

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2012/2013 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 18, 2013
8pm, East Hall E-2**

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

The meeting was conducted by President, Rob Zelinsky.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

President Zelinsky called for any corrections or additions to the October 2013 USSA Board conference call minutes; there were none. Paul Skartvedt made a motion approve the minutes of October 2013 USSA Board conference call. The motion was seconded by Donna Mays. The motion passed. Diane Russell asked that it be noted in the October 2013 meeting minutes that there are some amnesty registrations and transfers included in the registration data reported for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Secretary's Report

Secretary, Amanda Everts, reported that since the October conference call she has been busy with registry work and getting things ready for Hall of Fame. Kim Ketcham made motion to approve the Secretary's report, the report was seconded by Diane Russell. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Rex Quam, reported he had no information to share in addition to the reports provided to the directors.

President Zelinsky noted that he was pleased to see the association was profitable (\$8641) for the fiscal year although registrations were down compared to last year.

Amanda Everts noted the fiscal year-end financial report provided is the corrected version.

Donna Mays made motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Lisa Webster. The motion passed.

UJSSA Report

UJSSA Vice-President, Tayler Wolff, reported that the UJSSA is on track for the 2014 junior show in Hutchinson, Kansas. It was announced that the 2015 junior show will be held in Massachusetts along with the All-American. The sponsor sheet for the 2014 junior show is being passed around during NAILE, soliciting pledges.

It was encouraged to look for facilities that the junior show can be held in the future. A venue would need approximately 1200 pens to host both the Suffolk junior show and All-American at the same time.

Committee Reports

ByLaws

No report.

Futurity

Chairman Quam reported that the 2014 USSA Futurity stay the same 2013; ewe lamb futurity will be by districts and yearling ewe futurity.

Budget

Treasurer, Rex Quam, reported that a budget was approved during the past conference call. Rex noted that Amanda's contract pay for the use of her home office has increased to \$200 per month.

Scholarship

Amanda Everts reported that Katelyn Gnegy and Kyle Baubonis are the winners of 2013 USSA Scholarship. The scholarship deadline will be moved to October 1st for 2014. President Zelinsky challenged the board and juniors to get more juniors involved and applying for these scholarships.

Marketing /Promotion

Ambassador, Taylor Peck discussed planning a Suffolk social/mixer at Sedalia this summer. Taylor and Lisa will put a proposal together and present it at the next meeting.

Chairwoman, Lisa Webster wondered if there was a way (internally) to track how many of each type of Suffolk was being registered; which would then be used to investigate how advertising dollars should be spent.

Hospitality

No report.

Ambassador

No report.

NAILE Market Lamb

Chairman, Paul Skartvedt reported 36 of the 90 classified Suffolk lambs were signed up for the special monies. There was a short discussion on who (juniors or seniors) should pay the premiums for this program.

Hall of Fame

Chairman, Kim Ketcham, recommended that there be 4 inductee chosen for the Hall of Fame next year. The champion Suffolk market lamb purchased a certificate as well as another class winner. He also suggested that selection process should start earlier in the year.

Old Business

Updates on Strategic Planning

Tabled to 2013/2014 board meeting.

Letter from Larry Mead

After a lengthy discussion, the board came to the conclusion that it would be up to the sale management/judge to determine which consigned sheep were Suffolks. A breed standard will be provided. A sifting committee will not be provided. It will also be relayed to Larry that the association has no policy on DNA and is not responsible for enforcing reported 171 codon or spider testing results for consigned Suffolks.

Commercial Producer Survey

Tabled to 2013/2014 board meeting.

New Business

\$250 Show Sponsorship for District 1

Tabled to next meeting for Keith Pumphrey to discuss.

President Zelinsky thanked Kim Ketcham for his service to the association by serving on the USSA Board.

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