

Minutes of the United Suffolk Sheep Association Monthly Directors Meeting
September 9, 2024

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:33pm 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. Dennis Sorensen seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that ongoing projects: newsletter, election preparation, fiscal year-end bookkeeping and registry work. Diane Russell 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 \$248,313. Chris Auville moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Junior Report

Amanda Everts reported that the juniors are working on their re-branding project.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported the Foundation met recently. The Foundation annual meeting will be 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.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development – Carol Heupel discussed the 2nd drafted budget. There was a lengthy discussion. Lloyd McCabe moved to approve the budget as presented and once the estimated investment withdrawal is over the budgeted amount the board should be notified. The motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Breed Improvement – Joe Emenheiser reported that the committee met on August 16. He discussed the dwarf policy and posting it where it is more publicly viewable. The committee will revisit the policy verbiage and report back to the board.

Junior- No report.

Education – Dennis Sorenson reported the ewe and ram renderings, the board agreed to partner with Cali Roberson.

Event - Brenda Reau reported the committee has not yet met – waiting to finalize finances for the sale and facility. The committee will also discuss the location for 2025.

Marketing & Outreach – Amanda Everts reported on the Suffolk Connections document.

Bylaws – John Scott reported a member zoom meeting scheduled for Sept. 11 to discuss the proposed bylaw changes.

Hall of Fame – No report.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Set meeting date of new board – The last meeting of the 2023/2024 board and the first meeting of the 2024/2025 board will be scheduled for November 11. Incoming USSA directors will be invited to the October board meeting.

Amanda Everts discussed the international travel trip with the Suffolk Sheep Society. The board was in favor of moving forward in planning this trip.

Lloyd McCabe moved to adjourn the meeting; Diane Russell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

Meeting minutes approved 10.14.24.