

United Suffolk Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky
November 15, 2016

The United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting was conducted by President, Paul Skartvedt. President Skartvedt welcomed individuals present and called the meeting to order. The 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 board members were introduced and outgoing board members, Larry Pauly and Amanda Dobson, were thanked for their service to the association.

Secretary Everts reported she traveled to the Strategic Planning Session in April, Midwest Stud Ram Sale in June and the National Junior Show in July. She noted that she had been very busy with registry work this year – 6,765 Suffolks were registered, up 379 registration from last year. There were 2,634 Suffolks transferred, up 338 from the prior year. Members were encouraged to share information to be included in the electronic Suffolk Newsletter which is emailed to over 900 email addresses from coast to coast.

Treasurer, Bill Royer, reported that the association had a good year. The junior association had a loss for the year and will be evaluating their budget and fundraising for the upcoming junior show. The investment fund performed well through the year and it was noted that no funds were withdrawn from the investment account to cover additional costs incurred for the Strategic Planning Session.

Paul Skartvedt called on committee chairs to give brief update on their committee's actions for year.

UJSSA President Andrew Slack thanked everyone for making the 2016 National Junior Suffolk Show in Spencer, Iowa a success. He noted that a sponsorship sheet for the 2017 junior show was available at the meeting for those who were interested in supporting the show. The junior board is aware of their financial status and is working hard with fundraising and evaluating their budget for the upcoming show. He reminded everyone to look at the silent auction items at the USSA Booth – proceeds go to the National Junior Show. The 2017 junior show will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin along with the All American.

Ron Alves, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced that Riggen Zelinsky and Raelynn Thompson were selected recipients of the 2016 USSA Scholarship and that Alison Knutson was selected as the recipient of the 2016 Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship.

Bret Henderson, Youth Promotion Committee Chair, announced the winners of the Ewe Lamb Giveaway Program; District 1 - Margarite Humphrey, Chehlais, WA; District 2 - Cally Faulhaber, Plankinton, SD; District 3 - Rylee Schultz, Montevideo, MN and District 4 – Josiah Antram, Somerset, PA. Videos submitted by these district winners will be made available on the USSA and UJSSA websites.

President Skartvedt reported that the USSA Board has nominated the following individuals to judge the 2017 NAILE Open Suffolk Show: Greg Ahart and Scott Greiner (Slick Shorn) and Craig Beckmier and Ron Young (Fitted). President Skartvedt called for judge nominations from the floor; Craig Beckmier was nominated to judge the slick shorn – Bill MacCauley made motion that nominations cease, the motion was seconded by Ron Alves. John Mrozinski was nominated to judge the fitted show – Ron Alves made motion that nominations cease, the motion was seconded by Bill MacCauley. Members should see Amanda during the Open Suffolk Show on Wednesday 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 2016 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: Clyde & Justina

George & George Brothers, Brentford Miller & Brenda Miller, Chuck Ream (Windswept Ranch), Duane & Marcia Sickels, John & Pam Sponaugle (Sponaugle Suffolks) and Dwight Stone (Stonemark Suffolks).

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

Greg Deakin again donated pages for the 2017 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 \$1000

Inside front cover to Ruby Mountain Sheep Co. for \$800

Page 3 (across from inside front cover) to Kevin Slack/Skartvedt/McClure for \$800

Inside back cover to Tom Burke for \$800

Middle right center to Ron Alves and Matt Beals for \$900

Middle left center to Kim Ketcham for \$800

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