

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

President Nan Nichols called the quarterly meeting to order on July 13, 2020, via Facebook Workplace. All directors reported as present: Nan Nichols (President/Region 3), Ruth Hawkins (Vice-President/Region 2), Christine Nauman (Secretary—Outgoing/Region 1), Debbie Eubanks (Region 2), Kari Berecz Schroeder (Region 1), Beverly VanHook-Schrey (Region 3).

Pygora Breeders Association Agenda: July 13, 2020 Board Meeting

- Call to Order
- Welcome new members
- Election of officers
- Minutes from Last Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Reports
- New Business
 - Newsletter Editor-contract renewal
 - Webmaster-contract renewal
 - Disaster plan update
 - Herdbook Editor update/removal
 - Show Secretary—potential ribbon funding
 - Funding for scanner, PBA Archivist
 - F2 Registration Proposal
- Announcements: scrapie genetic testing, others?

Additional PBA members present as Guests: Fran Bishop (Treasurer—Outgoing/Region 3), Brette Soucie (Registrar), Erica Brown, Terri Kistler, Maggie Leman, Amanda Sadowski, Collen McGee, Deborah Christensen, Patricia Neighdeigh Young

Election of Officers: Nan announced the opening of the position of Treasurer with Fran Bishop leaving the PBA Board of Directors (BOD) and the willingness of current Secretary Christine Nauman to fill that role. She posted for vote the following list of positions along with BOD members who have agreed to fill the offices:

Christine Nauman—Treasurer
Beverly VanHook—Secretary
Ruth Hawkins—Vice President
Nan Nichols—President

Ruth agreed to continue her term as Vice President “with the understanding that if there are any questions regarding the Show Secretary position, held by the acting President, that the entire Board will be included in any correspondence, as they are structurally, the next person to go to aside from the president.”

The slate of officers was accepted unanimously.

Nan—Yes, 7-13-2020

Ruth—Yes, 7-13-2020

Christine—Yes, 7-13-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-13-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-13-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-13-2020

Members were invited to weigh in on the PBA Disaster Plan: Nan posted the PBA Disaster Plan Update and invited ALL members to weigh in. This file is posted to be a starting platform for a discussion of the PBA "Disaster Plan."

Discussion of this topic led to an understanding that the PBA website includes regular backups of information associated with our herdbook registry, organization operations manual and infrastructure. Other documents not currently backed up include animal photos, educational materials and other non-critical, but especially important documents. These will be considered for adding to a digital and hard copy reserves, to be worked on by board and committee members in the near term.

The Board reviewed a member concern expressed in a July 11 email and shared with Nan by Vice President Ruth Hawkins. The member concern regards an update to the Show Application form on the PBA website directing payment to be sent to the Show Secretary rather than PBA office. The address of the "Show Secretary" is indicated in current "Show Rules" as the place to send show applications, though they may alternatively be sent by way of the Registrar. The Board considered the option of changing the rule to direct show applications to the Registrar, to then be forwarded on to the Show Secretary. Following a discussion of show rules, the BOD determined that the show rules will be maintained as written.

Fran Bishop submitted the Treasurer's Report for 1st-2nd Quarters, which was posted and approved by the Board.

Ruth—Yes, 7-14-2020

Christine—Yes, 7-14-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-14-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-14-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-14-2020

Nan—Yes, 7-14-2020

Christine Nauman submitted the April 2020 Minutes, which were accepted by the Board.

Ruth—Yes, 7-14-2020

Christine—Yes, 7-14-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-14-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-14-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-14-2020

Nan—Yes, 7-14-2020

Committee Reports were accepted and approved unanimously by the Board:

Ruth—Yes, 7-15-2020

Christine—Yes, 7-15-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-15-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-15-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-15-2020

Nan—Yes, 7-15-2020

July 2020 PBA Reports

Committee Reports:

Breed Standard Committee

Chair: Brette Soucie pbaregistrar@aol.com;

Members: Lisa Grzeskowiak, Terri Kistler, Amanda Sadowski, Debbie Eubanks

Budget:

Report: 7/6

As many of you are aware, the PBA board of directors approved a motion in 2016 to develop a Pygora color standard that is independent of the color standard for NPGA Pygmy goats. The committee will try to come up with a draft for an independent color standard for presentation at the Oct 2020 board meeting. If anyone has advice, concerns, or words of wisdom please don't hesitate to reach out – write or call – and we will try to take your thoughts/ideas into consideration when drafting the proposal.

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: Debbie Eubanks

Budget:

Report: 7/7

The Fiber Committee reached out to the Wool and Fiber Arts Virtual Fiber Festival in May who were looking for instructors whose teaching engagements were cancelled due to Covid-19. Amanda had a few teaching engagements cancelled from various fiber festivals throughout the year and was allowed to have a teaching spot within the Virtual Fiber Festival. She used this time to educate the public on the Pygora breed, fleece types, dehairing Pygora, and products that can be made. There was a wonderful reception during the Live event and the video is still being watched and questions asked about our wonderful breed. Questions about the breed have continued to arise and more information has been given to those inquiring by directing them to the PBA website and available breeders and fiber producers across the country.

Judges Training Committee

Chair: Lisa Roskopf lisa@hawksmtnranch.com;

Member: Liza Sanford-Crane

Budget: none

Report: 1/2/2020

1 new judges training manual went out last week.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic. the JTC is extending the 6 month Practical experience requirements until further notice.

Merchandise Committee

Chair: Erica Brown remymclean@yahoo.com;

Members: Ruth Hawkins

Budget: \$500

Report: 7/6

Items sold from April 1- June 30:

Pygora Goat Management - 1

Pygora Goat Book Bundle - 1

Fiber Fun Book - 2

PBA logo license plate - 1

PBA Sweatshirt - 2

PBA tanks - 2

PBA V neck t-shirt - 6

PBA t-shirts - 5

PBA hoodie - 1

Here is the PBA store inventory list:

8 - Stall Signs

2 - 2020 Calendars

3 - Pygora Fiber Goat Showmanship Booklets

2 - Pygora Goat Management

24 - Fiber Fun Books

Shirts:

6 - 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

We will need to print more of the Showmanship and Management booklets soon. We sell most of them as a set. Having them printed and bound together would help. Also offering them as digital downloads would be beneficial to some as well. Something to think about.

The spiral binding will not ship media mail. So, to help cut cost of shipping is to have them stapled like the Showmanship booklet is bound. We will be looking at this matter further.

Also we continue to collect photos of registered Pygora Goats, any products created from their fiber, raw fleece photos, etc for the 2021 PBA Calendar. Please send your photos to remymclean@yahoo.com and include the registration number and name of the goats and products photographed. We need the products spun, knit, weaved, etc to be from registered Pygora Goat also. Please submit photos by September 1, 2020. Thank you

Public Relations Committee

Chair: Kari Schroeder crickview@pocketinet.com;

Members: Collen McGee, Ruth Hawkins

Budget: \$1,250 per year

Report: 7/4

The PR Committee would like to officially welcome Ruth Hawkins as a member. We are delighted to have her additional input with our PR activities! If anyone else is interested in joining our committee, we are always happy for new members!

Due to the impact of kidding season/summer activities and COVID (which impacted Collen considerably at her job) we have not had any significant developments with the PR committee plans this quarter. We hope to have time to devote to furthering our plans in the months to come.

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:

Editor: No report submitted.

Registrar: Brette Soucie pbaregistrar@aol.com

Report: 7/6

I feel as though the job is running a bit smoother now that I have learned the ropes and my number of daily questions is dwindling. Thanks to everyone who is remaining patient with my learning curve. Here are a few numbers to sum up this quarter:

New Members this quarter: 10

Total Preregistrations this quarter (for 2020): 90 (90)

Does: 49 (49)

Bucks: 12 (12)

Wethers: 29 (29)

Permanent Registrations this quarter (since March 2020): 38 (80)

Does: 26 (51)

Bucks: 5 (16)

Wethers: 7 (13)

Show Secretary: Nan Nichols fiatluxfibers@hotmail.com

Budget:

Report: 7/9 Due to COVID-19, the Washington County Fair, Michigan Fiber Festival (MFF) and the Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival (OFFF) have cancelled their events, which include the Pygora Goat and Pygora Fleece shows that are sponsored by those organizations. The Southeastern Animal Fiber Festival is still tentatively planning to hold their event, to include Pygora goat and fleece shows, but plans are subject to change.

In order to offer our members a place to showcase their efforts, Erica Brown is chairing a sanctioned "Lemonade Fleece Show" to be held around the time of the Washington County Fair (July 25th), and Nan Nichols is chairing a sanctioned "MFF Pygora Fleece-Only Show" as a stand-alone event sponsored by the MFF organization (Aug xx). Show details are available on the PBA website under the "Shows/Events" tab. Members will be encouraged to chair and support other "fleece only" shows to fill in for cancelled shows, and to build a new network of potential places to show off our fantastic fleeces!

Treasure: Fran Bishop RSAPYGMIES@aol.com

Treasurer's April Report: 7/5

Consolidated Treasurer's report 2020 as of June 30, 2020

CD Balance is \$2,579.93

Checking Account Balance is \$22,958.59

Total Income is \$4734.82

Total Expense Paid is **\$3583.77**

Webmaster: Maggie Leman maggidans@msn.com

Report: No report submitted.

PBA Operation Manual "Housekeeping" chores presented to the Board by Nan were approved. "Housekeeping" chores included the following edits to the PBA Operation Manual:

- Delete references made to "Breeder's Book Editor"
- Amend the term for the newsletter from "MEMO to "Pygora Pypeline."

The Board discussed One-Time Ribbon Funding during COVID-19 show cancellations. No action was taken.

Motion 20-6: I move that the PBA purchases equipment with scanning capabilities, for the use of the archivist. Having a purchase limit of \$300.

Maker—Ruth Hawkins

Second—Beverly VanHook-Schrey

Approved:

Ruth—Yes, 7-23-2020

Christine—Yes, 7-23-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-23-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-23-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-23-2020

Nan—Yes, 7-23-2020

Motion 20-7: I move that the Pygora Breeders Association will accept goats into the registry that are over 75% of AAGBA Angora or NPGA Pygmy, or over 75% of either of these by breeding two PBA registered Pygoras. These animals will not be registered PBA Pygoras but will be included in the registry with a designation of foundation stock. An ad hoc committee will be formed to work with the Breed Standards committee to finalize the designation (F2, F1A, FA, etc), finalize any details regarding herdbook inclusion, restrictions, or changes to forms.

Maker—Kari Berez Schroeder

Second—Ruth Hawkins

Approved:

Christine—Yes, 7-23-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-23-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-23-2020

Ruth—Yes, 7-23-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-23-2020

Nan—Yes, 7-23-2020

The Board approved President Nan Nichols' appointment of the following PBA members to the ad hoc committee:

Debbie Eubanks

Fran Bishop

Brette Soucie

Maggie Leman

Approved:

Christine—Yes, 7-24-2020

Debbie—Yes, 7-24-2020

Beverly—Yes, 7-24-2020

Ruth—Yes, 7-24-2020

Kari—Yes, 7-24-2020

Nan—Yes, 7-24-2020

July PBA BOD Meeting Conclusion

The following announcements were presented by President Nan Nichols:

- The PBA Webmster contract is renewable yearly, and Margaret has agreed to renew with the same conditions and pay as for 2019-2020. We're fortunate she performs many jobs for the PBA for meager compensation!
- The PBA is pleased to announce the appointment of Robin Oliver as the new Show Secretary. She's a breeder and exhibitor with strong communication skills, and is a long-time fiber fan. Welcome - and thanks.

- The PBA will allow an expanded category of intermediate breeding stock to produce Pygora goats, and an ad hoc committee that includes Debbie Eubanks, Fran Bishop, Brette Soucie and Margaret Leman will work through the set-up details.

The meeting was adjourned on July 25. Next Quarterly Meeting will begin October 12, 2020.

Respectfully submitted

Beverly VanHook-Schrey, Secretary

7-31-2020