

United Suffolk Sheep Association

November 10, 2025

USSA 2025/2026 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:03pm by Dennis Sorensen.

Approval of the Meeting Agenda

John Baglien moved to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Kathy Krafka Harkema. All were in favor, and the motion carried.

Election of East District Vacancy

There was a brief discussion on the candidates interested in filling the 1-year East District director vacancy. A vote was taken Rob Frost 2 votes, Jay Harris 8 votes. Jay Harris will fill the East District director vacancy.

Election of Officers

President – Kathy Krafka Harkema nominated Dennis Sorensen for president. Sorensen accepted the nomination. Diane Russell moved to close nominations; the motion was seconded by Kathy Krafka Harkema. All were in favor; Dennis Sorensen will serve as President.

Vice President – Carol Heupel nominated Jack Blattner for vice president. Jack Blattner accepted the nomination. Chris Auville moved to close nominations; the motion was seconded by Diane Russell. All were in favor; Jack Blattner will serve as Vice President.

Treasurer –Chris Auville nominated Carol Heupel for treasurer. Heupel accepted the nomination. Kathy Krafka Harkema moved to close nominations; the motion was seconded by John Bagline. All were in favor, Carol Heupel will serve as Treasurer.

Set Monthly Meeting Date & Time

There was discussion scheduling a monthly Zoom meeting time. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm central.

Committees

Dennis Sorensen discussed committees – budget, breed improvement, junior, event and marketing and outreach. Directors are to submit the committees they would like to serve on in order by rank to Amanda.

New Director Orientation – Amanda Everts discussed new director orientation and will send out an email to schedule a December meeting date.

John Baglien moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:26pm. The motion was seconded by Victoria Morris. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 12.8.25