

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting
October 14, 2024

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by President Ahart.

Agenda Approval

President Ahart asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda, the update of the Denver ballot initiative was added under old business. Lloyd McCabe made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Chris Auville seconded the motion, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Diane Russell moved to accept the September meeting minutes as presented, Dennis Sorensen seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects: fiscal year-end entries, annual meeting preparation, UK trip update and registry work. Bill Zwyers made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel, reported that the investment account balance was \$262,753. Carol discussed some fee changes, there was a short discussion. Brenda Reau made a motion to change the following fees effective January 1, 2025: rechristening (\$25), within family transfer (\$5), correction (\$6), duplicate (\$6), and rush fee (\$15). The motion was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. All were in favor of the motion, and the motion carried. Lloyd McCabe 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 recently met and continue to work on their rebranding project and plans for NAILE.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported the Foundation's annual meeting at NAILE on Monday before the Suffolk Show at 3pm. The Foundation will provide programs for sheep entered in the NAILE junior show and open show and will have refreshments during the open Suffolk show.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – No report.

Breed Improvement – No report.

Junior- No report. Futurity program will be reviewed in the next year.

Education – Bill Zwyers reported he has started to work with the artist on renderings.

Event - Brenda Reau reported the committee meet and that the event made approximately \$3,000, noting it is hard to gauge sponsorship from year to year. The committee recommended to the board that the event return to Springfield, Illinois for 2025. Brenda discussed that the community college cannot be secured until December, the Hall of Fame location is to be determined, and the sale manager is undetermined. Michael Jensen moved to accept the committee's recommendation pending the availability of the community college. Bill Fulton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken yes – Blattner, McCabe, Fulton, Russell, Zwyers, Scott, Sorensen, Jensen, Reau and Auville; no – Emenheiser. Motion carried.

Marketing & Outreach – No report.

Bylaws – No report.

Hall of Fame – No report.

Old Business

Greg Ahart gave an update on the Denver ballot initiative.

New Business

DNA Declaration on registration certificates – Bill Fulton discussed the challenges surrounding declaration of DNA (based on parental DNA) in the registry without a lab result. This was referred to the Breed Improvement committee.

Lloyd McCabe moved to adjourn the meeting; Chris Auville seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Minutes approved 11.11.24.