

United Suffolk Sheep Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO

June 28, 2012 8am CST

Participating Board Members: Vice-President, Bill MacCauley, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Larry Pauly, Amanda Bergsieker, Gerald Clair, Donna Mays, Rex Quam, Kim Ketcham, Lisa Webster, and Bill Gergen.
Absent: President, Rob Zelinsky, Treasurer, Richard Schambow, Jake Falleson and Gary Hoskins.

The board meeting was called to order and was conducted by Vice President, Bill MacCauley.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice President MacCauley called for any corrections to the minutes from the April 2012 conference call. Bill Gergen stated that meeting minutes did not include who made and seconded the motion of a transfer was considered a registration. Secretary Everts stated she would review the audio of the April meeting and make the corrections accordingly.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported the office has processed over 6000 registrations and 1800 transfers this year. New registration program is working well, but there are still some issues that need to be addressed and corrected. The amount due to date on the registration is \$17,200. Secretary Everts reported that next step in finalizing the registration program is to test the program as a member rather than administrator to be sure that all the necessary holds are in place prior to releasing the program to the membership for use. Another task that needs to be finished is linking the membership database codes to families so that each family is able to access the sheep that they own.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary, Amanda Everts reported on behalf of Treasurer, Dr. Schambow that the current USSA investment account balance is approximately \$179,000. As of Monday, June 25th, the USSA profit and loss financial statement showed the USSA was positive about \$9000.00 for the year. The USSA checking account balance is about \$15,000.

Donna Mays made motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion was seconded by Dr. Gerald Clair. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Concluding a discussion regarding proposed by-law changes, Chairman Clair called a By-Laws Committee meeting to follow the conclusion of the board meeting to discuss the proposed by-law changes amongst the committee. Members were invited to participate.

Futurity

Secretary Everts reported there is concern from USSA members that the new futurity rules do not allow for participants in the western United States to have a likely chance of winning as there are a limited amount of shows in the Western US compared to the Midwest and Eastern US. There was also a brief discussion regarding ways to develop more interest from the wether dams to be nominated and buyers to participate. Another idea was to develop a registered wether futurity. Board members suggested that the committee contact breeders of wether dams to see if they have any ideas or suggestions on how to develop and grow this part of the USSA Futurity Program. Rex Quam reported that he has had trophies made for futurity winner for the next eight years.

Marketing & Promotion

There was discussion amongst the board to provide new members will a management tips or a sheep management outline, purchasing flip notebooks, balloons, pinwheels and pens with a sheep on it. Larry Pauly reported that he, Cynthia Huckins, and several members in the west are working to start a regional junior show to be held in Elko, NV in 2013, a brief discussion related to the show followed.

Budget

Lisa Webster reported that the budget committee met and discussed the 2012/2013 budget. The committee discussed the next year's budget, how to simplify and provide more brief financial supports. She also reported with the way that the foundation, UJSSA and USSA funds are separated on the financial report is very helpful to the budget committee.

Hospitality

Amanda Bergsieker reported that there will be a breakfast served before the National Suffolk Sale. During the events at NAILE, there will be a hospitality area held by a Suffolk member.

Ambassador

Donna Mays reported on behalf of Kim Ketcham that the committee has decided that the ambassador's term will run from junior show to junior show and \$1000 of expenses will be paid.

NAILE Market Lamb

Bill Gergen reported that the NAILE Market Lamb monies will be offered again this year with no changes.

Old Business

NAILE – Plaques & Trophies. Dr. Clair reported on behalf of Kim Ketcham that the Ohio Suffolk Sheep Association would like to change the Pearson Linn Trophy, which is awarded at NAILE to the Annette Benson Award.

Jr. Registration Certificates. The board decided against creating junior registration certificates.

Jr. Coordinator Position. Amanda Bergsieker suggested that she and Rebecca Krinsky would be willing to serve as co-junior coordinators. There were no concerns with Amanda and Rebecca serving as junior coordinators from the board and would begin to serve as coordinators this fall.

Fundraising Committee/ Fundraising Campaign. No report.

USSA Desktop Display. Donna Mays made motion to pay \$4914.16 for the purchase of the new USSA Display. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion passed.

Suffolk Conference. Bill MacCauley reported that the conference will be held on Friday. There will be a meal served and several speakers present. The conference will be broadcast live by DV Auctions.

New Business

Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship. The board discussed the new scholarship that will be offered and had no concerns. The board members expressed their appreciation to the individual providing the funds for this scholarship.

Registration Program Payment. Dr. Clair made motion to pay the software programs \$17,200. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion passed.

Other New Business

National Show Judge. Donna Mays reported that several members expressed concerns about the judge selection for the National Suffolk Show this year at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. It was discussed that the judge was chosen by the Missouri group, not by the USSA. The USSA does provide a list of judge recommendations to the Missouri group.

Nugget All-American. Larry Pauly reported that there were some concerns about the Nugget All-American. A list of concerns/suggestions will be compiled and sent to Banner Sales Management and the California Suffolk and Hampshire Sheep Breeders' Association.

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