

United Suffolk Sheep Association  
October Board of Directors Call  
October 10, 2022

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

President Geske called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

#### **Additions/Approval of the Agenda**

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

#### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported that since the last meeting the office remains busy with registry work, fiscal year end financial entries, and NAILE Suffolk events preparation. Matt Wolf 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 \$235,038 with a cash balance is \$4,223; the advisor fee was recently paid. Dennis Sorensen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Jim Van Dyke. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Junior Report**

Nancy Burton reported the junior board recently met and are preparing for NAILE. They will hold a root beer float social before the Suffolk sale on Saturday, will be handing out t-shirts to junior Suffolk exhibitors and again hold a silent auction that will end 30 minutes following the conclusion of the junior Suffolk show on Sunday. The last virtual contest for the year, the virtual skill-a-thon is open through December 31. Jeremy Geske discussed that there will be some junior bylaws that the senior bylaws committee will be asked to review in the future.

#### **Ambassador Report**

No report.

#### **Foundation Report**

Brenda Reau reported on the Foundation Hall of Fame dinner – reservations are reduced to \$25 per adult, youth 16 and under are free; the reservation deadline is October 31.

#### **Committee Reports**

There was not report from the by-laws, youth promotion, budget, hall of fame or education committees.

#### **Breed Improvement**

Brenda Reau reported the committee met in September and are continuing to work on the structural correctness document that the committee would like to include with the breed standard.

#### **Online Sales**

Randy Dombek reported on the upcoming fall sale and that not many entries have come in for sheep or equipment. He reminded the board that the PRIME Suffolk directory ad auction is a part of this online sale.

#### **Strategic Planning**

Greg Ahart reported the face-to-face meeting will be October 28-30 in Des Moines, in place of the NAILE board meetings. There was a brief discussion on documents that will be provided to the directors before the meeting. Greg asked the board if there was any data that they would like to see Amanda compile before the meeting, several suggestions were given.

#### **Registration Program**

Amanda Everts reported that several tutorial documents have been created on how to use different pieces of the new registry program. There has been more public advertisement of the program being live and that members can now request log-ins.

There was no old business to conduct.

### **New Business**

#### **Election Results**

Amanda Everts reported that Tom Begg will fill the district 4 director's seat. Begg had 16 votes, Swortzel had 10 votes. The proposed bylaw change did not pass with 63% in favor; it needed a 2/3 (66.7%) vote to pass. There were two members who have submitted interest in the district 2 vacancy – Bill Fulton and Diane Russell. The new board will select who fills that vacancy.

There was discussion on what meeting will officially be the last meeting of the 2021/2022 board. Randy Hodges made a motion to declare the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as the last meeting of the 2021/2022 board and call for a meeting of the 2022/2023 board on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Bill Zwyers. A roll call vote was taken, yes: Ahart, Wolf, Huckins, Heupel, Van Dyke, Dombek, Sorensen, Zwyers, Reau and Hodges; no: none. Motion carried.

#### **Annual Meeting**

Jeremy Geske reported the USSA Annual Meeting will be November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm central via Zoom. Committee chairs are asked to submit some bullet points of the work the committee did through the year to Amanda for the presentation. Committee chairs are to present their information during the meeting. Jeremy also noted that we need to find a way to make the meeting more interactive.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Jim Van Dyke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Minutes approved 11.3.22.