

**United Suffolk Sheep Association  
June USSA Board of Directors Meeting  
Best Western, Sedalia, Missouri  
Thursday, June 22, 2017**

**Board Member Present:** President, Paul Skartvedt, Vice-President, Rob Zelinsky, Treasurer, Bill Royer, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Gayle Lucas (phone), Kip Kuntz, Matt Beals, Bill Gergen, Randy Hodges, Bret Henderson (phone) and Joe Emenheiser (phone). Absent: Dale Dobberpuhl

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported that the checking account balance is approximately \$13,000. A part-time employee was hired in June and has been processing registry work. Turnaround time for registry work is approximately 2 weeks. Year-to-date, registrations and transfers are down compared to last year.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Royer reported that fiscal year to-date income is down however there is no concern for insufficient funds to pay bills.

**Committee Reports**

**By-Laws** - Chairman, Ron Alves provided copies of the proposed by-law changes to board members present at the meeting. He asked the directors specifically look at Article VIII. The board will re-visit the Standard of Type in a future board meeting. Ron will share the document with directors who were not able to attend the board meeting and the proposed by-laws will be approved for a member vote via email. These by-law changes will be included with the upcoming director election mailing.

**Youth Promotion** – No report.

**Marketing/Promotion** – No report.

**Budget** – Bill Royer provided board members with proposed budget for 2017/2018. The proposed budget is short approximately \$7000 income to be balanced. There was a lengthy discussion regarding ways to balance the budget.

There was a motion to increase rush fees- \$25/head for papers needed in less than 3 days and \$10/head for a general rush (less than 2 weeks). In favor of the motion- Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Gergen, Zelinsky, Lucas, Beals, Emenheiser and Henderson. There was no one opposed to the motion. Motion passed.

There was a motion to increase new membership and membership dues paid prior to March 1 to \$40 and dues paid after March 1 to \$60 and increase late registrations to \$15/head. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Gergen, Zelinsky, Lucas and Henderson. Oppose to the motion – Beals and Emenheiser. The motion passed. *(Note- the late registration price will be effective March 1 as USSA Amnesty Program was approved later in the meeting.)*

Kip Kuntz made a motion that the USSA Amnesty Program is effective August 1, 2017 to March 1, 2018. Late registrations will be \$8 per head. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Zelinsky, Gergen, Lucas, Beals, Emenheiser and Henderson. There was no one opposed to the motion. The motion passed.

**Scholarship** – No report.

**Hospitality** – Randy Hodges reported that donuts and juice will be available on Friday before the sale.

**Ambassador** – No report.

**Hall of Fame** – Chairman, Rob Zelinsky reported that the committee met and provided a list of names to the USSA Board for approval. There was a motion made to approve the names; the motion did not pass. The committee will meet in July to discuss. Ron Alves made a motion that the Hall of Fame each year will consist one individual per district, one at large, maximum of 5 individuals. Kip Kuntz seconded the motion. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Lucas, Emenheiser, and Henderson. Opposed to the motion - Zelinsky, Gergen & Beals. The motion passed.

**Breed Improvement** – It was reported that there are 9 new Suffolk members in NSIP and through the grant fund there has been data entered for 100 Suffolks.

### **Old Business**

**Logo** –There was a brief discussion on if the USSA board would like to change the current logo. Rob Zelinsky made a motion to move forward and change the USSA logo. The motion was seconded by Kip Kuntz. In favor of the motion – Alves, Royer, Hodges, Kuntz, Zelinsky, Lucas and Henderson. No one was opposed. The Marketing and Promotion Committee provided 3 logo options for the board to review. The board voted on the three options or continue to work on the design.

#1 - five votes (Alves, Lucas, Royer, Henderson & Zelinsky)

#2 - no votes

#3 - 3 votes (Hodges, Gergen & Kuntz)

Continue to look for design ideas – no votes

The association will move forward with option 1. It will be sent to Logobee; other versions of the logo will be created for review.

**KHSI Registrar** – No update.

### **New Business**

**Suffolk Gain Program** – Bill Royer and Ron Alves briefly discussed consideration of a program that provides percentage registered Suffolks to show and sell. Bill Royer provided an article on the Dorset Advantage Program. This topic will be revisited at a future meeting.

**National Suffolk Sale and Communication with Sale Management** – There was a lengthy discussion about the National Suffolk Sale, location and USSA's requirements to be considered the National Suffolk Sale. Kip Kuntz will draft a criteria for the National Suffolk Sale and will provide it to the board for the next meeting.

Randy Hodges made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kip Kuntz. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved 10/2/17.