

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting  
July 8, 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, Chris Auville, and Brenda Reau. Directors Absent: Bill Fulton and John Scott. Other individuals present: Isaac Lewis, Junior Coordinator.

Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by President Ahart.

**Agenda Approval**

President Ahart asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda, there were none. Lloyd McCabe made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Diane Russell seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

**Secretary's Report**

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects: Suffolk Event wrap-up, registry work, travel to the All-American Junior Show, and other general membership correspondence. Dennis Sorenson made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Joe Emenheiser. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Carol Heupel, reported that the investment account balance was \$251,875. Per decision to support the genomics grant, \$2,072 will be withdrawn to cover the invoice for support of the grant. Bill Zwyers moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Joe Emenheiser. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

**Junior Report**

Junior Coordinator, Isaac Lewis, reported on behalf of the UJSSA. The junior board met at the All-American and is excited about this year. Their first fundraising project is underway, funds will support updating the junior board logo, purchasing branding materials for the new board along as well as support of UJSSA activities.

**Foundation Report**

Brenda Reau reported on the Foundation All-American Junior support awarded over \$700 to All-American Suffolk exhibitors. The Foundation board will meet next week.

**Committee Reports**

**Budget/Business Development** – Carol Heupel reported work on the budget will begin soon and a draft budget will be presented at the August meeting.

**Breed Improvement** – No report.

**Junior**- Diane Russell reported there were many new families at the Suffolk Event and All-American.

**Education** – Dennis Sorenson discussed the need for ideas to pursue in the upcoming months. There was a brief discussion. Joe Emenheiser moved to allocate \$500 for breed standard drawings. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**Event** - Brenda Reau reported on the Suffolk Event was a success. She briefly covered summarized attendee survey results. The committee will meet soon, once finances are wrapped up.

**Marketing & Outreach** – A new ad was created to promote the Suffolk breed – it will be included in the August issue of Sheep Industry News.

**Bylaws** - Amanda shared information on John Scott's behalf. The committee will meet soon to review a few articles in the bylaws.

**Hall of Fame** – No Report.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Dwarf Policy** – Brenda Reau shared a discussion she had with a member in her district regarding the USSA's dwarf gene policy. There was a brief discussion. Brenda Reau made a motion to move the topic to the Breed Improvement committee. The motion was seconded by Michael Jensen. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Joe Emenheiser moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:11pm. The motion was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. All were in favor, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 8.12.24.