

**United Suffolk Sheep Association  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
November 1, 2016**

**Board Member Present:** Treasurer, Bill Royer, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Kip Kuntz, Matt Beals, Rob Zelinsky, Bret Henderson, Randy Hodges and Joe Emenheiser. Board Members Absent: Larry Pauly, Amanda Dobson, Paul Skartvedt and Dale Dobberpuhl. 2016/2017 Board members present: Gayle Lucas and Bill Gergen.

Treasurer, Bill Royer, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported she has been busy preparing for NAILE meetings, finalizing Hall of Fame Recognition materials and 2015/2016 fiscal year end reports. Processing time for registry work is approximately 1 week. The current checking account balance is \$27,625.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill Royer reported the profit and loss statement provided is only for the partial month of October; the association's fiscal year is from October 1 to September 30. The account is finalizing the 2015/2016 fiscal year financials, they will be sent to the directors prior to NAILE. Excluding the investment fund, the association was negative for the 2015/2016 fiscal year but there was no money withdrawn from the investment fund. The investment fund performed well last fiscal year and when included in the financials, the association was positive.

**Annual Meeting/Hall of Fame Recognition**

Amanda Everts reported that representatives present for each of this year's Hall of Fame Inductees. The schedule for the evening will be the same as past years and 90 people have RSVP'd. Set-up for the event will be Tuesday afternoon.

**Scholarship Selection**

Ron Alves reported there are 5 applicants for the Let's Grow and USSA Scholarship. The committee has met and have decided to hold the interviews on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Again this year, 1 Let's Grow Suffolk Scholarship and 2 USSA Scholarships will be awarded; the winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

**Ewe Lamb Giveaway**

Bret Henderson reported an increase in participation this year for the Ewe Lamb Giveaway – there's been 14 videos submitted. There was a brief discussion on who should select the winners. Rob Zelinsky made a motion that the committee will review and select the winners for each district. The motion was seconded by Ron Alves. Roll call vote – all were in favor. The motion passed.

**NAILE Judge Selection**

Rob Zelinsky reported on the board's decision to change from two judges (slick shorn and fitted) for NAILE to one judge for the show beginning in 2017. Some exhibitors have voiced concerns about this change. There was a short discussion and it was determined that the board moves forward with their decision as they made this decision to unite the breed.

**NAILE Sunday Open Show**

Rob Zelinsky discussed the NAILE Suffolk Open Show be moved to or in rotation to be on Sunday, following the junior breeding show. He reported that he spoke with Bret Oelke about it and Bret suggested that the board put something together and give to him prior to NAILE. The board was in favor of pursuing this. Amanda Everts and Rob Zelinsky will provide a statement to Bret prior to NAILE.

Joe Emenheiser made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Matt Beals. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Minutes approved 11.15.16.