

United Suffolk Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky
November 15, 2015

The United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting was conducted by President, Diane Russell. President Russell welcomed individuals present and called the meeting to order. The 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 board members were introduced and outgoing board members; Keith Pumphrey, Virginia Gergen and Bill MacCauley were thanked for their service to the association.

President Russell gave a brief summary of the year in review.

Secretary Everts reported for 2015, the USSA had approximately 607 members. Registrations for the fiscal year were down, 6,386 compared to 7,115 the year prior. There were 2,294 transfers processed for the fiscal year, down from 2,944 the previous year. Secretary Everts reported that USSA office, along with her family, relocated to Iowa the end of August. She reminded those in attendance that advertising via email blasts and the newsletter is available to members. She encouraged members to share information through the USSA Newsletter which is published on a quarterly basis. The newsletter is emailed to over 900 recipients throughout the country.

Treasurer, Bill Royer, reported that the association had a good year. The junior association had a loss for the year as they purchased new ribbons that will be used for several years and new traveling plaques. The investment fund had a loss for the year as the funds are invested conservatively and this past year's market did not perform as well. Expenses for travel were down in 2015 while income from email blast advertising and from transfers was up.

UJSSA Directors Lily Skartvedt and Andrew Slack thanked everyone for making the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts a success. They noted that a sign-up sheet for sponsorship of the 2016 junior show was available at the meeting for those who were interested in supporting the show. She also reminded everyone to see the silent auction items at the USSA Booth – proceeds go to the National Junior Show. The 2016 junior show will be held at the Clay County Fairgrounds in Spencer, Iowa.

USSA Ambassador, Tayler Wolff, introduced herself and reported that she attended the North Dakota and South Dakota state fairs and will be helping with the open show on Monday.

Chuck Ream, member of the Scholarship Committee, announced that Katie Frost and Jaclynn Knutson were selected recipients of the 2015 USSA Scholarship and that Grant Friesen was selected as the recipient of the 2015 Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship.

Out-going President turned the meeting over to in-coming president, Paul Skartvedt.

President Skartvedt reported that the USSA board has nominated Scott Greiner and Rob Zelinsky as 2 of the 4 individuals the membership will vote on as judges for the 2016 NAILE Open Suffolk Show. President Skartvedt called for judge nominations from the floor; Jim Heggemeier and Mark Chapman was nominated to judge the slick shorn and fitted shows and Brad Payne was nominated to judge the slick shorn show. The membership present voted to select two names that will be available for tomorrow's vote for the slick shorn show. For Monday's vote, Jim Heggemeier and Mark Chapman will be listed as judge options for the fitted show and Brad Payne and Mark Chapman will be listed as judge options for the slick shorn show. Members should see Amanda during the Open Suffolk Show on Monday to cast their vote.

Hall of Fame Presentation

Tom Burke mc'd the Hall of Fame Presentations briefly noting on each inductees accomplishments and asking the inductee/inductees family to come forward and briefly mention a few words. Each of the inductees received a Suffolk

Sculpture with the details regarding the 2015 Hall of Fame and their name engraved on a plate on the base of the sculpture. The following Hall of Fame Inductees or Inductee's family were present for the evening: John Eagle, George Hunter, Sherwood Jackson, Pearce McKinney, Donna Mays and Bob and Mark Chapman.

Inductees who were not present but honored included B.B. Burroughs and Dr. Ben Huff.

President Russell called for any new business from the floor, there was none. The meeting was adjourned.

Greg Deakin again donated pages for the 2016 Suffolk Directory. The proceeds of the directory ads will go to the USSA.

Bill MacCauley auctioned off the directory ads.

Back cover to MacCauley Suffolks for \$1500

Inside front cover to Kevin Slack/Skartvedt/McClure for \$1200

Page 3 (across from inside front cover) to Larry Pauly & Donna Mays for \$850

Inside back cover to Rex Quam for \$1200

Middle right center to Ron Alves and Joe Emenheiser for \$900

Middle left center to Matt Beals for \$650