

United Suffolk Sheep Association
July Board of Directors Call
July 11, 2022

Attendance: President Jeremy Geske, Vice President Randy Hodges, Treasurer Carol Heupel, Secretary Amanda Everts and the following Directors: Cynthia Huckins, Greg Ahart, Matt Wolf, Tom Burke, Jim Van Dyke, Dennis Sorensen, Brenda Reau and Bill Zwyers. Others in attendance: UJSSA Coordinator Nancy Burton and Suffolk Ambassador Wesley Linke. Not in attendance: Randy Dombek.

President Geske called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Jim Van Dyke made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Tom Burke. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported that the office is busy processing registry work. Since the last meeting Amanda has traveled to the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and the National Junior Show/All-American Junior Show. Jim Van Dyke made motion to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the investment account balance was \$251,008 with \$3,584 in cash. Amanda reported that registration and transfers would likely be down from 2021 but up compared to 2020. Bill Zwyers moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All in favor, motion carried.

Junior Report

Nancy Burton reported the t-shirt design contest is currently open. Four directors applied for the board; interviews will be held soon. The junior show went well.

Ambassador Report

Wesley Linke reported that he attended the National Junior Show/All-American junior show – he helped with ring check in, allowing him to meet several new families.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported that the Foundation supported Suffolk juniors at the All-American Junior Show – providing additional premiums for Suffolk exhibitors who designated Suffolks as their main breed, placed first through third in the promotion/education contests and promoted Suffolks. This year the Foundation awarded \$400. There was an executive meeting to discuss the possibility of the Foundation to contribute to the USSA/Secretary's time for Foundation projects. The Foundation board will meet in August to discuss this further.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Membership voting will be discussed at the August meeting – this will be an open discussion.

Youth Promotion

No report.

Budget

Carol Heupel spoke about the cost of staff travel and the loss of time to process registry work. Amanda reported what her job duties are at Sedalia, Junior Show and NAILE. There was a short discussion and the board agreed that it will not be budgeted for Amanda to attend Sedalia next year. Amanda will find someone to take photos of class winners for the association.

Hall of Fame

No report.

Breed Improvement

Brenda Reau reported the committee meets soon and will discuss structural correctness.

Online Sales

No report.

Strategic Planning

Greg Ahart reported that there are two proposals the committee will review.

Education

No report.

Digital Beef/New Registration Program

Amanda Everts reported that the programmer continues to build in the data submission/NSIP portion of the program. There was discussion the next steps for instruction and outreach. This fall Amanda will focus on member training.

Old Business

Breed Character – Bill Zwyers reported that he continues to discuss the breed character issue with the USSA member.

New Business

Fall Publication – Matt Wolf discussed the idea of putting together a fall publication. There was discussion on costs and whether the publication should be electronic only to reduce costs. The directory committee will meet to further discuss and report back at the next meeting.

Jeremy Geske asked the board if the next monthly meeting could be moved to Monday, August 15th at 7:30pm. Randy Hodges made a motion to move the board meeting to August 15, the motion was seconded by Tom Burke. All were in favor, motion carried.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Carol Heupel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Minutes approved 8.17.22