

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2015/2016 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 15, 2015
South Wing B107, following 2014/2015 Board Meeting**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Larry Pauly, Rob Zelinsky, Matt Beals, Paul Skartvedt, Bill Royer, Dale Dobberpuhl, Randy Hodges, Joe Emenheiser and Bret Henderson. Board Members Absent: Amanda Dobson.

Convened at 2:40pm.

Election of Officers

Larry Pauly made a motion to nominate Paul Skartvedt for President. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. Randy Hodges made motion that nominations ceased. The motion was seconded by Rob Zelinsky. The motion carried. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for President. Paul Skartvedt will serve as President.

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

Rob Zelinsky nominated Bill Royer as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. Ron Alves moved that nominations close and was seconded by Larry Pauly. 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, Ron Alves, committee members Bill Royer, Rob Zelinsky

Youth Promotion - Chairman, Bret Henderson, committee members Kip Kuntz, Rob Zelinsky, Dale Dobberpuhl

Marketing/Promotion – Chairman, Bret Henderson, committee members Larry Pauly, Joe Emenheiser, Dale Dobberpuhl

Budget - Chairman, Bill Royer, committee members Paul Skartvedt, Larry Pauly, Matt Beals, Randy Hodges

Scholarship – Ron Alves, Larry Pauly, Diane Russell, Chuck Ream, Pat Wiford

Hospitality - Chairwoman, Amanda Dobson, Larry Pauly, Ron Alves, Randy Hodges

Ambassador - Chairwoman, Amanda Dobson, Taylor Peck

NAILE Market Lamb – Chairman Kip Kuntz, committee member Rob Zelinsky

Hall of Fame –Chairman, Rob Zelinsky, committee members Larry Pauly, Randy Hodges

Performance – Chairman, Matt Beals, committee members Joe Emenheiser, Larry Pauly, Dale Dobberpuhl, Rob Zelinsky, Randy Hodges, Bill Shultz

New Business

Age of Sires and Dams

Amanda reported that she has had some individuals submitting registrations for sheep that their sires and dams were 10+ years old. She currently contacts a director in the district and then the director contact the individual submitting the paperwork. There was a discussion on sheep age and DNA testing. No action was taken; Amanda will contact a director when a situation comes up. This matter will be sent to the by-laws committee.

2016 NAILE Judges

President Skartvedt asked for nominations from the board for slick shorn and fitted judges for the 2016 NAILE Open Suffolk Show. Scott Greiner, Craig Beckmier and Rob Zelinsky were nominated for both fitted and slick shows. The board members present voted to narrow the nominations to two names. Scott Greiner and Rob Zelinsky will be the two nominations from the board for 2016 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 Monday.

ASI Convention/participation

Amanda provided sponsor information from ASI on their upcoming convention. Joe Emenheiser made a motion to sponsor the event at the \$300 level. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion carried.

2016 USSA Directory – breeder listings

It has been suggested that we allow breeders to identify what products they have for sale which would be listed with each breeder listing in the directory (e.g., breeding stock, market lambs, range rams, etc.). There was a brief discussion; no action was taken. Directors will survey members in their district and the topic will be revisited at a later time.

Junior Board/Senior Board Liaison

There was a short discussion on who should be the liaison between the junior coordinators and senior board – Bill Royer will be the liaison.

Board Retreat

The board discussed a possible retreat – directors are to look at their schedules for the spring and the topic will be discussed during the January conference call.

ASI Grant – Matt Beals discussed the ASI Grant Proposal provided to the board. It was noted that there was extra money built into the proposal to cover overages on the proposed cost of the registration program changes. It is a matching funds grant with Let's Grow and USSA both contributing \$16,500. Most of the USSA's contribution will be in labor hours. Ron Alves made a motion to approve and submit the ASI Grant. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion passed.

Amanda reported that the junior show judge mentioned that time between classes needed to be shortened and exhibitors needed to get to the ring quicker. It was also mentioned that the board should consider not having an overall winner selected (between slick shorn and fitted).

Online Suffolk Sales

It was decided that the association will have two or three online sales held two weeks prior to Ohio, Reno and/or Sedalia. Paul Skartvedt will correspond with Dan and Carol to finalize dates. Commission percent and commitment fees were discussed.

Larry Pauly made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Matt Beals.