

Pygora Breeders Association October 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

President Nan Nichols opened the regular quarterly meeting on October , 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, Julie Case, Deborah Christensen, Lisa Roskopf, Debbie Eubanks, Sarah Jones, Amanda Sadowski, Kari Schroeder, Korina Groff.

Minutes from the July 2019 meeting of the board were posted by Nan Nichols and approved:

Fran –

Nan – approve, 10/8/19

Chris – approve, 10/7/19

Collen – approve, 10/8/19

Ruth – approve, 10/7/19

Christine – approve, 10/7/19

Fran Bishop submitted a Treasurer’s report (2 months; Jul-Aug), which was posted and approved:

Fran – approve, 10/30/19

Nan – approve, 11/1/19

Chris – approve, 10/30/19

Collen – approve, 11/1/19

Ruth – approve, 11/1/19

Christine – approve, 11/1/19

All committee reports below were submitted by Ruth Hawkins, posted and approved:

Fran – approve, 10/8/19

Nan – approve, 10/8/19

Chris – approve, 10/8/19

Collen – approve, 10/8/19

Ruth – approve, 10/8/19

Christine – approve, 10/8/19

October 2019 PBA Committee Reports

I am happy to report that all of our Committee Chairs and most of the committee members are now on Workplace. We will continue to move forward with the Workplace platform for committee discussions and sharing. – Ruth Hawkins VP

Breed Standard Committee

Chair: Erica Brown pbaregistrar@aol.com;

Members: Lisa Roskopf, Ruth Hawkins

Budget:

Report: 10/1

The Breed Standard Committee would like to announce that Ruth Hawkins has joined the committee.

Educational Fund Committee

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

Members: Christine Nauman

Budget:

Report: 9/23 Patricia Young. Nothing to report.

Fiber Committee

Chair: Amanda Sadowski sunorahfarm1@gmail.com

Members: Debbie Eubanks

Budget:

Report: 10/2

The fiber committee is pleased to announce that Debbie Eubanks has joined the Fiber Committee. We have gathered photos and descriptions of items that have been made with Pygora and we are working on compiling them together in a document for members to see all the wonderful ways it can be used.

Judges Training Committee

Chair: Lisa Roskopf lisa@hawksmtnranch.com;

Member: Liza Sanford-Crane

Budget: I don't have a budget that I'm aware of. If I need anything, at this time it would be on a case-by-case basis.

Report: 9/18/2019

On behalf of the judges training committee, we are pleased to announce that Erica Brown has passed the PBA judges test and we now have a new PBA judge!

We have received a licensed judge's application from Christine Nauman. She has received a judges training manual packet.

Merchandise Committee

Chair: Erica Brown remymclean@yahoo.com;

Members: Ruth Hawkins

Budget: There is no current budget for the Merchandise Committee to work with \$500+ would be ideal, if we need to print more books, and I anticipate needing to print more books with in this next year, but not every year. We could put some shirts and hats in the PBA store. I have a good idea of what sizes people would want. We used to run on preorders, but we are not able

to do so any longer. In order to stock the PBA store with merchandise we will need a budget to work with in to keep it stocked.

Report: 9/23/2019

PBA Webstore (via Freewebstroe.org) 7/1/2019-9/23/2019 - There have been four orders via the webstore. Total of \$125 sent to the PBA PayPal account. Postage was absorbed by a committee member.

A call has gone out for photos to be submitted to Erica Brown for the 2020 PBA Calendar. Please, send images to her at remymclean@yahoo.com along with the name & registration number of the goat(s) pictured.

Working on submitting a budget/funding proposal.

Public Relations Committee

Chair: Kari Schroeder crickview@pocketinet.com;

Members: Collen McGee, Jill Gallagher, Steve Young, April Bowling

Budget: \$1,200 per year

Report: 10/1

Summer was a great time for showing our Pygoras and telling people about our great little breed at fiber festivals across the country. Not only did we have the PBA banners flying during traditional fiber festivals like the Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival and the Michigan Fiber Festival, several owners worked at regional and national events using those banners. They went to 4H open houses, state and local fairs and opened their farms to tours of bloggers who helped spread the word. We appreciate our members' willingness to display posters, banners and brochures along with their goats at these events.

A quick snapshot of some of the new and new-ish venues include:

Mother Earth News Fair – Topeka. This will be Oct 19-20 and our second year exhibiting the breed to homesteaders and do it your-selves. At least 3-4 breeders will be there to show their goats, do a sheering demo each day and provide a goat for the goat health class offered at the event. Visitors also get to touch the fiber and take part/witness in picking the fiber clean, dehairing, carding, spinning and more. Drop spindles will be available with wool to teach people how simple and portable fiber arts be.

We encourage other breeders to reach out to the Mother Earth Fair being held in their area as this venue is free to exhibit and has yielded the participants animal sales.

Kansas Farm Bureau hosted a National Bloggers tour and took 13 bloggers from across the country to visit a Pygora Farm, meet two breeders and a fiber mill owner and watch a sheering demo. They then saw the fiber process from goat to garment.

Kansas State Fair: Pygoras were invited to join the Alpaca and Lama section to highlight specialty fiber breeds. Visitors from at least 6 states (learned by asking) including Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Colorado and Arkansas met Pygoras and many for the first time. The exhibitors were invited to continue participation next year. Members of the Pygora association joined the Lama group and at least one lama group member joined the PBA. Members presented the breed at the Washington County Fair Open Class Pygora Goat Show & the Summer Pygora Fleece Show at the Washington County Fair.

Members also showed off their fiber at the inaugural Grazing Hills Fiber Festival near Moscow, Idaho, and had the new Education Display banner up, as well as brochures and several Pygoras to meet and greet.

There was also a new festival requesting fiber samples up near Seattle so we at the PR committee consider that another opening door.

We know there were many other exciting events throughout our membership but we did not get any input to be able to include them on our short list.

Traditional ads continue to run in Mother Earth News and Grit until the end of this year. Those are paid for. We will move the ads to another National publication as determined by the proposal going before the board this session.

Youth Committee

Chair: Janet Tilp janettilp31@gmail.com;

Members: Karen Price, Christine Nauman

Budget:

Report: 10/2

We are currently looking for outside sponsors to fund the scholarships.

Other Reports:

Newsletter Editor: Maggie Leman maggidans@msn.com

Budget: From 2006 the approved budget for the newsletter was to be 1800.00 a year. We have been exceeding that for some time. Now what I don't know is if my fee as editor and webmaster are included in the budget for each or separate. It is in Fran's report as to how much is actually paid for the newsletter.

Report: 10/2

Printing Center USA did our last newsletter for a cost of 639.67. I would like to know that Erica got the extra copies, and that any board member that gets a hard copy was satisfied with the result. I have not submitted my invoice yet. Sorry for the delay, I will get it to Fran shortly.

Registrar: Erica Brown pbaregistrar@aol.com

Report: 10/1

October 2019 Registrars Report

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

I submitted my first article for the Pygora Pypeline that was proof read by members of the Breed Standard Committee prior to my submission.

2019 Pre-Registrations as of July 1, 2019: 35 Bucks, 54 Wethers and 102 Does.

The Registrar has received the Show Sanction paperwork and checks for the Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival and the Southern Animal Fiber Festival. The checks have been deposited and the paperwork mailed to the PBA Show Secretary, Nan Nichols.

Thank you to the donor who donated new PBA Membership and Herd Name cards. They have been mailed to members for the last two months.

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.

With show season still going on, there have been quite a few of Rush requests for transfer of ownerships, pre-registrations, changes or corrections and permanent registrations.

I would like to initiate a new membership drive in 2020 and will present a proposal for the January 2020 board meeting.

Thank you,

Erica Brown

PBA Registrar

Show Secretary: Nan Nichols fiatluxfibers@hotmail.com

Budget: The BOD granted the Show Secretary \$500 to use for "Show Box" material and it has been spent. It was a single funding event.

Report: 10/1

The 2019 show season is halfway over, with the completion of the Pygora Goat and Fleece shows at the Washington County Fair, and the Fleece Show and two Goat shows held at the Michigan Fiber Festival. The Oregon Flock and Fiber Festival shows will be over by the time of the Oct meeting, with verification pending, and the last show at the Southeastern Animal Fiber air will be just a few weeks away. The PBA is on track for a new record of four seasonal buck shows, with two verified and two pending – kudos to all who set them in motion and supported them! So far one more Pygora doe has earned PGCH status – congratulations to Amanda Sadowski and Gun Plain Pygoras Emma!! As soon as all of the 2019 show results are verified, Grand Champion and High Point certificates for the 2019 season will be printed and sent out.

Treasurer: Fran Bishop RSAPYGMIES@aol.com

Report: 10/1

This is as much of a treasurer's report that I have for this moment. I will be working on the income portion as soon as I get the information.

Webmaster: Maggie Leman maggidans@msn.com

Report: 10/2

WSM, the company I use for tech support, has been undergoing a major update to their website customer support pages. I recently submitted our request for adding the Breeder Listing utility to the herdbook admin page. I also requested help for the page where breeders submit their request as there has been a glitch when breeders try to edit their listing. I will let you know what the estimate will be shortly. Until then I will help Erica post or edit any breeder listing.

Old Business

PR Committee Annual Advertising Plan Proposal

Motion 19-9 Ruth Hawkins moved that the PBA increase the PR Committee's annual budget by \$50, for a total of \$1250 annually to be spent on promotion and advertising. Christine Nauman seconded.

Fran – yes, 10/10/19

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New Business

BOD + 3 Proposal To add 3 "At Large" members to the Pygora Breeders Association Board of Directors

After some discussion the proposal was withdrawn.

Merchandise Committee Funding Proposal

Motion 19-10: Christine Nauman moved to approve an annual budget of \$500 for the Merchandising Committee. Collen McGee seconded.

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Christine – yes, 10/10/19

Embryonic Transfer Proposal

Motion 19-11. Ruth Hawkins moved that: the PBA will allow for registered progeny through the use of embryonic transfer. Progeny will be listed in the herd book with an ET suffix. The donor dam, sire and ET progeny will be tested for DNA genotype; the PBA Embryonic Transfer form and DNA test results will accompany the registration application form; progeny will not count as a "live birth" for either donor or recipient doe for the purpose of PGCH eligibility.

Fran – yes, 11/5/19

Nan – yes, 11/5/19

Chris – no, 11/5/19

Collen – yes, 11/5/19

Ruth – yes, 11/5/19

Christine – yes, 11/5/19

The next meeting will be January 13, 2020. The board meeting was adjourned on November 5, 2019.