

USSA Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Director Attendance: Greg Ahart (President), Brenda Reau (Vice President), Carol Heupel (Treasurer) Amanda Everts (Executive Secretary), Lloyd McCabe, Matt Wolf, Tom Burke, Diane Russell, Jeremy Geske, John Scott, Dennis Sorensen, Bill Zwyers and Tom Begg. Non-Director Attendees: Nancy Burton (Junior Coordinator).

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

Approval of the Agenda

Bill Zwyers moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. All were in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported since the last meeting ongoing projects include NAILE preparation, board projects and UJSSA and USSF bookkeeping.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Heupel reported that the investment account balance is \$252,477 and there was a recent withdrawal of \$5,250.

Jeremy Geske moved to approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All were in favor, motion passed.

Ambassador Report

No report

Junior Report

Nancy Burton reported the juniors held an ice cream social at NAILE. The NAILE junior exhibitor shirts were delayed but will be mailed out after Thanksgiving. The virtual skill-a-thon is currently running. For the upcoming National Junior Show there will be no changes to the Suffolk classes at the AAJS. Nancy shared concerns about how the proposed presentation changes may affect the junior's fundraising and directors.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported the NAILE Foundation board meeting is postponed until early December. The Hall of Fame banquet and Fundraiser auction went well and food was most likely the best catered meal the event has had.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

Breed Improvement

Lloyd McCabe reported that Brenda Reau, past committee chair, had a meeting on November 3rd. Steven Paasch is working on the illustrations for the structural correctness document. Highlights from the board planning meeting that were assigned to the committee were discussed.

Digital Suffolk

No report.

Strategic Planning

Jeremy Geske reported that he will connect with committee chairs to follow and keep up with each committee projects and track progress and deadlines.

Education

Bill Zwyers and Dennis Sorensen reported that the committee will be meeting soon.

Event

Tom Begg reported that the committee had not yet met. A survey has been drafted to engage the membership on their thoughts about the date and what the content of the event. At this time he was uncertain if the event will be held in 2023 or 2024.

Marketing & Outreach – No report.

Old Business

The virtual Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 29. Any committee content needs to be send to Amanda.

New Business

North American Suffolk Sheep Society

The board discussed the startup of the new Suffolk association – the North American Suffolk Sheep Society. There were concerns regarding the support of the juniors and USSA directory support.

Tom Burke reported that some USSA members seem to be uneasy about the USSA. A group met at NAILE, it was estimated 90 members in attendance.

There was discussion about current USSA board members and their activity with the new organization and role as a current USSA board member.

There was discussion regarding Tom Burke as the current USSA Registered Agent of Service for the Missouri Charter. After a lengthy discussion Jeremy Geske moved that the USSA chooses a new Registered Agent of Service. A roll call vote was taken: Yes – McCabe, Heupel, Russell, Scott, Geske, Sorensen, Reau and Zwyers, No – Wolf, Burke and Begg. Motion passed.

There was discussion on what information will be sent to the membership to review prior to the presentation vote. All complete data sets will be sent in the annual dues mailing.

In regards to the presentation vote, there was a brief discussion on lambs selling in the spring online sales and accepting sale entries for lambs in a lambs fleece.

Lloyd McCabe made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Matt Wolf submitted his resignation from the USSA board on November 30, 2022.

Minutes approved 2.8.23