

United Suffolk Sheep Association

May 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Roll call: President, Dennis Sorensen, Vice President, Jack Blattner, Executive Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Lloyd McCabe, Carol Heupel, John Baglien, Kathy Krafka Harkema, John Scott, Michael Jensen, Bill Zwyers, Diane Russell, Chris Auville, Joe Emenheiser, and Isaac Swortzel. Others in attendance: Brenda Reau (United Suffolk Sheep Foundation).

President Sorensen called the meeting to order at 7:33pm central.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

President Sorensen called for any additions or corrections to the agenda, there were none. Bill Zwyers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, the motion seconded by Chris Auville. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The April meeting minutes will be shared and approved via email.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported on registry work and current projects including the Suffolk Event and the Scotland Trip. Kathy Krafka Harkema made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, the motion was seconded by Chris Auville. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the current investment account balance is \$247,530. There have been no recent withdrawals from the investment account. John Baglien moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and the motion was seconded by Lloyd McCabe. All were in favor and the motion carried.

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association Report

No report.

United Suffolk Sheep Foundation Report

Foundation President, Brenda Reau, reported to the Foundation semen auction that raised about \$6,700 and ewe grant program.

Committee Reports

Budget/Business Development

A committee meeting will be scheduled after the Scotland trip.

Breed Improvement/Education

Chair, Bill Zwyers, reported that the committee has communicated via regarding the renderings. There is also discussion surrounding registration certificates and the commercial sheep industry.

Junior

Chair, Chris Auville, reported on plans for the Suffolk Event junior show.

Event

Chair, Diane Russell, provided an extensive update on various aspects of the Suffolk Event including registration/attendance numbers. There was a brief discussion on venue/location for 2026, the board asked the committee review and present recommendations.

Marketing & Outreach

Chair, Kathy Krafka Harkema shared a summary of the Member Monday social media campaign that the committee recently rolled out.

Strategic Planning

Dennis Sorensen briefly discussed the possibility of a fall strategic planning session.

New Business

None

Lloyd McCabe moved the board and Amanda Everts move into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by John Baglien. All were in favor, motion carried, executive session followed.

Lloyd McCabe moved to adjourn the executive session, the motion was seconded by John Baglien. All were in favor, motion carried.

John Baglien moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Auville. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.