

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting  
March 11, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm 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, and the motion carried.

#### Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects include: The Suffolk Source content and ads, Suffolk Event planning, membership renewals, and Foundation programs. Brenda Reau moved to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Joe Emenheiser. All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report

Carol Heupel reported on the investment account. The current balance is \$252,838 and \$3,211 in cash. There have been no recent withdrawals. Bill Zwyers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by John Scott. All were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Junior Report

Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator, reported that the UJSSA board has selected "Walk the Red Carpet" as the theme of the Suffolk Event junior show. There will be a junior webinar in May on Showmanship, details are still being finalized. 2024 UJSSA virtual contests will include a skillathon and a recipe contest. Director and intern applications are due May 1. The juniors are looking for Suffolk breeders to donate Suffolk semen for the All-American Junior Show fundraiser auction.

#### Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported on the Suffolk Foundation. 2024 scholarship applications have been reviewed and winners announced. There were 55 ewe grant applications, the Foundation has expanded the award from 5 to 10 recipients. There were several applications for the Young Producers Travel Grant to the Suffolk Event, applications are under review. The Foundation's annual semen auction is scheduled for May 1.

#### Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – No report.

Breed Improvement – Chair, Joe Emenheiser, reported the committee will meet soon.

Junior- Diane Russell reported the applications for the Junior Coordinator position will be reviewed. The committee will review the Ambassador program.

Education – Dennis Sorensen reported that the committee will start work soon on new education pieces.

Event - Brenda Reau reported that the speakers for the educational program are close to completion. An interest survey was conducted that showed a significantly larger attendance than last year. The cost of the Suffolk Event this year will be greater as more meals and snacks will be provided. Brenda discussed the need for sponsorship and that a silent auction will be held on Friday and Saturday to raise money to support the event.

Bylaws – No report. John asked that board members share input on bylaws that should be reviewed by the committee.

Hall of Fame – No report.

## Old Business

Registration of Cloned Animals/ Flock 54/Digital Suffolk – There was a discussion on the registration of cloned animals and Flock 54/Digital Suffolk data. Joe Emenheiser made a motion to adopt the drafted cloned animal policy and finalize that all the items on the Flock 54/Digital Suffolk spreadsheet that have “yes” for public data be adopted for policy. The motion was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. A discussion followed. Brenda Reau asked that the motion be amended to exclude line items 16, 18, and 20- phenotypic data info and scan data, Joe was in favor of the motion. There was no second to amend the motion. Motion failed. Bill Zywers moved that the topic be tabled for the April meeting – Brenda Reau and Joe Emenheiser provided the board with an amendment to be included on the agenda for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Suffolk Source - Amanda Everts shared an update on the Suffolk Source.

Denver No Slaughter – A letter of support was discussed and will be investigated for further discussion at the April meeting.

## New Business

Spring USSA Online Sales – Amanda Everts reported that the spring USSA online sales have been scheduled for April 22 (Ewe Lamb Showcase) and May 6 (Suffolk and used equipment), hosted by wlivestock.

Joe Emenheiser moved to adjourn at 8:52 pm. The motion was seconded by Bill Zywers. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 5.19.24.