

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—October 9, 2023
Pygora Breeders Association (PBA)
Quarter 4

Call to Order

With a quorum present, President Nan Nichols called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm, October 9. BOD members present included Ruth Hawkins, Fran Bishop, Beverly VanHook-Schrey, Wade Oliver, Kira Marks, Nan Nichols. Additional Board members joining the meeting were Kari Schroeder, Natalie Houston and Roger Minniear. 2023 PBA members were welcomed to check in as well.

Minutes

The July 2023 Minutes presented by Secretary Beverly VanHook-Schrey were approved by Board majority.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report as presented by Treasurer Fran Bishop was approved by Board majority on October 10.

Committee Reports

On October 11, Board members approved 4th Quarter 2023 Committee Reports posted by Vice-President Ruth Hawkins.

PBA 2023 October Committee Reports
Submitted by VP Ruth Hawkins

Judges Training Committee: Chair Liza Sanford-Crane Members: Lisa Roskopf & Ruth Hawkins

Two previous trainees have dropped out for personal reasons – this may have been reported last quarter. Two viable trainees continue the process. If all goes as planned, we shall have 10 active judges once the two new ones complete the program.

The PBA Judges and Judges in Training were e-mailed the UPDATED PBA Show Rules, Dated 10-8-2023. Many thanks to our Show Secretary for creating this updated version.

Fiber Committee: Kira Marks Member: none

Educational article written for Pypeline on mill processing Pygora fiber and what to expect out of the finished products.

Contacted Texas A & M regarding micron testing. Have yet to hear back from them. Wanting to start with education on how to do micron testing and how to read reports. Exploring the potential for changing the focus of breeding programs for better fiber separation.

Want to start free classes on fiber scouring methods via internet platform.

Merchandise Committee: Chair Erica Johansen Members: Ruth Hawkins & Collen McGee
Budget \$500

July1 – September30: 1 Fiber Fun book was sold.

Treasurer: Fran Bishop

See Treasurer's report

Nothing reported for the following committees:

Archives: Fran Bishop

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

Education Fund Committee: Chair Patricia Young Members: none (Budget: \$600)

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Shields (Budget \$2400)

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

Registrar: Brette Soucie

Show Secretary: Robin Oliver (\$500)

Webmaster Update: Joseph Gherardi

Youth Committee: Chair Janet Tilp Members: none

New Business

Pypeline Editor Contract Renewal

Following much praise for a job well done on production of the PBA newsletter Pygora Pypeline, the annual contract for Pypeline editor Kelly Shields was approved for renewal with majority Board approval on October 11.

Use of the PBA Logo on Local Show Ribbons

The Board discussed use of PBA graphic logos. The PBA uses a specific logo on the embosser for all official certificates, as well as on the PBA Grand and PBA Grand Reserve Champion show ribbons. Some local shows have also used the logo on their show ribbons. Ideas and suggestions were shared regarding support for member use of graphic logos in the production of show ribbons in particular.

It was noted that PBA currently has inconsistent messaging regarding appropriate use of PBA graphic logos and inconsistent access to files and sharing between PBA awards and local show awards. It was further noted that sharing a logo between official PBA awards and local show awards does not help members distinguish appropriate use of the PBA graphic logos.

Discussion continued to October 13 with no action being taken due to lack of consensus on use of the PBA embosser logo for local show purposes.

PR Committee – Media Photo Packet for PBA Use

As a suggestion for helping PBA with breed education and show promotion, a discussion opportunity was opened on October 13 to consider adding photos to “text only” PBA files and to a PBA “For the Media” link currently available online for educational purposes. It was suggested that approved photos could be identified with “copyright” or watermark notation. Suggestions were also made for the PR and Breed Standard committees to possibly work on this packet with collected “Goat of the Month” photos as a possible starting point. An additional suggestion included adding fleece type photos to the media photo packet for comparison purposes.

Nan announced that follow-up on the media photo packet topic will be scheduled for the January 2024 meeting.

Motions were made to amend rules for kid registration photos (10/14), to change the show sanction application (10/16), and to form an *Ad hoc* committee for website/database revision (10/17-18).

Motion 23-5:

Maker: Fran Bishop

Second: Beverly VanHook-Schrey

I, Fran Bishop, move to add a clarification of the Rules for Pygora Goat Registration to read:

COLOR PHOTO: For pre-registration, a full, side-view, in-color photo is required of the goat STANDING UNAIDED, WITH HEAD FACING THE CAMERA. For random markings provide as many photos as needed to show markings. At the time of permanent registration, animals with an out-of-fleece photo on record will have to provide at least one full side view photo of the goat in-fleece.

Animals requesting permanent registration when no pre-registration exists will be required to send at least one full side-view photo of the goat out-of-fleece STANDING UNAIDED, WITH HEAD FACING THE CAMERA and at least one full side-view photo of it in fleece. For random markings provide as many photos as needed to show markings. Only one goat per photo. (DO NOT send in group shots.) LABEL THE PHOTO WITH the goat's name, age, pending number (if pre-registered), and your name. These photos are required for evaluation of general conformance to the breed standards.

And

The Application for Registration both online and mail-in forms to read under Application Checklist #2:

2. Out of Fleece Photo(s): Submit one full-side view photo of goat STANDING UNAIDED, WITH HEAD FACING the camera. Photo can be of EITHER a kid under three weeks old OR a recently, fully shorn adult over 8 months old. If RANDOM MARKINGS exist, submit a full side-view of BOTH sides, showing all random markings.

Beverly VanHook-Schrey—yes

Fran Bishop—yes

Ruth Hawkins—yes

Natalie Houston—yes

Kari Schroeder—yes

Nan Nichols—yes

Wade Oliver—Yes

Roger Minniear—yes

Kira Marks—yes

Motion 23-6:

Maker: Fran Bishop

Second: Beverly VanHook-Schrey

I, Fran Bishop, move to change the Official Pygora Breeder Association Show Rules to read

A. Show Sanction and fees

1. A sanction application, associated show fees, and copy of the class schedule should be sent to the PBA Show Secretary for approval. All scheduled classes must be listed and should follow the guidelines for Show Classes found herein. **The application must be requested and signed by a PBA adult member (18 years or older) in good standing who is considered eligible to be a voting member in all things. Youth members are encouraged to be co-chairs but are not eligible to vote nor petition for show sanctions on their own.** Application forms may be obtained.....

Beverly VanHook-Schrey—yes
Fran Bishop—yes
Ruth Hawkins—yes
Natalie Houston—yes
Kari Schroeder—yes

Nan Nichols—yes
Wade Oliver—Yes
Roger Minniear—yes
Kira Marks—yes

Funding Revision of Source Code for PBA Data Tables

On October 16, Nan presented the following information regarding PBA data records system that includes custom searches and membership links. "It's becoming increasingly difficult to maintain, but there might be a significant cost to revise it. Our Webmaster and I are looking into alternatives, and our PR Chairperson [roliver2078 (Guest)] has offered assistance. It's just an estimate, but finding someone willing and able to do this would probably cost \$2500 at a minimum."

Motion 23-7:

Maker—Fran Bishop

Second—Kari Schroeder

I, Fran Bishop, move to form an *Ad Hoc* Committee to research other options for PBA's herdbook. Nan Nichols, president, and Joe Gherardi, Webmaster, could co-chair this committee and add others at will.

Beverly VanHook-Schrey—yes
Fran Bishop—yes
Ruth Hawkins—yes
Natalie Houston—yes
Kari Schroeder—yes

Nan Nichols—yes
Wade Oliver—Yes
Roger Minniear—yes
Kira Marks—yes

Pypline Policies: Individual Member (Farm, Business) Promotion; Photo Use

On October 18, the Board was reminded of the PBA quarterly newsletter's lack of policies or guidelines regarding content. The Board was asked to consider two discussion items:

- 1) Is it OK to include articles that specifically and directly promote an individual member's business?
- 2) Is it necessary for the source of all submitted photos to be identified?

Discussion included suggestions for a use policy for photos used by the *Pypeline*, a usage agreement statement for submitted articles and photos, and a blanket statement for sharing photos that releases rights for use by the PBA and partners. No Board action was taken.

Judge's Training & Class Placing Guidelines

A lengthy discussion followed Nan's request for opinions on current PBA Judge's Training Manual guidelines for judges with respect to individual placing and individual comments for goats in sanctioned shows where class size exceeds the number of ribbons for a specific show. She noted that guidelines suggest that judges are only required to place and comment on goats according to the number of ribbons for that show.

Judges Training Committee Chair Liza Sanford-Crane expressed appreciation for the comments, added that this is an excellent topic for the Pygora Pypeline, and suggested that the topic will be covered in an upcoming "From the Judge's Perspective" column.

Announcements

A January meeting date was set for January 15, 2024.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made October 19, 2023.

Maker: Wade Oliver

Second: Kari Schroeder

President Nan Nichols adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m. October 19, 2023.

Respectively submitted,
Beverly VanHook-Schrey, Secretary