

MEETING MINUTES

USSA Board of Directors Conference Call

August 29, 2018

Board Members Present: President, Matt Beals, Vice President, Randy Hodges, Treasurer, Bill Royer, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Gayle Lucas, Blair Summey, Tom Burke, Paul Skartvedt and Jeremy Geske.

Board Members Absent: Bill Gergen, Bret Henderson and Joe Emenheiser.

President Beals called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Amanda Everts added the District 3 election and Annual Meeting Dinner.

Jeremy Geske approve the meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that the office is getting caught up with registry work. Registrations are down about 400, transfers are down about 600 so far this year. There was a great amnesty program response but regular/lamb registrations are down. Election ballots will go out the end of this week. It was also reported that she will wrap-up junior show billing and cutting premium checks in the next week. Jeremy Geske moved that the Secretary's report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Royer reported that he doesn't have a formal Treasurer's report for this meeting as Amanda was out of the office the last couple weeks. He stated that the investment account was around \$235,000, he expects it to be a little higher than that now.

UJSSA Report

President, Jaclynn Knutson introduced herself and reported that the UJSSA has a successful junior show in Lebanon, Indiana. Next year the show will be in Hutchinson, Kansas along with the All-American. The first junior board call for 2019 planning will be in a few minutes.

Old Business

National Sale

Matt Beals asked the board to vote again on the decision to move the National Sale permanently in conjunction with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. He stated that the vote on that motion stemmed from discussion that was not listed as an item on the approved meeting agenda. He asked that the board vote again on the motion as it's listed as an approved agenda item for this meeting. Blair Summey motion that in the future, the National Suffolk Sale always be held in conjunction with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale and the Big Ohio Sale would be the Eastern Regional Sale and Nugget All-American be the Western Regional Sale. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor, motion carried.

Registration Program

Bill Royer discussed the verbiage of the motion made by Tom Burke at Sedalia and wanted to confirm with the board on the intent of the motion. The committee met to review the drafted letter and determined that the motion that was made did not give approval to develop a contract with the selected registration program if they met the requirements that we provided them. After a lengthy discussion about current registration numbers, financials and a new registration program. Ron Alves made a motion to send this back to the committee. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. The motion was withdrawn by Ron Alves and Randy Hodges. The committee was asked to continue to negotiate a possible proposal for the registration program.

Hall of Fame

Ron Alves asked if there was selection criteria set by the committee during their last meeting. No criteria had been finalized. Tom Burke will have a meeting with the committee and come back to the board at the NAILE meeting with their recommendations.

Suffolk GAP Program

Ron Alves reported that the GAP Committee has met since the Sedalia meeting. Ron Alves made a motion that the board adopt the GAP Program as presented to the board. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. There was a lengthy discussion. A roll call vote was taken; Yes: Ron Alves, Bill Royer, Paul Skartvedt, Jeremy Geske and Randy Hodges, No: Blair Summey, Gayle Lucas and Tom Burke. The motion passed.

New Business

Fees - Tabled until next meeting so that Bill Gergen can report.

NSIP Center of the Nation Sale Lunch Sponsorship

Matt Beals discussed sponsorship of the consignor lunch at the Center of the Nation Sale. He stated that three Suffolk breeders have agreed to sponsor this meal, along with the USSA, each contributing \$250. Tom Burke moved the USSA contribute \$250 to the consignor meal, the motion was seconded by Blair Summey. All were in favor, motion passed.

Director Mentorship Program

Ron Alves suggested that director mentorship be developed between current directors and new directors, so that new directors can be caught up on board happenings as some new directors may not be up to speed with board discussions. All were in favor. It was determined that a meeting will be held between the old and new board meeting at NAILE.

Reno Proposal

Ron Alves tabled this discussion until the next USSA board meeting as the California Association has not yet met to discuss.

National Junior Suffolk Show

Tabled until the next meeting so that Bret Henderson can report.

Sift at National Sale/ Judge Qualifications and certifications

There was a lengthy discussion regarding health status of some of the animals at the national sale and what is acceptable for animals to sell at the sale. Matt will talk to Bret Oelke regarding this to see what the sale management stance is on this topic.

Expanding USSA Awards to approved Range Ram Sales

Blair discussed providing more awards/plaques at range ram sales. There was a lengthy discussion; the topic will be sent to the Advertising and Promotion committee.

Ketcham's Sheepin Weekend

Amanda Everts reported that Ketcham's will be having their Sheepin Weekend again this year and not attending NAILE. The association received a letter inviting breed associations to have display areas at the event. Additionally meeting space will be available for associations to hold board meetings. It was discussed that Ketcham's may bring their Suffolks; Amanda will check. Suffolk information materials will be mailed to Ketcham's to take to the event.

District 3 Election

Amanda Everts reported that there were no letter of intents received from District 3 director position. Amanda asked that the board decide how the position will be filled so that members in that district can be notified. The board agreed that the opening will be filled by the 2018-2019 board appointed candidate; this will be a one year term. In the election mailing members in district 3 will be notified about this and informed that if they are interested in being considered as a candidate they should submit a written letter of interest by October 1st.

2017 USSA Bylaw Changes and Voting Rights

Amanda Everts reported that because of the 2017 membership approved Bylaw changes, members who have not registered sheep in the fiscal year are ineligible to vote. There was concern that members may not be aware of this change. Tom Burke made a motion that a ballot be sent to all members, including those who have not registered sheep in the fiscal year. A letter should be sent to those members who have not registered sheep in the fiscal year that they have until September 30 to submit registrations for their vote to count. Jeremy Geske seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

Annual Meeting Dinner

Amanda Everts discussed the annual meeting dinner cost and that the USSA board for the last several years has help cover the cost of the dinner. Tom Burke made motion that the USSA subsidize the dinner with members only paying \$20 per person. The motion was seconded by Ron Alves. All were in favor, motion passed.

Amanda Everts reported that the Heartland Group has asked for judge suggestions for the 2019 National Suffolk Sale. The board agreed to vote via email.

Ron Alves made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Tom Burke. The meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Approved 10.2.18