United Suffolk Sheep Association Board of Directors Meeting

September 2011 Conference Call

Wednesday, September 14, 2011 7pm CST

Board Members Present: President, Bill MacCauley, Vice-President, Donna Mays, Treasurer, Richard Schambow, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Gary Hoskins, Larry Pauly, Amanda Bergsieker, Gerald Clair, Tom Burke, Andrew Hukowicz, Bill Gergen and Jake Falleson.

Board Members Absent: Kim Ketcham.

Guest Participants: Randy Hodges, Brett Mosby, Rex Quam, Andy Asberry, Paul Skartvedt, Alex Masser, Rob Zelinsky, Lisa Webster, Taylor Peck and John Corson.

The meeting was conducted by President, Bill MacCauley.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

President MacCauley called for any corrections or additions to the minutes from the June 22, 2011 USSA Board Meeting held in Sedalia, MO and there were none. Dr. Gerald Clair made motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2011 USSA Board Meeting and the motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Secretary, Amanda Everts, reported that there are currently 680 USSA members and the office has processed approximately 9400 registrations and 3000 transfers, which are slightly lower than numbers reported at the end of the 2010 fiscal year. Amanda also reported that director election ballots have been mailed to members and the USSA checking account balance is approximately \$7,500.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Richard Schambow, reported that the investment fund balance was \$182,000. Treasurer Schambow also asked for input from board members on which events they would like to see the USSA Secretary travel to in the next fiscal year. USSA Board Members agreed that the Secretary should attend NAILE, National Suffolk Show and Sale, UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Show and Nugget All American. Once the 2010-2011 fiscal year is closed, the budget committee will work to create a budget for 2011-2012 and send to the directors before NAILE. Dr. Clair made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Donna Mays. The motion passed.

Junior Association

Taylor Peck, UJSSA President reported that there was a good turnout at the 2011 National Junior Suffolk Show in Delaware. There was approximately 200 Suffolks exhibited, Kyle Thayer judged and there several new junior members exhibiting for the first time. Taylor also thanked the USSA Senior Board and Members for their donations to make their show successful. She reported that the 2012 National Junior Suffolk Show will be held in Brookings, SD, with the assistance of the South Dakota and Minnesota Suffolk Associations. Detailed planning for this event will be further discussed at the UJSSA Board Meeting at NAILE. She noted that a cash raffle and silent auction are a few of the planned fundraising events in the upcoming year.

Committee Reports

By Laws

Amanda Everts reported that proposed bylaw changes were mailed to members with director's election ballots.

Futurity

Richard Schambow, Committee Chair, reported that the committee has discussed changes (when the sheep need to be nominated, how many points are awarded, which sales are approved) to the current futurity rules and will present revised rules to the USSA board at the NAILE meeting.

Marketing/Promotion

Tom Burke reported that a preliminary design of the 2011 poster and pennants (which will have range rams and market lambs) has been created. The posters and pennants will be printed and available at NAILE.

President MacCauley reported that he is researching the vehicle decals and they will be available at NAILE. Bill Gergen suggested that the association looks into window clings for vehicles. President MacCauley will look into what options are available for window clings.

Computer Registration

Amanda Everts reported that the office is running new program side by side with old program and still working on small details and percentage program. The office hopes to have the registration program completed by Nov 1 however, at that time; the registration program will only be live with the office, not to the membership. Amanda stated it would be beneficial for the office to run live with the new program for at least 6 months prior to giving the membership access to use the registration program.

Ambassador

Andrew Hukowicz reported that he met with the UJSSA at the National Junior Show and discussed the role of the ambassador and what was expected of the ambassador. Andrew reported that in the future the ambassador should become more invovived with senior board and have the opportunity to participate in some senior board meetings.

NAILE Jr. Market Lamb Show

There was a short discussion as to whether the board should provide vanity checks for the Champion and Reserve Champion Suffolk wether. Bill Gergen made motion to purchase vanity checks again this year for the Champion and Reserve Champion Suffolk Wethers. Richard Schambow seconded the motion, motion carried. A short discussion followed about who was going to over see check-in/sign-up of participants. Bill Gergen stated it that it may be a good idea for the junior board to over see this check-in, if there were UJSSA members present. Taylor Peck will discuss this at the upcoming UJSSA Board Meeting and report back.

Old Business

Old Records

Amanda Everts reported that Larry Pauly, Ron Alves, and her self and Andrew Everts (Amanda's husband) traveled to the Utah office and August and helped finalize packing and shipped four pallets of historical records to Texas Tech. Texas Tech will continue to accept records and historical documents from the USSA as found. Ron Alves kept the photos from the office to sort and organize and as time allows, will upload them to a website for the membership to access to help title photos and identify individuals in the photos. This website will be provided to the membership as it will be listed in the Banner, the USSA Website and the USSA Electronic Newsletter. Ron will bring the remaining office items to the Iowa office in September when he makes a trip to the Midwest. Dr. Clair suggested that the USSA provide a thank you to those who helped finalize the closing of the Utah office. The board agreed and President MacCauley stated that he will see that Amanda and he do that.

Utah Office

Larry Pauly reported that Annette has sold many of the furniture items in the office and continues to do so. Larry estimates that the total income from these items will be \$500 to \$600. Much of the older furniture will probably not sell but there is a gentleman that will move that furniture out of the office, free of charge. Amanda Everts reported that the office is tentatively sent to be closed in November (2011).

"Suffolks of Today & Tomorrow" Conference

Tom Burke reported that planning is well underway for the conference in June and there will be a committee meeting at NAILE.

New Business

Re-Christened Names

Amanda Everts reported that there have been cases in the office that there are animals with similar Re-Christened

names, but the spelling was just slightly different. She asked the board what they considered a new Re-Christened name and mentioned it is difficult to search the current database for similar names that are spelled slightly different. A short discussion followed and the board will revisit this topic during the meetings held at NAILE.

John Peck Letter

The USSA Office received a letter from John Peck, USSA member, encouraging the USSA board to discuss the topic of slick shearing Suffolks. John's letter addressed slick shearing Suffolks and its positive effect on junior membership, structural issues with Suffolks and declining registration numbers. A lengthy discussion followed and President MacCauley suggested the USSA Board revisit this topic during meetings held at NAILE.

Scholarship Committee

A Scholarship Committee was formed by the USSA Board consisting of Robert Kimm, Wayne Skartvedt, Janet Hukowicz and Chuck Ream.

Other New Business

Western Regional Junior Show

Jake Falleson reported that the Clark County Fair, Vancouver, WA, a Western Regional Junior Suffolk Show has asked for sponsorship for their upcoming event in October. Bill Gergen made a motion that the USSA donates \$250 to sponsor the Western Regional Junior Suffolk Show. The motion was seconded by Donna Mays. The motion passed.

Judges for Sedalia

President MacCauley asked for nominations of individuals the USSA board would recommend judging the 2012 National Suffolk Show to be held in Sedalia, MO. Nominations included Wes Limesand, Evan Snyder, Travis Hoffman, Jim Heggemeier and Steve Taylor. Donna Mays moved to close nominations and the motion was seconded by Larry Pauly, motion carried. The board voted to recommend (in respective order) 1 – Jim Heggemeier, 2 – Evan Snyder, 3 – Steve Taylor to judge the 2012 National Suffolk Show.

Suffolk Sculptures

Amanda Everts reported there are approximately 80 Suffolk Sculptures left to be sold and that she and Kim Ketchum had the inventory. A short discussion followed about if the sculptures should be put on sale over the holidays. The USSA board decided to keep the price the same and continue to use the Suffolk Sculptures as a donation for fundraising. Dr. Gerald Clair made a motion to give Pearce and Alice McKinney a Suffolk Sculpture in recognition of their support of the USSA and their dedication to the Suffolk Breed. Larry Pauly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

USSA Board Meetings at NAILE (Old and New Board)

There was a short discussion about when to hold the USSA Board Meetings at NAILE. Bill Gergen made motion to move the USSA Board Meetings (Old and New Board) to immediately follow the UJSSA Board Meeting the evening of Saturday, November 12, 2011. The motion was seconded by Richard Schambow. A majority vote allowed the motion to pass with 3 votes against the motion (Donna Mays, Gary Hoskins and Tom Burke).

Andy Asberry asked the board for their opinion on how ownership needs to be listed for Suffolks shown at the National Junior Show. He had been asked if it would be acceptable for junior members (children & grandchildren) to show sheep that were listed under the ownership listed as "John Doe & Family". A short discussion followed and it was determined that the UJSSA should make a recommendation to the senior board what they will accept and the topic can be revisited at the meetings held at NAILE.

Donna Mays made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The meeting was adjourned.