

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2012/2013 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 10, 2012**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Billy MacCauley, Amanda Bergsieker, Kim Ketcham, Rob Zelinsky, Rex Quam, Keith Pumphrey, Paul Skartvedt, and Diane Russell. Board Members Absent: Larry Pauly, Donna Mays, Virginia Gergen, Lisa Webster.

Election of Officers

Kim Ketcham nominated Rob Zelinsky for President. Bill MacCauley moved that nominations close. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for President. Rob Zelinsky would again serve as President.

Kim Ketcham nominated Bill MacCauley for Vice-President. Paul Skartvedt moved that nominations close. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for Vice-President. Bill MacCauley would again serve as Vice-President.

Bill MacCauley nominated Rex Quam as Treasurer. Paul Skartvedt moved that nominations close. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for Treasurer. Rex Quam will serve as Treasurer.

Appointment of Committee Members

By-Laws

Chairman, Kim Ketcham, committee member Keith Pumphrey

Futurity

Chairman, Rex Quam, committee member Bill MacCauley

Marketing/Promotion

Chairman, Lisa Webster, committee member Diane Russell

Budget

Chairman, Rex Quam, committee member Lisa Webster

Scholarship

Chairwoman, Janet Hukowicz, committee members Bob Kimm, Chuck Ream, Wayne Skartvedt

Hospitality

Chairwoman, Amanda Bergsieker, committee members Keith Pumphrey, Cynthia Huckins

Ambassador

Chairwoman, Amanda Bergsieker, committee members Donna Mays and Kim Ketcham

NAILE Market Lamb

Chairman Paul Skartvedt, committee members Diane Russell and Amanda Bergsieker

New Business

Hall of Fame

President Zelinsky discussed with the board the idea of establishing a hall of fame to honor Suffolk members. A person who has made or continues to make a significant contribution to the breed would be inducted each year at the annual meeting. The board discussed accelerating the process the first few years to honor several individuals. President Zelinsky will write up his deals and provide it to the board for discussion at the next meeting.

NAILE award for Best Pair of Ram Lambs

Kim Ketcham reported that Tom Burke may be interested in sponsoring this award and he will discuss it with Tom Burke and report back.

2012/2013 Budget

There was a brief discussion about the proposed budget. Bill MacCauley asked the board to brainstorm ways/ideas to increase revenue (registrations) and bring them to the next board meeting to discuss. Kim Ketcham made a motion to approve the 2012/2013 USSA Budget. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. The motion passed.

Judging Standards (Concerns)

Diane Russell reported that there may be confusion amongst exhibitors and judges on how to place a Suffolk slick shorn class. Diane Russell will write up some recommendations and present them to the board at the next meeting. President Zelinsky stressed that selection of a judge is an extremely important for these classes.

Suffolk Image for advertising, promotional and other requests

Secretary Everts asked the board to determine what images the office should use for requests regarding Suffolk images to use in publications. President Zelinsky asked the board to send photos to Amanda and she would compile them and present the to the board and the topic would be revisited during the next meeting

Judge Recommendations for Reno

President Zelinsky asked for judge recommendations for the 2013 National Suffolk Show & Sale to be held in Reno. Billy Wade, Larry Mroznski, and Evan Snyder were recommended by the board.

NAILE 2013 Judges

Due to the open show being held prior to the annual meeting, the membership will be able to nominate a fitted and a slick shorn judge for the through the annual meeting. After nominations close, the board will determine the four fitted judges and the four slick judges that will be given to the membership to vote on. Each membership will be allowed to vote for one slick and one fitted judge. The list of names will be provide to the membership in the newsletter, website and in the Dec/Jan Issue of *The Banner*. Voting will begin the beginning of December and end January 31st.

Letter from Merle Van Klompenburg

The USSA Board received a letter from Merle Van Klompenburg in regards to the Certified Meat Sire Program. Bob Kimm provided the board with the information from the Certified Meat Sire Program and reported that the last sire to be certified, that he was aware of was Tim Negg, who certified two Van Arkel rams. President Zelinsky will recreate the information for the certified meat sire program and provide it to the board to discuss at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Kim Ketcham to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. The meeting was adjourned.