

United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting

November 16, 2010, 7:00 pm, NAILE room C112

Board Members Present: President Bill MacCauley, Past President, Bob Wagner, Vice President, Donna Mays, Treasurer, Richard Schambow, Secretaries Annette Benson and Amanda Everts along with directors Gary Hoskins, Larry Pauly, Amanda Bergsieker, Dr. Gerald Clair, Tom Burke, Bill Gergen, Kim Ketcham, Andrew Hukowicz.

The United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting was conducted by newly elected President, Bill MacCauley. President MacCauley welcomed individuals present and called the meeting to order. He introduced the 2011 board members, UJSSA coordinators and the present UJSSA directors. He later announced that the 2011 Vice President is Donna Mays and 2011 Treasurer is Richard Schambow. Additionally, President MacCauley introduced past USSA presidents. President MacCauley then introduced the 2010 president, Bob Wagner and asked for him to summarize the past year.

Past President Wagner recognized the 2010 directors than called on Annette Benson for the Secretary's report. Secretary Benson reported that USSA is financially good; however registration numbers are down compared to years past. Additionally, Secretary Benson thanked the USSA membership for the past years of support and friendship. Past President Wagner than called on Treasurer, Richard Schambow who reported that the USSA had a profitable year with approximately a \$12,000 positive balance. Treasurer Schambow also noted that there may be some unexpected transitional costs in the next few years.

Past President Wagner called on the following individuals whom reported on items of interest:

- Greg Ahart reported on the USSA National Sale, held in Reno, NV and noted that the sale average was over \$870.
- UJSSA President, Taylor Peck, reported that the 2010 National Junior Show that was held in Janesville, Wisconsin. There were 300 Suffolks exhibited by 100 junior members. The 2011 National Junior Show will be held in Harrington, Delaware in conjunction with the All American. A beach trip, crab feed, banquet, and three on three basketball tournament are some of the many events planned. On behalf of the UJSSA, President Peck thanked the senior board for the mugs as well as Andy Asberry and Donna Mays for helping with the UJSSA.
- Bill Gergen explained the new market lamb program and reported that there were nine eligible lambs this year for the \$1500 that was to be rewarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion Suffolk Market Lamb. The 2010 Champion and Reserve Champion Suffolk Market Lamb purchased a certificate and funds were rewarded. Next year the USSA will again provide money to eligible participants of the NAILE Junior Market Lamb Show, however the committee is going to investigate other ways to distribute the money amongst more exhibitors.

President MacCauley thanked the out-going board of directors (BoD) and presented each individual with a plaque. He then called on Secretary, Amanda Everts whom reported that she spent the last few days meeting members and helping with the NAILE events.

President MacCauley than updated members on following items of interest:

- The new registration program should be up and running in the near future. This new system will allow members will submit the data to a database, the secretary will then check and approve the submitted information, than print papers which will then be sent to the member.
- Creation of a Junior Alumni Association - This will be something that the new board would like to develop and may allow the USSA to reach out to past members who are no longer active with the USSA.
- Old Records - It was explained to the membership that the BoD decided that it will not be cost effective to save all the old records that are located in the Utah office. Records prior to 1998 will be made available to members, at their expense. President MacCauley noted that the committee is continuing to investigate options in which these records can be saved and preserved and if any members know of a possible place to preserve the records, please advise the BoD.
- Upcoming Events - The 2011 USSA National Sale will be held in Ohio. The futurity program and market lamb will continue again this coming year.

- The USSA BoD will begin to send representation to the western sales to market the USSA and Suffolk breed and build relationships with current USSA members.
- Bob Kimm, Tom Slack, Pat Erstrom, Daryl Thomas, J & A Philips, MacCauley Suffolks, Flock Bros., Jarvis Sheep Co., Andrus Suffolks, and Five Star J Farms were recognized as the top 10 USSA breeders by registration number for 2010. Ethan Smith requested that the USSA BoD report the breeders by total dollars spent.

President MacCauley then called on Gerald Clair to announce this year's scholarship winners. Gerald Clair reported that there were four well deserving candidates and this year's scholarship winners are Kristina Weld and Carlton Summee.

President MacCauley then opened the meeting to the members for any comments or questions concerning to BoD or USSA and the following were items were brought forward:

- Ethan Smith asked for the new board to introduce themselves and provide some of their background within the USSA and Suffolk Breed.
- Ron Young asked, "Why did we discontinue our publication?" Past President Bob Wagner responded that at the time that the magazine was discontinued, the USSA was losing money. However, in the future, there should be reconsideration about the discontinuation of the Suffolk's publication.
- Ethan Smith conveyed his concerns about the division of the slick sheared and fitted sheep show at the 2010 NAILE. A lengthy discussion followed. Later in the meeting there was a motion by Tom Burke to have a Breeders Special class at the 2010 Open Suffolk Show for members to show a standard flock that consisted of both fitted and slick sheared sheep. The motion was seconded by Josh Miller. The motion passed.

President MacCauley announced that the BoD nominated Tor Sorenson and Mike Nelsh. He then asked for nominations from the floor for the 2011 NAILE judge. Floor nominations included Larry Morzinski, Bill Gergen and Rob Zelinsky. Jim Heggemeier moved to close nominations. Sam Thiel seconded the motion. The members voted and nominated Larry Morzinski and Rob Zelinsky. Members of the USSA will be able to cast their vote for the 2011 NAILE judge on Wednesday, November 17th 2010 during the open show at the USSA/UJSSA booth.

The following items were auctioned with proceeds going to the UJSSA:

Framed Prints: Jerry Quam for \$550, John Eagle for \$550 and Bill MacCauley for \$450

Photo donated by the Alvarez Family: Bill MacCauley for \$400

The following items were auctioned with proceeds going to the 2011 National Junior Show:

Ewe and Lamb statues: Rick Alvarez for \$225; Alex Masser for \$225

Greg Deakin again donated pages for the 2011 Suffolk Directory at half price. The proceeds of the directory ads will go to the USSA.

Back Cover to Bill MacCauley for \$1500

Center Right to Larry Pauly for \$1200

Center Left to Donna Mays for \$900

Inside Front to Bob Wagner for \$800

Inside Back to Josh Miller for \$700

Across from the index to Kim Ketcham for \$600

Page 1 to Tad Thompson, Silver Dollar Farms for \$800

Page 3 to Gerald Clair, Lyn-Lee Farms for \$600

Page 5 to Tom Burke for \$500

President MacCauley read a letter from Kelly Maxfield than called on Donna Mays who made a special presentation and thanked Annette Benson for her years of serve to the USSA and advocacy for the Suffolk breed. Additionally, Linda Pauly presented Annette a cash gift, donated by several breeders to use towards a future vacation.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn the 2010 USSA Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Kim Ketcham. The meeting was adjourned.