

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Fairfield Inn & Suites, Kansas City, MO
May 19, 2013**

Roll Call: President, Rob Zelinsky, Vice-President, Bill MacCauley, Treasurer, Rex Quam, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Keith Pumphrey, Kim Ketcham, Amanda Bergsieker, Paul Skartvedt, and Diane Russell were present. Virginia Gergen, Donna Mays and Lisa Webster were present by conference call. Larry Pauly was absent.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that the current checking account balance was \$4017.03. The USSA investment fund balance was \$196,031.26.

Business Items

Veterans Discount. There was a short discussion about providing a veterans discount. The board determined that they are not going to offer a veterans discount to members.

NAILE Trophies. Kim Ketcham reported that Tom Burke would be willing to collect and display any old Suffolk trophies and memorabilia at the Angus Hall of Fame. Kim Ketcham made a motion to take the retired traveling trophies to Tom Burke to be displayed at the Angus Hall of Fame. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. The motion passed.

Hall of Fame. Virginia Gergen reported on the Hall of Fame and committee. There was a discussion regarding how the Hall of Fame will be setup and the number of recipients there will be. Bill MacCauley made a motion that Hall of Fame have 25 name inducted the first year, with the 25 names representing members amongst all districts. The 2013 nominees will be honored at the 2013 USSA Annual Meeting at the North American Livestock Exposition. The motion was seconded by Keith Pumphrey. The motion passed. Hall of Fame inductees with a brief bio and photo that will be featured in the Suffolk Newsletter, USSA website and USSA Breeders Directory.

Following a brief discussion, it was determined that the committee will consult with Steve George, John Eagle and Greg Deakin on possible inductees. Diane Russell made a motion that Kim Ketcham be added to the Hall of Fame Committee. The motion was seconded by Keith Pumphrey. The motion passed.

Annual Meeting. There was a brief discussion about the USSA Annual Meeting. It was determined that the board investigates changing the Annual Meeting to a more banquet style meeting with a sit down meal. To help cover the cost of the meal expense would need to be purchased by the members to attend. Amanda Everts will look into meal options through the caterer that contracts with the North American International Livestock Exposition. I don't have written that a motion was made.

Approved photos for office use. No photos were provided. This topic will be visited again at an upcoming meeting.

USSA Survey - A timeline of how this will move forward was discussed.

USSA Board Committees & Directors Welcome Packets. There was a brief discussion about USSA Committees and duties as well as director welcome packets. No action was taken.

With a board consensus the following items of business were not discussed: breed standards, Certified Suffolk Meat Sire Program, percentage registrations, the Suffolk breed and the commercial sheep industry.

Hospitality Committee Report. Amanda Bergsieker reported that a Suffolk Social held at the All-American Nugget Sale and a lunch will be offered on Friday, June 28th before the Suffolk Sale at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale.

Directors Shirts. There was a short discussion about USSA Directors wearing directors shirts at Suffolk events. The cost of the shirts would be at expense of the directors. Amanda Bergsieker made a motion for the directors to purchase shirts that would be an out of pocket expense of the directors. The motion was seconded by Kim Ketcham. The motion passed.

Motion was made by Diane Russell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Keith. The meeting was adjourned.