

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
April Board of Directors Meeting
Country Inn & Suites, Carter Lake, IA
Sunday, April 17, 2016**

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

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported she has been busy with registry work, preparing for the board retreat and April Online sale.

Treasurer's Report

The current checking account balance is \$17,745 and the investment fund balance is \$198,468.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Ron Alves discussed the possible USSA By-Law changes provided to the board. He asked the board to review the drafted changes and provide feedback to the committee. The committee will finalize the changes and bring to the board in June for approval.

Youth Promotion

Bret Henderson reported that the committee that the futurity and ewe lamb giveaway changes have been made and included in the USSA Directory and website.

Marketing/Promotion

There was a lengthy discussion on the revising the USSA Logo. The board agreed to explore options including an image reflecting "The King", the US Map and/or a triangle image. The ideas will be given to EDJE for design ideas.

Budget

Treasurer Royer reported that the budget is running okay as of now. He asked the board and committees to provide any request for the next fiscal year budget to him by May 31st. Work will begin on the 2016/2017 fiscal year budget soon; a proposed budget will be distributed to the board prior to the June board meeting. Bill, Amanda and Matt will work together to discuss bookkeeping of Let's Grow Grant funds/expenditures.

Hall of Fame

Rob Zelinsky presented the 2016 Hall of Fame recommendations from the committee: Clyde George & George Bros., Chuck Ream, Duane Sickels, Dwight Stone, Brentford & Brenda Miller and John Sponaugle.

Performance

Matt Beals reported that Ann Kolthoff will enter NSIP data submitted in conjunction with the Let's Grow Grant at a rate of \$20 per hour. The USSA board agreed.

There was discussion about past revised Performance Committee Resolution:

"In an effort to recognize and promote the Suffolk breed; We the board of the USSA recognize the importance of production data analysis through the NSIP and for those Suffolk breeders whose focus and purpose is to provide the best in terminal sire genetics to the commercial industry, we recommend its use."

Following a brief conversation, Randy Hodges made motion to reword the resolution:

"In an effort to recognize and promote the Suffolk breed as the most accurately-described, profit-driven, progressive-thinking and commercially-focused breed in the United States; We the board of the USSA recognize the importance of

production data analysis through the National Sheep Improvement Program (NSIP) and recommend use by all registered Suffolk breeders whose focus and purpose is to provide the best in terminal sire genetics to the commercial industry."

The motion was seconded by Ron Alves. There was a roll call vote – yes: Ron Alves, Matt Beals, Rob Zelinsky, Bill Royer, Dale Dobberpuhl, Randy Hodges and Joe Emenheiser – no: Bret Henderson. The motion passed.

Old Business

USSA Online Sale

Amanda Everts reported that there were 23 head consigned in the April Online Sale. There was discussion that a committee should be created to oversee the online sale. Rob Zelinsky will be the committee chair, Randy Hodges and Bret Henderson will serve as committee members. The committee will develop terms of sale that the seller must register the animal and transfer to the buyer.

NAILE Judge/Open Show

There was a lengthy discussion regarding two judges for the NAILE Open Suffolk Show and Open Show Set-up. Joe Emenheiser made a motion that beginning in 2017, the NAILE Open Suffolk Show will have one judge for both the slick shorn and fitted and the slick shorn and fitted classes will be comingled in the show schedule. The motion was seconded by Rob Zelinsky. The motion passed.

New Business

Junior Show Ownership Rules

There was discussion about ownership rules for the National Junior Suffolk Show. A motion was made by Matt Beals that sheep registered to a grandparent can be shown as bred and owned and do not need to be transferred to the exhibitor. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. A roll call vote was taken- yes: Ron Alves, Matt Beals, Rob Zelinsky, Bill Royer, Dale Dobberpuhl, Randy Hodges, Joe Emenheiser; Abstain – Bret Henderson and Paul Skartvedt. The motion passed.

The June meeting will be held in Sedalia, Missouri on Thursday morning. Details will be sent out to the board once the time and location are finalized.

A motion was made by Rob Zelinsky to rename the Performance Committee to the Breed Improvement Committee. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Joe Emenheiser made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dale Dobberpuhl. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved 9/1/16