

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting
April 8, 2024

Roll Call: Joe Emenheiser (Vice President), Amanda Everts (Executive Secretary), Jack Blattner, Lloyd McCabe, Diane Russell, Bill Zwyers, Bill Fulton, Dennis Sorensen, John Scott, Michael Jensen, Chris Auville, and Brenda Reau. Directors Absent: Greg Ahart and Carol Heupel

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Vice President Emenheiser.

Agenda Approval

Vice President Emenheiser asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda, there were none. Bill Zwyers made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Chris Auville seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects include: The Suffolk Source, Suffolk Event planning, and registry work. Brenda Reau moved to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Junior Report

No report.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported that the Foundation will meet next week. There were many good applications received for the Young Producers Travel Grant.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – Amanda Everts gave a quick update on business development.

Breed Improvement – No report.

Junior- Diane Russell reported there were three junior coordinator applications, interviews will be held the following week.

Education – Dennis Sorensen asked the board to start thinking of ideas/topics for the next Suffolk Source that the committee could begin working on.

Event - Brenda Reau reported that the mailer has been sent to all members. Facebook/social media promotion will begin soon.

Marketing & Outreach – None.

Bylaws - No report, the committee will meet later in the month.

Hall of Fame – None.

Old Business

Registration of Cloned Animals – Amanda Everts discussed the cloned animal policy. Michael Jensen

made a motion to adopt the proposed cloned animal policy. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor, and the motion carried. The bylaws committee was asked to review the bylaws for any possible amendments that will need to be considered.

Flock 54/Digital Suffolk – There was a brief discussion on publishing NSIP raw data and Flock 54 results. It was determined that in both situations, the customer (member) owns the data, and because the USSA is a third party, the USSA may not have the authority to determine if raw data and results are to be public. Bill Zwyers moved to the table for more information. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Suffolk Source – Amanda Everts gave a quick update on the Suffolk Source.

Denver No Slaughter – Jack Blattner made a motion to write a letter of support for Superior Farms in the Denver No Slaughter issue. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

New Business

NAILE - Diane Russell reviewed the proposed NAILE premium book changes to the board which include adding a November 15 to December 31 class, changing to a sliding premium scale, and submitting the following judge recommendations, in order of preference 1) Scott Greiner, 2) Mark Johnson, 3) Mark Chapman. Brenda Reau made a motion to adopt the recommendations from the committee, sliding fee scale, and judge recommendations. The motion was seconded by Michael Jensen. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Diane Russell moved to adjourn at 8:43 pm. The motion was seconded by Bill Zwyers. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 5.19.24.