

United Suffolk Sheep Association
September Board of Directors Call
September 12, 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, Tom Burke, Jim Van Dyke, Randy Dombek, Dennis Sorensen, and Brenda Reau. Others in attendance: UJSSA Coordinator Nancy Burton. Not in attendance: Bill Zwyers.

President Geske called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

Additions/Approval of the Agenda

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

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported that since the last meeting the office remains busy with registry work, member correspondence/work on the new registry program and the election mailing. Tom Burke made motion to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Randy Dombek. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the investment account balance was \$259,053 with a cash balance is \$3,969. She recently met with the investment advisor and there was a plan to sell some investments and reinvest. Jim VanDyke moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Brenda Reau. All in favor, motion carried.

Junior Report

Nancy Burton reported the junior board recently met, they are working to finalize committees, NAILE events/activities. The current UJSSA contest is t-shirt logo design, the winning design will be included on the NAILE t-shirts.

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.

Committee Reports

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

Breed Improvement

Brenda Reau reported the committee is working on a structural correctness document with images.

Online Sales

Randy Dombek reported on the upcoming bred ewe sale. The board discussed the addition of used equipment to the sale in addition ewe lambs, breed ewes and the directory ad auction; the group was in favor.

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. The board discussed travel reimbursement. The USSA will pay for director hotel rooms as in the past. Randy Hodges made a motion that the USSA will reimburse up to a total \$7500 director travel expenses. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. A roll call vote was taken; yes- Ahart, Van Dyke, Heupel, Sorensen, Dombek, Hodges, Reau; no- Huckins and Burke. Motion passed.

Greg asked directors to submit five topics they'd like to see discussed at the meeting by October 1. For directors who are committee chairs, five additional topics can be submitted on behalf of the committee. Greg and Amanda will compile the topics.

There was no old business to conduct.

New Business

NAILE Suffolk Sale

Amanda Everts reported the Banner does not plan to continue the NAILE Suffolk Sale. There was discussion on if Willoughby or SC Online Sales would be interested as they are already hold sales at NAILE. Amanda noted that the sales are a contract between NAILE and the sale management. Amanda will connect with Carol Willoughby to see if there are options for a Suffolk sale with wlivestock.

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

Minutes approved 11.2.22.