

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Directors Meeting  
August 19, 2024

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by President Ahart.

**Agenda Approval**

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

**Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

Diane Russell moved to accept the proposed bylaw amendments as presented for the membership to vote on:

Article V. DIRECTORS

Section 3. Term of Office. The twelve members of the Board of Directors shall be elected from two geographic districts. Six Directors shall be elected from each district. States located east of the Mississippi River will constitute the East District and states located west of the Mississippi River shall constitute the West District including the entire state of Minnesota. Members located outside the United States shall be included in West District.

The term of office of the Directors shall be three years and until their successors are elected and take office. Nothing contained herein shall preclude a member of the Board of Directors from succeeding himself or herself except that no person shall consecutively serve more than two three-year terms. After two consecutive terms as a Director, a member is once again eligible to run for the Board term that begins one year after the completion of their most recent term. No more than two Directors residing in any one state may serve on the Board at any one time and all Directors must reside in the district which they represent unless there has been a realignment of the district during the Director's term of office.

In the event of realignment, a Director, whose state is realigned into a different district, shall continue to serve the district from which he or she was originally elected until the expiration of that Director's term of office. Any resulting conflict with these bylaws caused by realignment, such as the number of Directors required per district, shall be waived and accepted until the entire realignment process is complete.

Bill Fulton seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor.

The group discussed a Zoom call for members to join in September for the committee to answer questions regarding the proposed amendments. A Zoom meeting will be set and shared with the membership in the election mailing.

There was discussion on the procedure for voting. Diane Russell moved that if there are two candidates to fill two seats, the member votes for one. The candidate that receives the most votes fills the full term, the other candidate fills the partial term. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. There was a lengthy discussion. All were in favor, the motion carried. John Scott made a motion that if three or more candidates are running for two seats members vote for two candidates. The candidate that receives the most votes fills the full term, the candidate with second most votes fill the partial term. Bill Fulton seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Lloyd McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. The motion was seconded by Bill Zwyers. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 9.9.24.