

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting
2023/2024 Board of Directors
November 11, 2024

Roll Call: Greg Ahart (President), Joe Emenheiser (Vice President), Carol Heupel (Treasurer), Amanda Everts (Executive Secretary), Jack Blattner, Diane Russell, Bill Fulton, Bill Zwyers, Dennis Sorensen, John Scott, Michael Jensen, Brenda Reau, and Chris Auville. Directors Absent: Lloyd McCabe. Others present: Isaac Swortzel (incoming director), John Baglien (incoming director) and Kathy Krafka Harkema (incoming director).

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

Agenda Approval

President Ahart asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda, Amanda Everts requested that the annual meeting be added under new business. Bill Zwyers made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Chris Auville seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dennis Sorensen moved to accept the October meeting minutes as presented, Chris Auville seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects: annual meeting preparation, Scotland trip update, NAILE/Foundation preparation, Suffolk Source and registry work. Chris Auville 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 \$269,843, up approximately \$7,000 in the last month. Bill Zwyers moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Junior Report

Amanda Everts reported that the juniors have completed their rebranding project and will unveil at NAILE.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported there will not be a Foundation board meeting at NAILE due to attendance. The meeting has been rescheduled for December 2nd via Zoom. The Foundation will discuss taking on the support of the GEMS project.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – No report.

Breed Improvement – Joe Emenheiser, chair, reported that the committee has had email discussions on codon 171 genotyping and declaration. The committee agreed that at this time genotypes cannot be verified, currently a disclaimer is stated on the registration certificate.

Junior- No report.

Education – Dennis Sorensen, chair, reported that the committee has worked on a Suffolk facts document. Bill Zwyers continues to work with the artist on ewe and ram renderings.

Event - Brenda Reau reported that the Suffolk Event has been penciled in at Lincoln Land Community College but is not official until the calendar opens in December.

Marketing & Outreach – No report.

Bylaws – No report.

Hall of Fame – No report.

Old Business - None

New Business

Annual Meeting – Amanda Everts discussed the upcoming annual meeting and asked committee chairs to share content for the presentation.

Michael Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting; Brenda Reau seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes approved 12.9.24.