

PBA 2024 July Committee Reports

Submitted by VP Ruth Hawkins

Archives: Fran Bishop

I sent some articles written by the founder of PBA-Katharine Jorgensen-for the Pypeline to be published.

I am hoping things begin to slow down a bit so I can find more informative articles giving insight into the beginnings of PBA.

Fiber Committee: Kira Marks Member: Kari Schroeder & Ruth Hawkins

The fiber committee asked PBA members what mills they are currently using. From this list a questionnaire was sent to 10 different mills. Our goal is to gain valuable feedback from the mills, regarding quality of Pygora that they are seeing, if we are on the right track as producers, and if there is anything we should better educate our producers on. So, far we have received replies from three mills.

Merchandise Committee: Chair Erica Johansen Members: Ruth Hawkins & Collen McGee

Budget \$500

Merchandise Store Sales 4/1/2024 - 6/31/2024: No sales for this quarter.

Newsletter Editor: Kelly Shields (Budget \$2400)

The Summer 2024 Pypeline was Kelly's last publication. We appreciate all her work as editor over the past three years.

The position of Newsletter Editor is currently open.

Treasurer: Fran Bishop (See Treasurer's report)

Youth Committee: Chair Jennifer Eisenhauer Members: Janet Tilp

In an effort to understand how to best serve our PBA members, the Youth Committee posted an interest survey in the PBA Facebook group and the Summer 2024 issue of the Pygora Pypeline. We will keep this survey open through the summer; however, at this point, those who participated identified interest in the following: educational programs for youth (care and health of Pygoras, Pygora fiber processing and projects, showing Pygoras and Pygora fleece) and possible virtual "get togethers" with other youth across the country who also own Pygoras. Additionally, we have received helpful suggestions to promote Pygoras to 4-H and other youth organizations including putting together a "how to kit" and/or intro letter to help adults introduce Pygoras to youth in these organizations.

A call for photos for our PBA 2025 calendar was posted in the Summer 2024 issue of the Pygora Pypeline, and will also be posted in the PBA Facebook group in July.

In an effort to feature and promote our PBA youth, the Youth Committee plans to publish a “Youth Spotlight” in future Pygora Pypeline publications. Thank you to Ruth for interviewing our first featured youth!

Nothing reported for the following committees:

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)

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

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