

United Suffolk Sheep Association
June Board of Directors Call
June 13, 2022

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

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

Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Randy Hodges made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Randy Dombek. All in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported the office has been processing registry work, implementing the new registry program and organizing the USSA's online sales. Bill Zwyers made motion to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Jim Van Dyke. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the investment account balance was \$249,390 with \$3,384 in cash. There was \$3000 withdrawn from the investment account to cover receivables/cash flow. Amanda and Carol will meet with the investment advisor tomorrow to discuss the account and current market. Bill Zwyers moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jim Van Dyke. All in favor, motion carried.

Junior Report

Nancy Burton reported that four applications were submitted for UJSSA directors and interviews will be soon. Amanda will send an email to exhibitors about the banquet. The photo contest has closed, and the t-shirt design contest is now open. The design will be used on the NAILE t-shirts. Juniors continue to gather sponsorships for the junior association.

Ambassador Report

No report.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported there were four applicants for the Young Entrepreneurs Travel Grant, Ashley Larson of Washington is the recipient.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

There was a lengthy discussion regarding who was eligible to vote in the membership election. Brenda Reau moved to discuss direction/membership voting requirements at the next meeting. Seconded by Bill Zwyers. All were in favor.

Youth Promotion

No report.

Budget

Carol Heupel reported there will be a budget meeting after Sedalia. She asked the directors to share any ideas they may have for income generation.

Hall of Fame

No report.

Breed Improvement

Brenda Reau reported the committee met on May 19. The committee discussed how breed improvement resources could be included in the new registry programs. Topics the committee would like to focus on include structural correctness (add a supplement to the breed standard), ram longevity and ram management.

Online Sales

Randy Dombek reported that the June 6th sale was not as successful. There was discussion on if the association should continue to have a June sale or possibly move the last sale to May.

Strategic Planning

The committee is working to solidify additional bids – proposals will be collected prior to the July meeting.

Education

No report.

Digital Beef/New Registration Program

Amanda Everts reported that the programmer is building in the data submission/NSIP portion of the program. Amanda discussed the inability for members to edit/add scrapie tag, DNA after an animal has been recorded. Amanda shared that often members do not assign a scrapie tag until an animal is sold or test DNA later after retainment or sale decisions are made and expect that they should be able to make those edits in the registry program. A short discussion followed, and the board agreed that members should have the ability to add scrapie tag and DNA info after the registration has been recorded.

Old Business

Darrell Anderson, Saddle & Sirloin Inductee

Amanda Everts reported that in the past the USSA has contributed \$200 to a Saddle and Sirloin inductee. Bill Zwyers made motion to donate \$200 to Darrell Anderson's fund. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All were in favor, motion carried.

New Business

No new business.

Amanda Everts reported that the USSA informational meeting at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale will be held on Thursday, June 23rd at 2:00 pm in the Taylor Woods Reception Hall.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Randy Dombek. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 8.15.22