook pages and the purpose of each page, as well as suggestions for possible improvements. No Board action was taken.

There was brief discussion involving review of a letter sent prior to the October meeting from PBA to goat enthusiasts in Australia who had requested to use the term "Pygora."

There was an announcement regarding the upcoming Southeastern Virtual Pygora Fiber Show.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by President Nan Nichols on October 30. The next Quarterly Meeting will begin January 11, 2021.

Respectfully submitted

Beverly VanHook-Schrey, Secretary

11-02-2020

Further Approval

After adjournment of the October 2020 meeting, PBA Board of Directors gave email consensus November 20-21 for approval of an *ad hoc* committee to work on the details for a PBA-sponsored scrapie study approved in Motion 20-10. The *ad hoc* committee will consist of PBA members Fran Bishop and Dale Gregg as well as Dr. Reid Redden, and Dr. Andrew Weaver. Dr. Redden is Interim Center Director, Associate Professor, and Goat Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Service. Dr. Weaver is Extension Small Ruminant Specialist and Associate Professor with NC State University Department of Animal Science.