

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2017/2018 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 14, 2017**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Gayle Lucas, Blair Summey, Tom Burke, Matt Beals, Bill Gergen, Paul Skartvedt, Bill Royer, Jeremy Geske, Randy Hodges, Joe Emenheiser and Bret Henderson.

Election of Officers

Call for nominations for President - Bill Gergen nominated Randy Hodges and Bill Royer nominated Matt Beals for President. Ron Alves made motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Tom Burke. The motion carried. Vote taken – Hodges – five votes and Beals 7 votes. Matt Beals will serve as President.

Call for nominations for Vice- President: Bill Gergen nominated Tom Burke and Bret Henderson nominated Ron Alves. Paul Skartvedt made motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. Vote take – Alves -5 votes and Burke – 7 votes. Tom Burke will serve as Vice President. *On December 4th it was determined that the election of Tom Burke to be Vice President was not compliant with the by-laws as the Vice President must have served on the board the previous year, which Tom is newly elected for the 2017/2018 term. An election for Vice President will happen during the next board call.*

Paul Skartvedt nominated Bill Royer as Treasurer. Randy Hodges moved that nominations cease and was seconded by Jeremy Geske. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for Treasurer. Bill Royer will serve as Treasurer.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

By-Laws - Chairman, Randy Hodges, committee members Ron Alves, Bill Gergen, Gayle Lucas

Youth Promotion – Chairman Paul Skartvedt, committee members Bret Henderson, Jeremy Geske, Tom Burke

Marketing/Promotion – Chairman, Bret Henderson, committee members, Paul Skartvedt, Gayle Lucas, Dale Dobberpuhl

Budget – Chairman, Bill Royer, committee members, Bill Gergen, Randy Hodges

Scholarship – Chairman, Ron Alves, committee members, Blair Summey, Bob Paasch

Hospitality – Randy Hodges, Ron Alves, Blair Summey

Ambassador – Chairman, Tom Burke, committee members, John Peck, Paul Skartvedt

Hall of Fame – Chairman, Tom Burke, committee members will be determined.

Breed Improvement – Chairman, Blair Summey, committee members, Jeremy Geske, Ron Alves, Randy Hodges, Dale Dobberpuhl

Online Sales – Chairman, Jeremy Geske

Suffolk Gain Program – Chairman, Bill Royer, committee members, Blair Summey, Ron Alves

New Business

NAILE Judges and Voting

There was a lengthy discussion on who can vote for the NAILE Open Show Judge. No action was taken. There was discussion on if the NAILE Open Show should have one individual judge the whole show or 2 judges for each division. Tom Burke made a motion that who gets to vote on the judge remains the same but 1 individual will judge the whole show. The motion was seconded by Bill Gergen. Vote was take – In favor: Alves, Summey, Lucas, Gergen, Burke, Royer, Skartvedt, Geske, Henderson and Hodges. Opposed: Emenheiser. Motion carried.

Promotion of the Ohio, Nugget & Midwest Sale

There was a brief discussion about the number of entries in these sales and how the association can help promote these sales for them to be successful.

2017 NAILE Open Show Judges

President Skartvedt asked for nominations from the board for 2017 NAILE Open Suffolk Show- Wayne O'Brien, Lance Miller and Mark Chapman were nominated. Paul Skartvedt moved to close nominations. The motion was seconded by Ron Alves. A vote was taken to narrow the nominations from the board to two – Lance Miller (7 votes) and Mark Chapman (6 votes). Wayne O'Brien received 5 votes. The membership will nominate two additional judges during the Annual Meeting. The membership will cast their votes during the Open Suffolk Show on Wednesday.