

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Conference Call
August 14, 2013**

Roll Call: President, Rob Zelinsky, Vice-President, Bill MacCauley, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Keith Pumphrey, Donna Mays, Kim Ketcham, Diane Russell, Virginia Gergen, Lisa Webster, Amanda Dobson and Larry Pauly were in attendance. Rex Quam and Paul Skartvedt were not in attendance.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

President Zelinsky called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of June 2013 board meeting. Amanda Dobson asked to correct her last name from Bergsieker to Dobson. Keith Pumphrey made a motion approve the minutes of the June 2013 board meeting with the stated correction. The motion was seconded by Amanda Dobson. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported registry work was slowing down. Election materials will be mailed to members by the end of the month. Registrations are expected to be down this year and transfers will be about the same as last year. Larry Pauly made motion to approve the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Donna Mays. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Amanda Everts reported on behalf of Treasurer, Rex Quam that the profit & loss report shows the association is profitable at this point. The current checking account balance is about \$17,733.96 and the investment account balance is \$189,369.73.

UJSSA Report

Amanda Dobson reported that the National Junior Suffolk Show went well. There were 73 individuals exhibiting 236 sheep. Amanda also reported that the juniors just had a conference call and everyone is enthusiastic about the 2014 junior show.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

There was a brief discussion about when a membership needed to be paid in order to vote. Kim Ketcham made a motion that a membership should be purchased by September 1st in order to vote or be counted in any other association ballots of that fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Keith Pumphrey. The motion passed.

Futurity

Amanda Everts reported that there were a couple participants in the yearling ewe futurity and 5-6 individuals in the ewe lamb futurity.

Marketing/Promotion

Lisa Webster reported that as the association works through strategic planning a rebranding may be an outcome.

Budget

No report.

Scholarship

Amanda Everts reported that there were 3 applicants for the USSA scholarship and no applications for the Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship. Amanda reported that Janet H. asked that she mentions the scholarship deadline has floated over the last several years increase participation. The committee is discussing if the application deadline should be reopened. After a short discussion, Diane Russell made a motion that the Scholarship deadline should stay the same. Larry Pauly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Hospitality

Amanda Dobson reported that all the hospitality events went well this year. She will help with the Annual Meeting at NAILE.

Ambassador

Amanda Dobson reported that Taylor Peck is the current USSA/UJSSA Ambassador. Amanda Dobson discussed the Ambassador term start and end dates than made a motion to change the Ambassador term from Junior Show to Junior Show. Donna Mays seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NAILE Market Lamb Program

Amanda Dobson will work with Paul Skartvedt and the juniors to make sure everything is organized for the weigh-in at NAILE.

Hall of Fame

Chairwoman, Virginia Gergen provided the board with the list of Hall of Fame inductees the Hall of Fame Committee recommends as the 2013 USSA Hall of Fame Inductees. After a discussion, Kim Ketcham made a motion to that the following will be the 2013 USSA Hall of Fame inductees: Bob & Marge Paasch & Family, Donner Trail Ranch, Fred A. & Marian Coble, Farrell Wankier, Warren Kuhl, Jarvis Sheep Co., Jack Larsen, Olsen Brothers, Alden & Snell, Harlan & Edwina Wagner, Allan & Veneal Jenkins & Annette Benson, Larry Mead, Betty Biellier, Roy & Joe Warrick, Richard Roe, Heggemeier Sheep Farms, Bill & Alice Heggemeier and Jim & Jody Heggemeier, Van Arkel Suffolks, Roland (Rollie) Rosenboom, Robert Hall, Wes Azeltine, Dwayne Swenson, Roger Nichols, Wayne & Mary Skartvedt, George and Fred Buckham, Bud & Julia Westlake & Family, Bill & Helen Hurst, Dr. Harold A. Henneman and Pearson Lynn. Larry Pauly seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business

Census

A copy of the member census was sent to all the board members. After a brief discussion, Donna Mays made a motion to add questions 7 through 15 from the 2006 survey to the 2013 census. Also, a questionnaire will be mailed to junior members. Kim Ketcham seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting & Dinner will be Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30pm at NAILE. The board discussed the meal that will be served, the cost of the meal and if the inductees should receive paid meal tickets. Larry Pauly made a motion that the BBQ meal will be served and the cost of the tickets will be \$32, which covers the cost of the meal that is charged to the association. The motion was seconded by Amanda Dobson. The motion carried. Diane Russell made a motion that the association pay for two tickets for each inductee, if any additional tickets are needed, those would need to be paid by the guest. The motion was seconded by Bill MacCauley. The motion passed.

Midwest Sale Consignments & Suffolk Breed Type

There was a short discussion in regards to the consigned Suffolks at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and the animal's Suffolk breed type. The board felt that the association could provide a set of standards to be given to the judge.

Suffolk Breed Standards

Diane Russell provided the board prior to the meeting a revised Suffolk Breed Standard document. Amanda Dobson moved that the board approve the breed standards. The motion was seconded by Bill MacCauley. The motion passed.

New Business

2013/2014 USSA Director Election

Amanda Everts reported that Larry Pauly (District 1), Amanda Dobson (District 2), James Heggemeier (District 2), Bill Royer (District 3), Randy Hodges (District 4) and Bill MacCauley (District 4) submitted their intent to run to the USSA Office for the 2013/2014 USSA Director. There will not be an election in District 1 and District 4 as Larry and Bill are running unopposed. Their bios will be mailed out to their districts along with the other election materials that are to be mailed.

Land of Lincoln Certificates

Kim Ketcham reported that he is in contact with some individuals in Illinois in regards to the Land of Lincoln Certificates. He will report back at the next meeting his findings on how the board/association should handle/charge for the Land of Lincoln Certificates.

Kim Ketcham made a motion to ask Tom Burke to M.C. the Hall of Fame Induction Event which will be a part of the 2013 Annual Dinner & Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill MacCauley. The motion passed.

Amanda Everts asked if she should send out new packets again this year and there was a positive response from the recipients last year. Kim Ketcham made a motion that the new member packets be sent out every year. The motion was seconded by Bill MacCauley. The motion passed.

Kim Ketcham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Pauly seconded the motion. The motion passed.