

United Suffolk Sheep Association

November 10, 2025

USSA 2024/2025 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Roll call: President, Dennis Sorensen, Treasurer, Carol Heupel, Secretary, Amanda Everts, and the following directors: John Baglien, Kathy Krafska Harkema, Michael Jensen, John Scott, Diane Russell, Chris Auville, and Isaac Swortzel. Others in attendance: Brenda Reau (Foundation) and Victoria Morris. Absent: Jack Blattner, Lloyd McCabe and Bill Zwyers.

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

Approval of Meeting Agenda

President Sorensen called for any additions or corrections to the agenda, there were none. Kathy Krafska Harkema moved to approve the agenda as presented, the motion seconded by John Baglien. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

President Sorensen called for any additions or corrections to the October meeting minutes, there were none. Chris Auville made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported on registry work, fiscal year-end financials, NAILE prep and other ongoing projects. Kathy Krafska Harkema moved 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 the current investment account balance was \$259,427. In mid-October Carol and Amanda met with the financial advisor, no major changes were necessary. John Baglien moved to accept the Treasurer's report, and the motion was seconded by Michael Jensen. All were in favor and the motion carried.

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association Report

Amanda Everts reported on behalf of the junior association and shared plans for the junior social at NAILE. Additionally, all junior families will receive a UJSSA member sign. The virtual skill-a-thon is on-going through the end of November.

United Suffolk Sheep Foundation Report

Foundation President, Brenda Reau reported on the recent Scholarship Application Best Practices webinar, an upcoming fundraiser and the Barth Memorial Fund projects. The Foundation will again provide a show entry program at NAILE. There was a quick update that the Foundation will move from a 990EZ tax return to a long 990.

Committee Reports

Budget - None.

Breed Improvement - John Baglien reported on Bill Zwyer's behalf that the committee continues to work on the ewe and ram renderings.

Junior - Chris Auville reported that the committee will meet again soon to discuss potential changes to the futurity program.

Event - Chair, Diane Russell, reported the committee has met and is working on educational programming in addition to RSG.

Marketing & Outreach - Chair, Kathy Krafska Harkema shared a compilation of stats for the Member Monday Facebook campaign.

Old Business

Annual Meeting – Amanda Everts discussed the annual meeting schedule and that committee chairs are to share talking points with Amanda for the presentation.

New Business

Foundation Bylaws – The proposed United Suffolk Sheep Foundation bylaws were presented to the board for review and approval. Diane Ruseell moved to accept the proposed changes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kathy Krafka Harkema. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

John Baglien moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. The motion was seconded by Kathy Krafka Harkema. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Meeting minutes approved 12.8.25.