

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—October 4, 2021
Pygora Breeders Association (PBA)
4th Quarter

Call to Order

With all Board of Directors members reporting as present, President Nan Nichols called the meeting to Order at 2:22 pm, October 4. Additional members present: Registrar Brette Soucie, Newsletter Editor Kelly Shields, Merchandise Committee Co-Chair Erica Brown, Fiber Committee member Kira Marks, Fiber Committee Chair/PBA Judge Amanda Sadowski.

Committee Reports

Vice-President Ruth Hawkins presented Committee Reports
Oct 2021 PBA Reports
Committee Reports:

--Judges Training Committee

Chair: Liza Sanford-Crane pygoras@pygoras.net;

Member: Lisa Roskopf, Ruth Hawkins

Budget: none

Report: 9/30

The JTC is pleased to announce its newest member: Ruth Hawkins. Ruth brings much enthusiasm and practical experience to the JTC and has agreed to be the Point Person for new judge applicants. The JTC has three applicants working towards becoming Licensed PBA Judges. All Judges Training related documents have been updated and digitized. Once the PBA Database has been established, Master Copies shall be archived there. All active Judges have received an electronic copy of the updated and revised Judges Training Manual (JTM).

--Merchandise Committee

Chair: Erica Brown remymclean@yahoo.com;

Members: Ruth Hawkins, Collen McGee

Budget: \$500 (\$240.41 used to order extra hats & caps + \$121.66 for hats in July. Total used \$362.07)

Report: 10/4

The Merchandise committee had a successful trunk sale at the Driftless Pygora Show in July. More baseball style hats were ordered for the store in July. An October Pre Order Sale has been set up in the PBA Webstore and advertised in the current issue of the Pygora Pypeline. Pre orders will be accepted 9/1-9/30.

--Public Relations Committee

Chair: Robin Oliver roliver2078@gmail.com

Members: Collen McGee, Kari Schroeder, Ruth Hawkins, Robin Oliver

Budget: \$1,250 per year (No funds have been used as of 10/13/2020)

Report: 10/4

Collen McGee asked the committee if she could step down from the chair position. Robin Oliver has graciously offered to take the position. We look forward to her heading up the committee.

--No Reports: Breed Standard Committee, Education Committee, Fiber Committee, Youth Committee.

Treasurer's Report

The Income-Expense Report for Quarter 3 posted by Treasurer Fran Bishop received unanimous Board approval.

Old Business

--**Scrapie Study, Breed Standard Update:** Nan announced on October 7 that some Old Business items are "sleeping" due to cost and time demands incurred with website and database revisions. "The Scrapie Study has been 'on hold' . . . The PBA website and database revision has demanded more time from our Registrar. Given the diminished infrastructure time and extra demands to get routine work done, the Breed Standard revision is likewise 'sleeping'."

--**Update on Website and Database Revisions:** Nan shared an attached document on October 7, summarizing changes and revisions for the PBA website and database, as well as for the MS365 subscription and welcomed members to post comments or questions.

--**Use and Understanding of the Trademark Term "Pygora®":** As a follow-up to discussion from the July quarterly meeting, BOD members continued to discuss at length the role that Board of Directors, PBA Committee members, or PBA Appointees have in supporting trademark protection for the term "Pygora®". Nan pointed out that, "maintaining our trademark protection depends on "enforcement" of using the term as it's registered, and refile forms with the US PTO (Patent & Trade Office) at specified intervals."

The discussion concluded with a repeated suggestion for offering "member education" articles for publication in the *Pypeline* or other member outreach platforms.

New Business

--**Board of Director Nominations:** Nan announced on October 9, that the nomination process for electing 2022 PBA Directors opened on Sept 1, 2021 and remains open through Jan 15, 2022. In addition to the "usual" regional nomination process for one director from each of our three regions, there is one additional "at large" director nomination for the upcoming ballot.

She presented a PBA Director Nomination Form to the Board for review and announced that she will get a nomination announcement regarding upcoming PBA Board of Director (BOD) elections published in the December *Pypeline* issue. She noted a savings of at least \$200 by using the same print shop that printed the 2021 ballot and *Pypeline* and including the March 2022 ballot in the *Pypeline*.

--**Microsoft 365 Subscription Renewal Options:** Discussion of recurring annual subscription to Microsoft 365 for Business was postponed until the January 2022 BOD meeting to allow more experience and comfort among various committee members in use of the applications provided by the subscription service.

--**Newsletter Budget Proposed Increase:** Nan asked BOD members on October 11 to weigh in with comments on a budget increase proposal for the *Pygora Pypeline* newsletter. She noted the current budget is \$1,800/year and that based upon quotes from printers, the base cost for printing the

newsletter will be \$2,200 annually, including the cost of printing color on half the pages and the current postage rates. Cost differences between color in half the issue vs. full color (\$55/issue) and mailing a flat vs folded and tabbed newsletter (\$35/issue) were also considered. The estimated annual cost for publishing the *Pypeline* is \$2080-\$2400.

MOTION 21-5

October 12, 2021

A motion was made to increase the *Pypeline* (newsletter) budget to \$2400 per year. This will become effective immediately with the Winter 2021 edition.

Maker: Fran Bishop
Second: Ruth Hawkins

Ruth Hawkins-Approve
Debbie Eubanks-Approve
Christine Nauman-
Beverly VanHook-Schrey-Approve

Fran Bishop-Approve
Dale Groff-Approve
Kari Schroeder-Approve
Nan Nichols-Approve

--Unscheduled Business: Meeting Minutes in the Newsletter

The newsletter budget discussion rekindled a long-running debate about allocating newsletter space for publication of quarterly BOD meeting minutes. Options for a discussion starter regarding this debate were considered:

- 1) Leave minutes publication set-up as-is.
- 2) Include a summary version of the minutes; include entire motions, and include the link to full minutes on the website.
- 3) Eliminate the minutes from the newsletter entirely, but print a link to the website postings in the newsletter.

MOTION 21-6

October 13, 2021

A motion was made to leave the meeting minutes policy as it is until such time as the PBA Website is deemed to be ready to support a link, at which time the BOD will no longer print minutes but will provide a link on the website and in the newsletter.

Maker: Dale Groff
Second: Kari Schroeder

Ruth Hawkins-Approve
Debbie Eubanks-Approve
Christine Nauman-
Beverly VanHook-Schrey-Approve

Fran Bishop-No
Dale Groff-Approve
Kari Schroeder-Approve
Nan Nichols-Approve

--Show Rules Clarity: On October 15, Nan invited 2021 PBA members to weigh in with their opinions regarding Show Rules issues. She pointed out that there are some sections in current PBA Show Rules that she has seen interpreted in different ways and attached a file listing three specific areas needing

better clarity: 1) Owner Number for Sanction; 2) Fleece Ownership for Shows; 3) ROA Signature for Absent Owner.

Following lengthy discussion surrounding show rules issues and clerical issues with the numbering of rules in the newly published Show Rules, three motions were made as well as a suggestion that the BOD work on clarifications and have the edited document brought to the January meeting

Nan suggested that we work on the clarifications & have the edited document brought to the January meeting - as a proof of appropriate update. She added that the Show Secretary & JTC could assist with that.

MOTION 21-7

October 14, 2021

A motion was made on October 15 to update the show rule G 1-3, 2-3, 3-3, and 4-3 to read "There must be 4 exhibitors represented at any show for a Grand Champion to earn a win. For purposes of meeting this requirement, each PBA membership number shall constitute one exhibitor, or in the case of a non-PBA member, the owner(s) of record on the registration certificate. Transfers of Ownership must be dated during the previous 90 days of the show."

Maker: Fran Bishop

Second: Beverly VanHook-Schrey

Ruth Hawkins-Approve
Debbie Eubanks-Approve
Christine Nauman-
Beverly VanHook-Schrey-Approve

Fran Bishop-Approve
Dale Groff-Approve
Kari Schroeder-Approve
Nan Nichols-Approve

Motion 21-7 was approved by a majority.

Motion 21-8

October 16, 2021

A motion was made to update Show Rules Section E1 in the following manner: E. Report of Awards, Complaints, and Penalties 1. The Report of Awards, supplied by PBA, recording Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion must be completed and signed by the local show chair, the judge, and the owner* of the winning goats before they leave the show area. The original copy is to be sent to the PBA Show Secretary. A copy is to be given to the judge for his/her records. The local show chair shall also keep a copy for his/her records. **Entry in any PBA goat or fleece show automatically authorizes the local show chair to sign the ROA owner signature line in the owner's absence.*

Maker: Beverly VanHook-Schrey

Second: Dale Groff

Ruth Hawkins-Approve
Debbie Eubanks-Approve
Christine Nauman-
Beverly VanHook-Schrey-Approve

Fran Bishop-Approve
Dale Groff-Approve
Kari Schroeder-Approve
Nan Nichols-Approve

Motion 21-8 was approved by a majority.

Motion 21-9

October 16, 2021

A motion was made that fleeces shown need to be shown under whoever is listed as the owner on the registration certificate at the time of show.

Maker: Ruth Hawkins

Second: Dale Groff

Ruth Hawkins-Approve
Debbie Eubanks-Approve
Christine Nauman-
Beverly VanHook-Schrey-No

Fran Bishop-No
Dale Groff-Approve
Kari Schroeder-Approve
Nan Nichols-No

This motion did not pass by a majority.

Rules Refinement: Nan asked BOD members to please weigh in with an opinion on a change of wording regarding progeny requirements.

On October 16, it was noted that *this was a rule "refinement" rather than a rule "change" (replacing "registered" with "recorded") and that a motion wasn't necessary.* A refinement of the PBA Show Rule wording for progeny requirements was suggested and approved as follows:

B.11.2. If a buck or doe has reached two years old and has no recorded progeny with PBA, it cannot be shown in any sanctioned doe, buck or fleece show.

Ruth Hawkins-
Debbie Eubanks-Approve
Christine N-
Beverly VanHook-Schrey-Approve

Fran Bishop-Approve
Dale Groff-Approve
Kari Schroeder-Approve
Nan Nichols-Approve

This change was approved by board majority.

Announcements

Nan opened discussion for announcements on October 16. The sole item submitted for discussion was the January 2022 BOD meeting date, which was set for January 10, 2022.

***Respectfully submitted,
Beverly VanHook-Schrey
1/10/2022***