

MEETING MINUTES

USSA Board of Directors Conference Call

October 24, 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, Tom Burke, Jeremy Geske, Bret Henderson and Joe Emenheiser

Board Members Absent: Bill Gergen, Paul Skartvedt and Blair Summey.

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

Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Amanda Everts removed the UJSSA report from the agenda.

Jeremy Geske approved the meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Gayle Lucas. All were in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that the office is caught up with registry work and incoming registry work to process has slowed down. Preparation is underway for Hall of Fame Banquet and NAILE meetings. The Ewe Lamb Giveaway has been advertised on social media and is expected to have a good response. Ron Alves moved to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. All in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Royer reported that he has concerns about the association's income stream for next year. He also discussed credit card acceptance fees and that the association is charged several thousand dollars per year in these fees. Many of the other sheep associations pass on that fee as a convenience fee. He reported that he, along with Amanda, will work to draft some options. Jeremy Geske made motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Bret Henderson. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Hall of Fame – Tom Burke reported that he has been in contact with the Hall of Fame inductees; all will be present except for the Wilson family and possibly the Pauly's.

Scholarship – Ron Alves reported that there was only one application for the USSA scholarship; a deserving candidate. Ron made motion to move the scholarship application deadline to May 1st and that the scholarship be awarded at the junior show. Jeremy Geske seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; all directors present were in favor. The motion passed.

Hospitality – Amanda Everts reported that the same meal as last year will be served at the banquet. Set-up will begin 4-5 hours prior to the dinner; any directors are welcome to help.

Old Business

GAP – Ron Alves discussed the application process. The program application will be further discussed at NAILE board meetings.

Reno Proposal - Ron Alves reported that the only change for the Nugget Show & Sale will be that a slick shorn class will be offered for every fitted class.

New Business

NAILE Meeting Schedule – The board of director meetings will begin at 9am and will conclude in time for the Suffolk Sale.

NAILE Annual Meeting Dinner & Parking Passes – Randy Hodges asked the board to consider the association covering the expense of annual meeting dinner tickets for each director (and spouse) as well as a NAILE parking pass. No motion was made.

Registrations & Transfers - Bill Royer discussed the association's current status with decreasing registrations and transfers. He moved that the USSA Board include on their meeting agenda a minimum of each quarter for the next three years the subject of "Registrations and Transfers" with each Board member reporting what they have done or propose to do to increase registrations and transfers of the Suffolk breed, while at the same time improving the Suffolk breed. The motion was seconded by Ron Alves. A lengthy discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken; yes- Alves, Lucas, Burke, Geske, Royer, Henderson, Hodges and Beals; no – Emenheiser. Motion passed.

Bret Henderson made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

Approved 11.10.18.