

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2014/2015 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 15, 2014
South Wing B108, following 2013/2014 Board Meeting**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Larry Pauly, Kip Kuntz, Rob Zelinsky, Amanda Dobson, Paul Skartvedt, Bill Royer, Dale Dobberpuhl, Bill MacCauley, Diane Russell and Bret Henderson. Board Members Absent: Keith Pumphrey and Virginia Gergen.

Election of Officers

Diane Russell made a motion to nominate Rob Zelinsky for President. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. Larry Pauly moved that nominations close and was seconded by Bill MacCauley. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for President. Rob Zelinsky would again serve as President.

Bill MacCauley made motion to nominate Diane Russell for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. Larry Pauly moved that nominations close and was seconded by Bill MacCauley. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for Vice-President. Diane Russell would serve as Vice-President.

Bill MacCauley nominated Bill Royer as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. Larry Pauly moved that nominations close and was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for Treasurer. Bill Royer will serve as Treasurer.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

By-Laws - Chairman, Kip Kuntz

Futurity - Chairman, Bret Henderson

Marketing/Promotion – Chairwoman, Diane Russell

Budget - Chairman, Bill Royer

Scholarship - Chairwoman, Janet Hukowicz, committee members Bob Kimm, Chuck Ream, Wayne Skartvedt, Donna Mays

Hospitality - Chairwoman, Amanda Dobson

Ambassador - Chairwoman, Amanda Dobson

NAILE Market Lamb – Chairman, Paul Skartvedt

Hall of Fame –Chairman, Bill MacCauley committee member Paul Skartvedt

Performance – Co-Chairs, Larry Pauly and Dale Dobberpuhl

New Business

Request for member email and mailing address/email blast for sales

Amanda Everts reported that members/associations have asked for email and/or mailing address lists for mailings and was unsure if that is something she should give out. There was a brief discussion on setting up an email account to send out email blasts – a service provided at a cost. Email lists would not be available for use by others. Bill Royer made a motion that the USSA provides a service to send out email blasts for \$100 per email for members and \$200 per email for non-members. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion carried. The email blast account will be set-up through constant contact and members will be asked in the 2015 dues letter if they would like their email address included in the distribution list.

There was a brief discussion on the newsletter; Amanda will begin publishing a quarterly newsletter from now on.

Age of Sires and Dams/Breeding & AI Certificates

Amanda Everts discussed her concern with members registering lambs to older sire and dams (greater than 10 years old) and at what point she should question a parent due to their recorded age. A brief discussion followed; for those

instances maybe a director in the member's district should be contacted and then the director would contact the member for verification purposes. Bill Royer moved to make this a motion. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion passed. In the future a director will be contacted when the registration program flags the age of a ewe or ram when entering a lamb registration.

Amanda Everts reported that she has had concerns with the number of animals being registered that she needs to verify with the owner of the sire that the applicant has permission of register the lambs (applications with incomplete breeding certificates, both leased/borrowed rams and purchased semen). She stated that she's probably been too relaxed; allowing members to submit applications with unsigned breeding certificates; she then does the verification. Breeders are encouraged to submit breeding certificates by mail or email or contact the office to verify a ram lease.

There was a brief discussion on DNA testing on rams and semen.

Futurity

Rob Zelinsky asked that the futurity committee look into assigning points earned for division winners or champions. There's situations that a ewe lamb may get 1st in their class out of 2 or 3 lambs but then goes onto win champion ewe of the whole show. In those situations the ewe lamb would only receive 5 futurity points.

Percentage Program

Rob Zelinsky presented all the board members with some discussion points on the percentage change. A notation will be made on the pedigrees that an animal is out of a percentage line. Breed standards need to be adhered to when judging Suffolks.

Amanda Everts asked when the percentage change was to go in effect. The board determined it would be as of January 1, 2015.

National Sheep Association

Rob Zelinsky updated the board that Paul Skartvedt, Amanda Everts and himself attended a National Sheep Association meeting held at NALIE and updated the directors on the following details. The NSA will require that Natural Colored and Crossbred be registered. The NSA has approached the USSA to process the registry work for these divisions. The NSA is asking for the Suffolk association's support of their association and financial support of their activities. Bill MacCauley moved to make this a motion. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. The motion passed.

There was discussion in regards to if the USSA's registration program was setup to take on another breed. Amanda Everts reported that the program is not currently setup for another breed; a brief discussion followed. There was also discussion of billing and fees for the natural colored and crossbreds. The board also discussed that the USSA will hold ownership of the data and that the data for these registrations will be in a separate database than the Suffolk data. Rob Zelinsky, Paul Skartvedt and Amanda Everts will be talk to Stan Poe about the USSA processing the NSA registry work.

There was discussion about the registration program and having the programmers set it up for additional breeds. Bill MacCauley made a motion for Amanda to work with the programmers to set-up the registration program to register additional breeds. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion carried.

There was discussion on increasing transfer fees. Paul Skartvedt made a motion to increase transfer fees to \$10/head and eliminate early and late transfers; within family transfers will remain \$3/head. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. The motion carried. The fee change will go to supporting junior activities across the country and breed and association promotion. The new transfer price will go into effect as of January 1, 2015.

2015 NAILE Judges

President Zelinsky asked for nominations from the board for slick shorn and fitted judges for the 2015 NAILE Open Suffolk Show. Jeff Repasky and Billy Wade were nominated for both fitted and slick and John Mrozinski for the slick shorn show. The board members present voted on the slick shorn judge names to narrow the nominations to two names.

Jeff Repasky and Billy Wade will be the two nominations from the board for 2015 NAILE Open Suffolk Show judges. The membership will nominate two additional judges during the Annual Meeting. The membership will cast their votes during the Open Suffolk Show on Tuesday.

Bill MacCauley asked the board if he could throw away the old USSA display that has been sitting in his office. Paul Skartvedt moved to make this motion. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion carried.

Diane Russell shared her concern about not having the retreat and felt that the board should try to schedule a retreat. There was discussion on when a retreat should be scheduled; directors will look at their schedules to see what will work.

The board discussed the Midwest Stud Ram sale and decided that they would let the sale management decide when the Suffolk wether sires and dams sell. The board would like to see that the Suffolks do not always sell last in the day on Friday.

Motion was made by Bill MacCauley to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. The meeting was adjourned.

After the NAILE board meetings it was brought to the board's attention that according to association's the bylaws the office of the President could not be held by the same individual for more than three consecutive years; this would be Rob Zelinsky's fourth year as president. An email was sent to the board of directors by Rob Zelinsky proposing that the individuals holding the office of president and vice-president be switched; Diane Russell would serve as President and Rob Zelinsky would be serve as Vice-President. There were 9 directors who responded approving this change and no response was received from 3 directors.

During the January 2015 conference call Larry Pauly made a motion to approve the NAILE meeting minutes (2013/2014 board, 2014/2015 board and annual meeting) as stated with corrected directors noted for the 2014/2015 board meeting. All business discussed in the 2014/2015 board meeting to be accepted as is. The motion was seconded by Virginia Gergen. Roll call vote to approve: Pumphrey, Pauly, Kuntz, Zelinsky, Gergen, Dobson, Royer, Dobberpuhl, MacCauley and Henderson. The Motion passed.