

Suffolk Newsletter

The United Suffolk Sheep Association

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Greetings Suffolk Enthusiasts!

I just returned from a quick trip to Utah. While in Utah, I was able to attend the Utah Ram Sale, stop by and say hello to past USSA Secretary, Annette Benson, and travel Coalville where other breed representatives discussed NSIP and possible collaboration. Additionally, breed representatives and several ranchers participated in some hands-on ram evaluation using NSIP data at Tom Boyer's ranch. It was a great trip! Stay tuned for more information on upcoming projects and activities.

It's that time of year again...NAILE festivities! Find a list of events on page 8! Just a friendly reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head, paid to the USSA prior to the events at NAILE entry money paid after the show is \$10 per head.

Again this year, the UJSSA will have several fundraisers to raise money for the 2018 National Jr. Suffolk Show. Stop by the USSA Booth and check out all the great items and gift baskets! T-shirts and Sweatshirts will also be for sale. You may also see UJSSA Directors around the barn with the junior show sponsor sheet – an opportunity to sponsor a specific class, event, meal or giveaways!

It's not too late to make your dinner reservations for the 2017 USSA Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm during NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky. Come a little early and catch-up with Suffolk friends at 5:30pm! The dinner and meeting will be South Wing 102. Also, during this evening, the 2017 USSA Hall of Fame Inductees, Johnson Club Lambs, Weldon & Brian Johnson, Alan & Mary Kjeldgaard, Ansel Luxford and Buckeye Acres, Ron & Carla Young will be honored. Contact the USSA Office by Friday, November 3rd!

Congratulations to the newly elected USSA Board of Directors- District 1 – Blair Summey, CA; District 2 – Tom Burke, MO; District 3 – Jeremy Geske, MN and District 4 – Bret Henderson, IN.

In addition to welcoming the new USSA Directors, a big thank you is in order to outgoing board members, Kip Kuntz, Rob Zelinsky and Dale Dobberpuhl. Thank you for your contributions to the USSA!

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Late Registrations (over 1 yr old)-\$15/hd

You can still take advantage of having the USSA enter your flock data into NSIP. If you are interested in participating or hearing more details please contact the office. There is no cost to members to have their data entered. NSIP fees still apply. To date, funding has covered the cost to enter data for 6 Suffolk flocks totaling approximately 500head!

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United Suffolk Sheep Association

-Mission Statement-

"To define, register, promote and improve the Suffolk breed to provide leadership for the advancement and future of the entire U.S. Sheep Industry"

-Vision Statement-

"To be the most innovative, value adding, member-driven sheep breed organization for an evolving U.S. Sheep Industry"



...new members, returning past members (who have not been active in recent years) and past UJSSA members who have joined the USSA.

Jonathon Endicott, Ohio
Krysta Green, Montana
Nyle Russell, Utah
Andy Sivertsen, South Dakota



Expect the next issue of the Suffolk Newsletter...

Mid/Late December

Deadline to submit information, ads, events is December 10th.

USSA ELECTION RESULTS

DISTRICT 1- Blair Summey, CA—20 votes

Kip Kuntz, CA—12 votes

DISTRICT 2 ♦ Tom Burke, MO

DISTRICT 3 ♦ Jeremy Geske, MN

DISTRICT 4 ♦ Bret Henderson, IN



Thank you to Kip Kuntz (district 1), Rob Zelinsky (district 2) and Dale Dobberpuhl (district 3) for service to the USSA as an outgoing director!

REMINDER: MAIL THE OFFICE YOUR \$5 ENTRY FEE FOR THE NAILE OPEN SHOW.

USSA Committee Updates

Breed Improvement: The USSA is honored to be chosen as one of the Let's Grow Grant recipients. A major focus of our grant proposal is to offer an opportunity for USSA members to enter their NSIP data through the USSA. Please contact the USSA Office for more information.

Youth Promotion: Ewe Lamb Giveaway— Thank you to breeders who have committed to donating a ewe lamb! Contest winners will be announced by November 15.

Futurity—Participants, please turn in points forms to the USSA Office. THANK YOU to breeders who futurity nominated ewe lambs!

Hospitality: Please consider attending the 2017 USSA Hall of Fame and Annual Meeting Dinner. Make your reservations as soon as possible!

LET'S GROW GRANT UPDATE

The USSA is honored to be chosen as one of the 2015 Let's Grow Grant recipients. A major focus of our grant proposal is to offer an opportunity for USSA members to enter their NSIP data through the USSA.

To-date data has been submitted for nearly 500 Suffolks from 6 flocks!

If you are interested in participating or learning more about this opportunity, please contact the USSA Office!



USSA Member News



James Leslie Klamfoth, age 63, of Groveport, died suddenly September 9, 2017 at his home. Born March 2, 1954 in Columbus, Ohio; he was a devoted father and a loving family man. James was a staple in the local farming community and sold produce thru the Klamfoth Family Farm Market. He was deeply involved with the American Legion Post 677 in Lithopolis where he served as President for the S.A.L. from 2015-2017. He had a passion for the sheep industry, particularly the Suffolk breed. James raised, fitted and showed Suffolk sheep for over 50 years.

Preceded in death by his father, Donald Klamfoth, and brother, Randall Lee Klamfoth; James is survived by his longtime girlfriend, Katy Clark; sons, James (Sarah) Klamfoth and Joseph Klamfoth; grandchildren, Dalton, Knox and Kennady; mother, Betty Klamfoth; sisters, Jodi (Jack Chapman) Klamfoth, and Tila (John) Stancil; many dear friends and family members. [Click here to visit online memorial.](#)

USSA FUTURITY PROGRAM— Standings as of 11/1/17

Ewe Lambs Futurity

DISTRICT 1

No points have been submitted to the USSA Office at this time.

DISTRICT 2

33pts - Raesa Zelinsky, SD - Kimm 17205
23pts - Rhett Zelinsky, SD - Russell Sheep Co 7001
8pts - Rikken Zelinsky, SD - Ulrich 33-17

DISTRICT 3

38pts—Madison Binder, IL—Arndt Acres 16-054
29pts—Miranda Dobberpuhl, WI—Kimm 14011-17422
27pts—Christian Tiff, IA—Dombek 3095
20pts—Lillian Ruddat, WI—Kimm 11091-17227
13pts— Christian Tiff, WI—Annuschat Y802

DISTRICT 4

40pts - Madelynn Pimm, PA - MacCauley 3784
38pts- Allee Hoover, PA—MacCauley 3766
35pts - Madelynn Pimm, PA - MacCauley 3839

Yearling Ewe Futurity

63pts - Bauer Burch, TN - O'Neill Suffolks 1163
48pts - Madison Binder, IL— Arndt Acres 15-0544
41pts - Sandra Binder, IL— Arndt Acres 15-0545
19pts - Ashley Gouge, DE—MacCauley 3513
14pts - Madelynn Pimm, PA - MacCauley 3591

Don't forget to submit your futurity points to the USSA Office!!

JR. SHOW FUNDRAISING CONTEST - GRAND PRIZE *SHOWBOX*

Attention Juniors! Help us raise money for the 2018 National Junior Suffolk Show!

- ⇒ All money raised must be submitted as one sum. Money and a detailed list of donors (including mailing address) should be mailed to the USSA Office—PO Box 121 , Holland, IA 50642! Don't forget to include your name, too!
- ⇒ **Money raised must be mailed, postmarked on or before May 1.** Anything mailed after May 1 will not be included in the contest.
- ⇒ Money raised prior to the announced start date will not count toward the contest. **Start date: November 1st!**
- ⇒ Checks should be made payable to UJSSA.
- ⇒ Open to any junior member. UJSSA Board of Directors are not eligible.
- ⇒ **The winner of the contest will receive a show box!**

UJSSA FUNDRAISER

The UJSSA board is selling t-shirts and sweatshirts as a fundraiser for the 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show. T-shirts are \$20 and sweatshirts are \$30; prices include shipping. Contact the USSA Office to order!



Notes from the UJSSA

2018 National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show Sponsorship Would you like to help sponsor the 2018 National Junior Suffolk Show? If you are interested in sponsoring a specific class or would like to just be a general sponsor please contact a UJSSA Director.

2017 NATIONAL JUNIOR SUFFOLK SHOW



Now posted on the [UJSSA Website](http://www.ujssa.org)
Photos • Complete Results • 2017 UJSSA Directors

UJSSA Board of Directors

 www.ujssa.org
The UJSSA is on Facebook!

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UJSSA Ambassador Application
Due: June 1, 2018

Visit the USSA or UJSSA website to view application.

2017 NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

USSA Calendar of Events for NAILE

Friday, November 10

Junior Breeding Showmanship – 10am
Premier Bred Ewe Sale—3pm also on wlivestock.com
Market Lamb Showmanship—4pm
Lead Line –4pm
Market Mama Sale—6pm also on dvauction.com

Saturday, November 11

Suffolk Market Lamb Show
UJSSA Pizza Party—Noon, USSA Display
North American International Suffolk Sale, 3:30pm
UJSSA Meeting—5pm, South Wing, A Board Room

Sunday, November 12

Jr Suffolk Breeding Sheep Show, following Dorpers (Ring 1)

Tuesday, November 14

USSA Board Meeting—10am, South Wing, A Board Room
USSA Annual Meeting - 5:30 social hour, 6:30pm dinner , South Wing, B102

Wednesday, November 15

Open Suffolk Show (Ring 1)— 8am

Thursday, November 16

Supreme Champion

Any changes to meeting times or locations will be posted at the USSA Booth.

Judges for NAILE Suffolk Shows

Junior Wether Show — Evan Snyder, PA
Junior Breeding Show— Kyle Thayer, MA

Open Show— Slick: Greg Ahart, CA
Fitted: John Mrozinski, IN



NAILE Open Show Participants -

Just a reminder that the entry fee of \$5 per head needs to be paid to the USSA prior to the events at NAILE, for those who do not pay, will be prohibited from participating. If the entry fee is collected at NAILE, the entry fee will increase to \$10 per head.

Unable to attend NAILE?

Watch the show online!

<http://www.livestockexpo.org/livestream.html>



NAILE Premium Book can be found at www.livestockexpo.org

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

When selling Suffolks, ask your buyer for their email address and if you can share it with the association. We'd like to add Suffolk buyers to our email distribution lists! Let's get buyers excited about Suffolks AND the association! Also, anytime you sell Suffolks and would like the office to send them some information and FREEBIES, email Amanda—info@u-s-s-a.org or include note with the transfers to the office.





NSIP UPDATE

Submitted By Brenda Reau

Suffolk Rams Featured in Field Research Project

An exciting project taking place at Mickel Brothers Sheep Company in Spring City, Utah is a terminal sire field trial, where Suffolk rams will be bred to a large group of commercial ewes. The trial will examine the use of Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) as a reliable measure of growth and muscle with the corresponding economics in a typical range management system.

Mickel Brothers Sheep Company is a part of the Leading Edge Sheep Production Group that represents approximately 30,000 to 32,000 ewes, owned and managed by producers in Utah and Wyoming. The producers in the group want to advance their genetics and production methods to help create, and subsequently meet, the demand of an increased market share.

The trial will include 28 Suffolk ram lambs with EBVs from flocks enrolled in the National Sheep Improvement Program plus a dozen Suffolk ram lambs with no EBV's from the industry. All rams in the study had weights and scrotal measurements taken on October 14 and were condition scored.

The twenty-eight rams with NSIP generated EBVs (14 selected for high growth and 14 selected for high ribeye muscle) and a dozen industry rams will be mated with about 1,100 ewes in early November. Ewes will be shed lambed starting in early April 2018 with tagging, birth data, and tissue samples for parentage testing collected. In late September, lambs will come off the mountain and be shipped directly to a feedlot where lambs will be individually weighed upon arrival. In late 2018, or early 2019, lambs will be reweighed and harvested by Superior Farms. Carcass weights, electronic scanning, and objective carcass measurements will be collected under the guidance of Superior Farms.

The trial is a groundbreaking field trial with leadership being provided by Tom Boyer, Dr. Ron Lewis of University of Nebraska, and the Leading Edge team with partial funding from ASI Let's Grow. The trial represents one of the few times in US sheep industry history where all segments of the industry (seed stock producer, commercial producer, feeder and packer) have come together and made substantial contributions to a project in an attempt to increase efficiencies and profitability in the sheep industry.



Rams body condition scored on Oct. 14.



For each ram data was collected, photos were taken and blood was drawn for lamb parentage testing next spring.



In addition to preparing for the trial, sheep breed representatives and local producers meet at Tom Boyers ranch. The group evaluated rams phenotypically and then with the NSIP data .

Focus on Artificial Insemination in sheep at Dairy Sheep Symposium

Any sheep producer who is thinking about using Artificial Insemination (AI) to improve their flock genetics, should seriously consider attending the 2017 Symposium of the Dairy Sheep Association of North America, November 30 – December 2 in Orford, Quebec. The first day of this year's Symposium will be devoted entirely to AI. Speakers from Canada, Europe, and the US will present on AI techniques used in France, Iceland, and Canada, both cervical and laparoscopic, with both frozen and fresh semen. Presenters will also discuss protocols that will improve conception rates and litter size in AI'd ewes. Furthermore, a large number of dairy sheep producers will be in attendance who have begun using AI to incorporate European genetics into their flocks. Developments in AI techniques, as well as improved availability of internationally-sourced semen, are offering American sheep producers some real opportunities to broaden and improve their breed's gene pool.

The Symposium will be held at the beautiful Estrimont Suites & Spa in Orford, in southern Quebec just north of Vermont. Attendees can register for just one day (i.e., for the day of AI presentations on November 30th), or for the full symposium which includes two days of presentations, a wine-and-cheese reception featuring Canadian sheep-milk cheeses, tours of two Quebecois sheep dairies, and an optional cheese-making workshop. For more details on the Symposium schedule, go to www.dsana.org. There are two brochures on the DSANA website, one in French and one in English; please note that all rates are listed in Canadian dollars, and that US dollar rates are approximately 80% of the listed Canadian dollar rates.

USSA AMNESTY PROGRAM RETURNS!

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Program runs August 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018.

Please spread the word to fellow Suffolk Breeders who may have some catching up to do!

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USSA FEE CHANGES

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ASI Weekly's Upcoming Events Calendar

Reprinted from ASI Weekly—ASI does a great job of sharing upcoming sheep industry events in their weekly newsletter. To sign-up for the ASI Weekly electronic newsletter please visit: <http://www.sheepusa.org/> - scroll to the bottom of the homepage and type in email address under "CONTACT US" and then click "subscribe".

Nov. 2-4 - Kansas Sheep Shearing School - Quinter, Kan. - www.kssheep.com or Gary Jorgensen at [620-640-1070](tel:620-640-1070)

Nov. 3-4 - Ozark Fiber Fling, Steelville, MO - ozarkfiberfling.com [573-245-6851](tel:573-245-6851)

Nov. 9-11 - West Central States Wool Growers Convention - Sun Valley, Idaho - idahowool@gmail.com

Nov. 14-16 - Success with Stock Dogs (Session one of three) - Bennington, Ind. - Denice Rackley at denice.r@lycos.com or <http://www.clearfieldstockdogs.com>

Nov. 17-19 - Ohio Sheep Shearing School (Advanced) - Hebron, Ohio - <http://www.lambshoppe.com> or Doug Rathke at info@lambshoppe.com, [320-587-6094](tel:320-587-6094)

Nov. 18 - Missouri Sheep Producers Annual Meeting - Lincoln University's Carver Farm in Jefferson City, Mo. - www.missourisheep.com

Nov. 18-20 - North Dakota Sheep Shearing School - Hettinger (N.D.) Fairgrounds - christopher.schauer@ndsu.edu or [701-567-4323](tel:701-567-4323)

Nov. 18-20 - North Dakota Certified Wool Classing School - Hettinger (N.D.) Armory - christopher.schauer@ndsu.edu or [701-567-4323](tel:701-567-4323)

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - Montana Wool Growers Association Convention - Billings, Mont. - <http://www.mtsheep.org>

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - Oregon Sheep Growers Annual Meeting - Springfield, Ore. - info@sheeporegon.com

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 - Dairy Sheep Association of North America 2017 Symposium - Orford, Quebec, Canada - www.dsana.org.

Dec. 1-2 - North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers/Minnesota Lamb and Wool Producers Annual Convention - Fargo, N.D. - www.ndsheep.org or www.mlwp.org.

Dec. 1-2 - Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium - OARDC Shisler Center in Wooster, Ohio - [614-246-8299](tel:614-246-8299) or www.ohiosheep.org

Dec. 1-2 - Missouri Livestock Symposium - William Matthew Middle School in Kirksville, Mo. - www.missourilivestock.com

Dec. 2 Dakota Lamb Growers Cooperative Annual Meeting - Fargo, N.D. - <http://dakotalambgrowers.com/>

Dec. 6-8 - South Dakota Shearing School - Brookings, S.D. - Dr. Jeff Held at jeffrey.held@sdstate.edu

Jan. 13-15 - AgriLife Extension Shearing School - San Angelo, Texas - <http://agrilife.org/sheepandgoat/registration>

Jan. 31-Feb. 3 - ASI Annual Convention - From the Hill Country to Capitol Hill in San Antonio - www.sheepusa.org

Book Your Hotel Now for the ASI Convention

Start planning now for the ASI Annual Convention. From the Hill Country to Capitol Hill will take place Jan. 31-Feb. 3, 2018, at the Marriott San Antonio Rivercenter. Details on registration, schedules and speakers are still to come, but attendees can book hotel rooms now by visiting:

<https://aws.passkey.com/gt/215642451?gtid=1c9f7e5483e1011581b8de0e15d43c2c>.

Additional information on the convention can be accessed at http://sheepusa.org/Events_2018Convention as it becomes available.

SUFFOLK NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING RATES

1 page—\$200/issue

1/2 page—\$100/issue

1/4 page- \$50/issue

Ads should be emailed to: news@u-s-s-a.org. Please include the ad size and which quarter the ad should be run. Ads must be "publish-ready".

Suffolk Associations Close to Home



Ever wondered if there is a state or regional Suffolk Association near you? The following is a listing of active state and/or regional Suffolk Associations across the United States. If there is an active local Suffolk Association that has been overlooked, please contact the USSA Office. Local Suffolk Associations are encouraged to share news, events or updates through the Suffolk Newsletter!

CALIFORNIA SUFFOLK AND HAMPSHIRE SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION **Website**

President: Greg Ahart, Sacramento, CA Phone: 916.716.0089 Email: greg.ahart@superiorfarms.com

ILLINOIS SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: John Corson, Macomb, IL Phone: 309-255-4606 Email: corsonre@yahoo.com

IOWA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President: Kathy Krafka Harkema, Montezuma, IA Phone: 641.623.7200 Email: truechamp@aol.com

MINNESOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Jeremy Geske, New Prague, MN Phone: 612.756.1200 Email: jeremy.geske@gmail.com

MISSOURI SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Amanda Dobson, Lexington, MO Phone: 660.232.1433 Email: adobson.rvt@gmail.com

MONTANA SUFFOLK SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION **Website**

Contact: Jane Rath, Miles City, MT Phone: 406.232.1060

NORTHEAST SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

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OHIO SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Facebook Page**

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PENNSYLVANIA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Facebook Page**

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SOUTH DAKOTA SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION

President: Jim Van Dyke, Wessington Springs, SD Phone: 605-770-1095 Email: seedstock@venturecomm.net

WISCONSIN SUFFOLK SHEEP ASSOCIATION **Website** **Facebook Page**

President: Kevin Slack, Lake Geneva, WI Phone: 262.903.5971 Email: kslackuffs@yaho.com

Have Ewe Checked Out the New Lamb Industry Resource Center?

The new lamb industry resource center was developed to provide the industry with a clearinghouse of information about lamb, from production resources and marketing tools to events and funding opportunities. The site is meant to help industry members learn where to find information, and to promote programs and resources provided by national lamb industry organizations.

Visit www.lambresourcecenter.com



The American Lamb Industry Roadmap Project

[Click Here](#) to access the American Lamb Board's Final Lamb Industry Roadmap Report!

One Pot Baked Lamb Shoulder Slices and Potatoes

Do you have a lamb recipe that is absolutely delicious you want to share? Do you attend farmers market and have a recipe and advice you'd like to share? Do you have a child that loves to cook? We'll feature their recipes, too! Please email recipes to news@u-s-s-a.org to be featured in an upcoming newsletter!



Ingredients

2 tablespoons of olive oil
3 pounds of Lamb shoulder, sliced into thin slices (about a quarter inch thick)
1 1/2 teaspoon of kosher salt
2 teaspoons of black pepper
1 teaspoon of ground nutmeg
1 1/2 teaspoons of all spice
1 teaspoon of turmeric
2 teaspoons of dried oregano
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
2 onions, finely diced
5 cloves of garlic, minced
2 cups of diced tomatoes (canned, with the juices)
1/2 cup of stock (beef, chicken or veggie)
3 Russet potatoes, peeled and sliced into rounds
3 sprigs of fresh Rosemary
1 teaspoon of salt
1 onion sliced
1 bell pepper sliced

Directions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

In a sheet pan, season the lamb slices with spice and toss it well.

Over medium high heat, preheat a sauce pan with the olive oil. Add the seasoned lamb, onions and garlic. Sauté for 3 minutes and cook for another 40 minutes until the lamb juices have evaporated.

Add in the tomatoes, potatoes, salt and toss them well with the lamb slices. Add the fresh rosemary sprigs, cover the pan and roast in the oven for about 1 hour until the potatoes and lamb are tender. If there's still some liquid in the pan, you can remove the cover and let it roast for 15 extra mins until it dries out a little. There will be some sauce at the bottom of the pan which is perfect for mopping with bread or serving over rice! Or just serve with a salad for a lower carb meal. Enjoy

Source: www.americanlamb.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Have a Suffolk related event you would like to add to the calendar of events? Email your event to: info@u-s-s-a.org. The newsletter may not contain all upcoming events. To find a full listing, please visit : www.u-s-s-a.org or www.ujssa.org

November

- 10-16 North American International Livestock Exposition – www.livestockexpo.com
 - 10 – Jr. Breeding Sheep & Market Wether Lamb Showmanship Lead Classes
 - 11-12 – Jr. Wether Show
 - 12 – Jr. Breeding Show
 - 15 – Open Suffolk Show
- 14 USSA Hall of Fame Recognition & Annual Meeting, North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, KY – dinner reservations due 10/15
- 25 Illini Bred Ewe & Ewe Lamb Sale, Bloomington, IL www.bannersheepmagazine.com



Have something to share?

We're looking for photos, news, show and sale information, classified ads, recipes, helpful hints & tips, educational opportunities and questions for the question and answer section to include in the Suffolk Newsletter! Or anything else that may be of interest to fellow Suffolk Breeders you would like to share! If you have any suggestions on other items that should be included in the Suffolk Newsletter, please send those ideas as well! Information can be emailed to news@u-s-s-a.org or contact the USSA Office.

June USSA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Best Western, Sedalia, Missouri—Thursday, June 22, 2017

Board Member Present: President, Paul Skartvedt, Vice-President, Rob Zelinsky, Treasurer, Bill Royer, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Gayle Lucas (phone), Kip Kuntz, Matt Beals, Bill Gergen, Randy Hodges, Bret Henderson (phone) and Joe Emenheiser (phone). Absent: Dale Dobberpuhl

Secretary's Report—Secretary Everts reported that the checking account balance is approximately \$13,000. A part-time employee was hired in June and has been processing registry work. Turnaround time for registry work is approximately 2 weeks. Year-to-date, registrations and transfers are down compared to last year.

Treasurer's Report—Treasurer Royer reported that fiscal year to-date income is down however there is no concern for insufficient funds to pay bills.

Committee Reports

By-Laws - Chairman, Ron Alves provided copies of the proposed by-law changes to board members present at the meeting. He asked the directors specifically look at Article VIII. The board will re-visit the Standard of Type in a future board meeting. Ron will share the document with directors who were not able to attend the board meeting and the proposed by-laws will be approved for a member vote via email. These by-law changes will be included with the upcoming director election mailing.

Youth Promotion – No report.

Marketing/Promotion – No report.

Budget – Bill Royer provided board members with proposed budget for 2017/2018. The proposed budget is short approximately \$7000 income to be balanced. There was a lengthy discussion regarding ways to balance the budget.

There was a motion to increase rush fees- \$25/head for papers needed in less than 3 days and \$10/head for a general rush (less than 2 weeks). In favor of the motion- Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Gergen, Zelinsky, Lucas, Beals, Emenheiser and Henderson. There was no one opposed to the motion. Motion passed.

There was a motion to increase new membership and membership dues paid prior to March 1 to \$40 and dues paid after March 1 to \$60 and increase late registrations to \$15/head. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Gergen, Zelinsky, Lucas and Henderson. Oppose to the motion – Beals and Emenheiser. The motion passed. *(Note- the late registration price will be effective March 1 as USSA Amnesty Program was approved later in the meeting.)*

Kip Kuntz made a motion that the USSA Amnesty Program is effective August 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018. Late registrations will be \$8 per head. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Zelinsky, Gergen, Lucas, Beals, Emenheiser and Henderson. There was no one opposed to the motion. The motion passed.

Scholarship – No report.

Hospitality – Randy Hodges reported that donuts and juice will be available on Friday before the sale.

Ambassador – No report.

Hall of Fame – Chairman, Rob Zelinsky reported that the committee met and provided a list of names to the USSA Board for approval. There was a motion made to approve the names; the motion did not pass. The committee will meet in July to discuss. Ron Alves made a motion that the Hall of Fame each year will consist one individual per district, one at large, maximum of 5 individuals. Kip Kuntz seconded the motion. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Lucas, Emenheiser, and Henderson. Opposed to the motion - Zelinsky, Gergen & Beals. The motion passed.

Breed Improvement – It was reported that there are 9 new Suffolk members in NSIP and through the grant fund there has been data entered for 100 Suffolks.

Old Business

Logo –There was a brief discussion on if the USSA board would like to change the current logo. Rob Zelinsky

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made a motion to move forward and change the USSA logo. The motion was seconded by Kip Kuntz. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Zelinsky, Lucas and Henderson. No one was opposed. The Marketing and Promotion Committee provided 3 logo options for the board to review. The board voted on the three options or continue to work on the design.

#1 - five votes (Alves, Lucas, Royer, Henderson & Zelinsky)

#2 - no votes

#3 - 3 votes (Hodges, Gergen & Kuntz)

Continue to look for design ideas – no votes

The association will move forward with option 1. It will be sent to Logobee; other versions of the logo will be created for review.

KHSI Registrar – No update.

New Business

Suffolk Gain Program – Bill Royer and Ron Alves briefly discussed consideration of a program that provides percentage registered Suffolks to show and sell. Bill Royer provided an article on the Dorset Advantage Program. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

National Suffolk Sale and Communication with Sale Management – There was a lengthy discussion about the National Suffolk Sale, location and USSA's requirements to be considered the National Suffolk Sale. Kip Kuntz will draft a criteria for the National Suffolk Sale and will provide it to the board for the next meeting.

Randy Hodges made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kip Kuntz. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 10/2/17.

CLASSIFIED ADS

USSA Members only. Ads are free. Must be sheep related: animals, vehicles, trailers, equipment, transportation, working dogs, etc. Include your contact information. The newsletter may not contain all of the classified ads or include photos that are posted with the classified ad. Full listing can be found on our website: www.u-s-s-a.org.

Flock For Sale*: Due to health problems, flock for sale. Yearlings to 4 year olds. All raised lambs last spring. 10 ewe lambs never been with a ram

Breeding rams used for this fall: Corson 15-13-7-24 - A Ruby Mountain "Double Lucky" son - Stood 2nd at the Iowa State Fair. Bierle 1509 OR- Luxford 1404B top side - goes back to CV's Promise on bottom side. KC Suffolks "Dynamite" Sr. Champion Ram NAILE 2016. KC Suffolks "Carter" son - AI Spectacular son
All the sheep go back to our Grand Champion Ram at NAILE, "C.V.'s Promise", in 2003. Everything on the farm is RRNN with papers.

Bierle Suffolks Creston, Iowa Cheryl 641-344-2462, Dalten 641-278-6533

Suffolk Ram For Sale*: We have a small flock and he is too closely "related" to continue breeding. He is beautiful, has great hooves, has been very healthy, as has his offspring. He has placed well (1st) at our local fair, as did his ram offspring (1st). We are located near Gettysburg, PA- Pennysica@gmail.com or 240-529-8684

Rams & Ewes For Sale :Registered Suffolk Ram Lambs Touchdown Acres 1331. Nice, meaty. \$250
Amy Louise Johnson, Wisconsin 608-269-2383

Ram For Sale*: Senior Champion Ram (1st place Fall Ram) at 2016 NAILE. Champion fall ram Iowa State Fair.
Kenny Capron, KC Suffolks, Iowa. 319.231.4497

*** Denotes pictures included with ad on USSA website.**

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Prices include the cost of shipping. Please contact the USSA office to order!



Suffolk Sculpture \$190



Suffolk Print \$80



**T-shirts \$20
Sweatshirts \$30**

Sheep Resources

The USSA Office often gets phone calls asking for resources producers can go to for sheep-related questions. The following are resources the office is aware of for producers to use. Since this may not be a complete list, if there are additional resources that you use and would like to share please email those to news@u-s-s-a.org.

Sheep Producer Resource Website

Sheep Community of Practice is a new web-based tool available to sheep producers through the eXtension Foundation, a non-profit entity. This website offers a Ask the Expert Tool that will connect you with experts and allow you to ask questions. Through the Ask the Expert Tool, the producer can even attach images. The website also offers information about sheep feeding and nutrition, reproduction and breeding, management practices, genetic selection, health and veterinary care, grazing and pasture, and wool. To visit the Sheep Community of Practice website go to: <http://www.extension.org/sheep>

Ask a Sheep Vet

This website is a blog written by sheep veterinarian Dr. Kennedy of Pipestone Veterinary Clinic, Pipestone, MN. The blog contains answers to various sheep related questions, with new information added often. To visit Dr. Kennedy's blog please go to: <http://askavetsheep.wordpress.com/> Also, if you "LIKE" [Pipestone Vet Sheep-Goats](#) on Facebook, are several question and answers posted daily.

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