

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—April 4, 2022
Pygora Breeders Association (PBA)
2nd Quarter

Call to Order

With a quorum of 7 out of 8 Board members present, President Nan Nichols called the meeting to order at 1:49 pm, April 4, 2022.

Board Members Present: Beverly VanHook-Schrey, Ruth Hawkins, Dale Groff, Fran Bishop, Debbie Eubanks, Kari Schroeder with Natalie Houston joining later.

Guests attending: Robin Oliver (Show Chair, PR Chair), Kira Marks (Fiber Committee Co-Chair), Kelly Shields (Newsletter Editor), Erica Brown (Merchandise Committee Co-Chair), Chris Utterback, Brette Soucie (Registrar)

Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from Quarter 1 presented by Secretary Beverly VanHook-Schrey were approved as amended to focus on conclusions.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Fran Bishop's Treasurer Report was approved as presented.

Committee Reports

Vice-President Ruth Hawkins' PBA Committee Reports were approved after amendment:

PBA April 2022 Committee Reports
Submitted by VP Ruth Hawkins

Archives: Fran Bishop

I have no report for Archives. Everything is still status quo and reports and other documents are being filed as usual so nothing different to report.

Merchandise Committee: Chair Erica Brown

Members: Ruth Hawkins & Collen McGee

Budget \$500

The Merchandise Committee has been busy the first quarter by putting together a pre-order sale for 35th Anniversary t-shirts and metal PBA member signs. We are excited to see both the shirts and signs in use and promoting the PBA at different events throughout the year!

A few extras will be ordered and put in the PBA store, supplies will be limited, so snatch them up while you can!

January – April 2022 Merchandise Committee sales report:

Fiber Fun books - 3

Showmanship books - 2

Pygora Goat Management books - 3

Knit Cap - 1

Baseball Hats – 3

Preorder sales: (still open for last call orders, so totals are changing)

35th Anniversary t-shirts (including show-colored shirts) – 23 total

Green shirt – 12 total, 6 with customization on back

MFF shirts – 7

SAFF shirts - 6

PBA Member Signs – 14

Judges Training Committee: Chair Liza Sanford-Crane

Members: Lisa Roskopf & Ruth Hawkins

We plan on submitting a short blurb in the June Pipeline newsletters, "From the Judge's Perspective. " kinda like "Ramblings from the Registrar." Our first Submission is nearly ready.

Registrar's Report: Brette Soucie

Just to give you a glimpse at how many registrations we have been doing the last few years here's a look back:

	Does in registry	Bucks in registry	Wethers in registry	New Members
2019	133	44	66	-
2020	100	27	58	24
2021	120	39	46	41
2022	2	2	2	5

Webmaster Update: Nan Nichols

A 2Q webmaster update will include the agenda item discussion of possible updaters/changes for "Join/Renew online forms", and a discussion of adding clarification to the posted website page regarding "PBA history".

Nothing reported for the following committees:

Breed Standard Committee: Chair Brette Soucie, Members: Lisa Grzeskowiak, Terri Kistle, Debbie Eubanks, Amanda Sadowski, Beverly VanHook-Schrey

Fiber Committee: Chair Mandi Sadowski, Member: Kira Marks

Education Fund Committee: Chair Patricia Young, Member: Christine Nauman (Budget: \$600)

Youth Committee: Chair Janet Tilp, Members: Christine Nauman & Karen Price

Public Relations Committee: Chair Robin Oliver, Members: Kari Schroeder, Ruth Hawkins & Collen McGee (Budget \$1250)

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Shields (Budget \$2400)

Show Secretary: Robin Oliver (\$500)

Old Business

--Scrapie Study:

Presented with new data regarding the likelihood of Pygoras to carry one of the two specific scrapie resistance genes for which goats are commercially tested, the PBA BOD reached a consensus to withdraw PBA proposed funding support for the Scrapie Study at this time.

New Business

--PBA Website, History Update

There was careful consideration of a reply to former PBA member Babette Turk, who was dissatisfied with the PBA response to her complaint about information posted on our PBA website "History" page.

Discussion consensus, including important input on PBA history, supports a minor revision of what is posted on the PBA website to reflect the history description of the "Pygora Goat Management" book. The website will be updated when convenient and will be done to align with the information included in the "Pygora Goat Management" book. It was decided that no further response to the complaint from Babette Turk is warranted.

The Board consensus was to make the website description consistent with that of the "Pygora Goat Management" book, written by Chris Utterback. [Chris was one of the founding PBA members, and spent a lot of time with Katharine Jorgensen.]

Excerpt from the Pygora Goat Management book [Copyright July 1998; Revised June 6, 2021]:
A Short History of The Pygora: The Pygora is a fleece producing goat that was first bred in Oregon by Katharine Jorgensen in 1980. She was inspired by the colored, curly goats she saw on the Navajo Indian Reservation. She purchased a registered Angora doe with the intention of breeding her to a registered Pygmy buck.

Excerpt from the PBA website: "Story of Fluff", April 12, 2022:... "She was inspired by the look of some colored, curly goats she saw on an Indian Reservation and decided she wanted to make colored mohair."

Excerpt from the PBA website: "Story of Fluff", June 25, 2022:... "She was inspired by the look of some colored, curly goats she saw on a **Navajo** Indian Reservation and decided she wanted to make colored mohair."

--Registrar Stipend Increase

A proposal by Fran Bishop for increasing the stipend paid to the PBA Registrar was considered and approved. All PBA Board Meetings - 2022 members were invited to review the proposal and share their thoughts. This discussion concluded with the posting of Motion 22-2, which passed by a majority vote.

Motion 22-2: Registrar Stipend Increase

Maker: Fran Bishop

Second: Kari Schroeder

I, Fran Bishop, move to add a stipend of \$2 per each new or renewed membership and a stipend of \$2 for each herdname/tattoo to be paid to the registrar. Effective with the April registrar report.

Natalie - approve

Ruth - approve

Dale - approve

Debbie - approve

Fran - approve

Beverly - approve

Kari - approve

Nan - approve

--MS365 Renewal

Following shared BOD perspectives on experience with MS365 and alternative subscription meeting platforms and devices, there was a consensus to continue the MS365 subscription for another year at which time BOD may still consider making changes that might benefit the organization.

--Online Join/Renew Forms

In consideration of replacing current PBA forms for joining and renewing membership, the BOD experimented with Google forms as an online option for joining PBA or renewing membership and invited other members to experiment as well as they made a preliminary assessment of the form.

--Show Insurance Purchase

Following a robust 2-day discussion of the possibility of purchasing show insurance to cover sanctioned shows chaired by PBA members, a motion was presented and passed by majority approval.

Motion 22-3: Show Insurance

Maker: Beverly VanHook-Schrey

Second: Natalie Houston

I move that PBA subscribe to liability insurance coverage on behalf of members who sponsor sanctioned shows with the subscription to undergo BOD review prior to each renewal.

Fran B -No

Ruth H - approve

Debbie E - approve

Natalie H - approve

Beverly VH-S - approve

Kari S - approve

Dale G - approve

Nan N - approve

--Announcements

Beverly VanHook-Schrey announced: Shenandoah Valley Fiber Festival is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, in Berryville, VA. Pygora Fleece and Goat Shows scheduled for Saturday, September 24, with Liza Sanford-Crane as judge are pending PBA Show Sanction Application approval. Watch for notification regarding Show Entry forms, get your fleeces ready to mail to PBA member Karen Steere in Winchester, VA, and be prepared to bring you Pygoras to Berryville to participate in SVFF.

--3rd Quarter Meeting Date

The next PBA BOD meeting was scheduled to begin June 23, with a July 4th week-end break, if the meeting is not wrapped up by July 4th.

--Adjournment

Following a motion to adjourn, Nan adjourned the meeting at 12:24 pm, April 14.

Maker: Kari Schroeder

Second: Beverly VanHook-Schrey

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly VanHook-Schrey