

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting
May 13, 2024

Roll Call: Greg Ahart (President), Joe Emenheiser (Vice President), Carol Heupel (Treasurer), Amanda Everts (Executive Secretary), Jack Blattner, Diane Russell, Bill Zwyers, Bill Fulton, Dennis Sorensen, John Scott, Michael Jensen, Chris Auville, and Brenda Reau. Director's Absent: Lloyd McCabe. Other individuals present: Nancy Burton, 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. Dennis Sorensen made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Bill Zwyers seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects: Suffolk Event planning, registry work (registrations, transfers and memberships similar to last year) and other general membership correspondence. Previous meeting minutes will be resent via email as there was not enough response for a majority approval. Diane Russell moved to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorenson. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel, reported that the investment account balance was \$244,823 with \$3,367 in cash. There was a \$10,000 withdrawal in April. Brenda Reau moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Junior Report

Junior Coordinator, Nancy Burton, reported on behalf of the UJSSA. She asked for three directors to volunteer to be a part of junior director/intern interviews. She reported on upcoming contests and the All-American Junior Show entry deadline is May 25.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported on the Foundation's semen auction – about \$7,700 was raised, down from the previous years.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – Carol Heupel reported that the committee met on April 30. Committee discussion included bank institution options (possible change due to credit card limitations). The committee also discussed the KHSI registry proposal that will be discussed in the executive session.

Breed Improvement – No report, hope to meet soon.

Junior- Diane Russell reported that Junior Coordinator candidate interviews were completed, to be discussed in executive session.

Education – Dennis Sorenson reported that the committee is ready to begin work on new topics.

Event - Brenda Reau reported that things are coming together for the Suffolk Event and we are expecting a significantly larger crowd. Applications have been submitted for two American Lamb Board grants totaling \$3,500. Sponsorships are up from last year; hope to breakeven the event.

Marketing & Outreach – No report.

Bylaws - Committee plans to meet soon to review article III.

Hall of Fame – All inductees will attend the Suffolk Event. Tom Burke will M.C. the Hall of Fame again this year.

Old Business

Flock 54/Digital Suffolk – Amanda discussed/asked for confirmation of the interpretation of the previous meeting's

motion. Jack Blatter moved that program data is property of the member, the member has the ability to determine what data is viewable by others. The motion was seconded by Joe Emenheiser. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

NAILE Yearling Ewe Class – There was a brief discussion regarding the NAILE yearling ewe class and clarification on if there will be an automatic split or if a split will occur if a certain number of sheep are checked in for that particular class. Bill Zwyers moved that the yearling ewe classes remain as 2 classes. The motion was seconded by Chris Auville. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

GAP – Brenda Reau discussed the GAP designation after an animal reached purebred status as she has had feedback that (GAP) designation should be removed once a sheep has reached purebred status (15/16 | 94%). Sheep within the pedigree, that have not reached purebred status will continue to have the (GAP) designation present. Joe Emenheiser moved to adopt this procedure. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

New Business

Suffolk Event/Intern – Amanda Everts discussed adjusting the job duties of the Suffolk Intern from remote social media roll to in-person roll at the Suffolk Event. There was a brief discussion. Diane Russell made a motion to have the Intern attend the Suffolk Event. The motion was seconded by Joe Emenheiser. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Bill Zwyers made a motion to move into Executive Session inviting Carol Heupel and Amanda Everts.

Bill Zwyers made a motion to leave the executive session at 9:35pm.

Diane Russell moved to offer the Junior Coordinator position to Isaac Lewis. The motion was seconded by Jack Blattner. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Chris Auville moved to adjourn at 9:36pm. The motion was seconded by Joe Emenheiser. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 8.12.24.