

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting
August 12, 2024

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

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. Dennis Sorensen made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Lloyd McCabe seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects including election preparation, Foundation and UJSSA bookkeeping and registry work. Bill Zwyers made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel, reported that the investment account balance was \$243,268 as of the meeting date, with \$3,160 in cash. The investment account is yielding a 6.3% return. Dennis Sorensen moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Bill Zwyers. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Junior Report

UJSSA President, Raesa Zelinsky, reported on behalf of the UJSSA. The junior board is working on fundraising with a calendar fundraiser to raise funds to support rebranding and director merchandise to be completed by NIALE. The social media committee is working to share more content to the UJSSA Facebook page.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported on the Foundation will meet soon and is committed to be supportive to the breed.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – Carol Heupel discussed the drafted budget that was provided to the board. The committee met and discussed goals for increased ad sales. She also discussed the new IRS minimum salary requirement that has been included in the drafted budget. The board will revisit the budget at the next monthly meeting.

Breed Improvement – Joe Emenheiser reported that a meeting is scheduled for August 16.

Junior- Diane Russell reported that there is a plan to review the futurity.

Education – Dennis Sorensen reported that the committee met in early August and had preliminary discussion on development of a ram and ewe image.

Event - Brenda Reau reported we are still waiting on final expenses for the sale and facility to be submitted. There was no charge for the use of the college, a contribution was given to the college Foundation.

Marketing & Outreach – No report.

Bylaws – Proposed bylaw amendments were provided to the board. Joe Emenheiser moved to accept the following proposed amendment to be voted on by the membership:

ARTICLE XI. RULES OF REGISTRY

The Board of Directors shall establish and enforce Rules of Registry. The Rules of Registry shall enumerate the standards for eligibility for the registration of Suffolk sheep in the Association. The Rules of Registry shall be written, published and made available to the membership online at the Association's website and made available in printed form upon request of a member. The Rules of Registry may be amended at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Bill Zwyers seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

John Scott reported on the committee discussions surrounding USSA districts.

Joe Emenheiser moved to adopt the redistricting recommendation from the bylaws committee proposed for the membership to vote on. Brenda Reau seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all directors voted no. There was a lengthy discussion. There was a request to share the proposed language with the board. Motion failed.

There was a brief discussion surrounding the timeline for bylaw amendments to be submitted and voted upon. The committee will review shared and suggest any proposed changes in the future.

Joe Emenheiser made a motion that the final proposed bylaw amendment regarding USSA districts and be shared with the board via email for review, a special meeting will be scheduled to finalize the proposed amendment to be included with the director election mailing. The motion was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. All were in favor, the motion carried.

A special meeting will be held on August 19, 2024 at 7:30pm central to finalize proposed bylaw amendments.

Hall of Fame – Dennis Sorensen briefly discussed the nomination submission date – Amanda will include it in the next newsletter as well as an email blast in December.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Director Elections – Amanda Everts reviewed the candidate running for the election. Ballots will be addressed and returned to the Dorper association.

Set Virtual Meeting Date – Diane Russell made a motion to set the annual meeting date for November 25, 2024 at 7pm central. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All were in favor, motion carried.

Lloyd McCabe moved to adjourn the meeting; Diane Russell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Minutes approved 9.9.24.