

United Suffolk Sheep Association
Annual Meeting
North American International Livestock Exposition, Louisville, Kentucky
November 14, 2017

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 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 board members were introduced and outgoing board members, Kip Kuntz, Rob Zelinsky and Dale Dobberpuhl, were thanked for their service to the association.

Secretary Everts reported she traveled to the National Suffolk Sale in May, Midwest Stud Ram Sale in June, the National Junior Show in July and to Utah in October for the Utah Ram Sale and a NSIP/Breed Association Meeting. She reported that 6,104 Suffolks were registered and 2,425 transferred for the fiscal year. Additionally, there were 554 senior members and 308 junior members. Members were encouraged to share information to be included in the electronic Suffolk Newsletter which is emailed to over 1050 email addresses from coast to coast. Lastly she noted that in June the USSA hired a part-time employee, Jenna Jones, who will be processing registry work as needed.

Treasurer, Bill Royer, reported that the association's investment account did very well this year. However, with registrations and transfers down, the association was below breakeven. He noted that expenses were kept down and no money has been withdrawn from the investment account to cover expenses. The junior association held their expenses at a minimum for the year, ending the year positive.

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 2017 National Junior Suffolk Show in Madison, Wisconsin a success – it was the largest junior show in recent history. He announced that the 2018 National Junior Show will be held in Lebanon, Indiana at the Boone County Fairgrounds, about thirty minutes from the All-American. He noted that a sponsorship sheet for the 2018 junior show was available at the meeting for those who were interested in supporting the show.

Ron Alves, Scholarship Committee Chair, announced that Andrew Slack of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and Cody Kinsman of Spring Creek, Nevada were selected recipients of the 2017 USSA Scholarship and Nicole Dittbrenner of Cumberland, Wisconsin was selected as the recipient of the 2017 Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship.

Rob Zelinsky, Youth Promotion Committee Chair, announced the winners of the Ewe Lamb Giveaway Program; District 1 – Danielle Barry, Willits, CA; District 2 – Taylor Ruckert, Manhattan, Kansas; District 3 – Cody Sievert of Gibbon, MN and District 4 – Katie Miller of Newville, PA. Videos submitted by these district winners will be made available on the USSA and UJSSA websites.

President Skartvedt reported that for the 2018 NAILE Suffolk Show there will only be one judge, judging the slick shorn show and fitted show. The USSA board nominated the following individuals to judge the 2017 NAILE Open Suffolk Show: Lance Miller and Mark Chapman. President Skartvedt called for judge nominations from the floor; Brad Angus, Rob Zelinsky, Rod Chrome, Wayne O'Brien and Judy Moore were nominated – Bob Paasch moved that nominations cease. 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 2017 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: Weldon and Brian Johnson, (Johnson Club Lambs), Alan & Mary Kjeldgaard, Ansel Luxford, and Ron & Carla Young (Buckeye Acres).

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

Greg Deakin again donated pages for the 2018 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 \$1200

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

Page 3 (across from inside front cover) to Kevin Slack/Skartvedt for \$1000

Inside back cover to Meat Beals for \$1000

Middle right center to Riverview Livestock for \$700

Middle left center to Ron Alves for \$850

The following items were donated by Ruth Rosenboom and Joan Lawrence and were auctioned off – proceeds go toward the United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association:

Suffolk Ram & Ewe Plates to Tom Burke for \$525

Suffolk charm and tie clip to MacCauley Suffolks for \$90 each

Suffolk lapel pin to Tom Burke for \$55

A Basket of Suffolk History to Tom Burke for \$575