

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
April Board of Directors Conference Call
April 10, 2019**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Greg Ahart, Blair Summey, Gayle Lucas, Tom Burke, Matt Beals, Bill Royer, Gary Hoskins, Jeremy Geske, Bret Henderson, Randy Hodges and Brenda Reau.
Absent: Bill Gergen.

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm.

Approval of the Agenda

Jeremy Geske made motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. The motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported the directory has been sent to the printer. Registrations are slowly starting to come into the office. The checking account balance is \$9,743. Amanda reported on registrations and transfers compared to a 5 year average – it's projected that registrations and transfers will be down significantly this year. Amanda estimates that there will be 300 registrations in via GAP. Online sale entries for the first sale are due soon. Blair Summey made a motion to accept the secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. All were in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Royer stated that investment account balance is \$231,969. The investment has had a nice recovery from the current markets from a rough fall/early winter. Jeremy Geske moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor, motion carried.

Junior Report

Amanda Everts reported that the juniors are continuing to prepare for the All American Junior Show and working on fundraising. Their next meeting is the end of April.

Committee Reports

By-Laws – No report.

Youth Promotion – Bret Henderson reported that the changes have been finalized for the futurity and the ewe lamb giveaway finalized.

Budget – Bill Royer reported that cash flow is okay for now but he has concerns for coming months. It's possible that a withdrawal will need to be made from the investment account. He is concerned about creating a balanced budget for the next year. The finance committee will have a meeting in a few weeks.

Ambassador/Queen – No report.

Breed Improvement – Brenda Reau reported that the promotional materials have been completed for the July program. There will be an article featured in an upcoming issue of Sheep Industry News on the program.

Hall of Fame – Randy Hodges reported that the committee meet and is suggesting the Board of Directors induct Spellman Collins, John Ascuaga, Ken McMillian and Rob Frost into the Suffolk Hall of Fame. Bill Royer made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Scholarship – Blair Summey reported that the scholarship applications have been updated.

Hospitality – Randy Hodges will take care of Ohio. Blair Summey will take care of Reno.

Online Sale – Jeremy Geske reported there has been good interest in the upcoming online sales.

GAP – Bill Royer reported that there is a flock in California and possibly Colorado. There was a half-page article on the Suffolk GAP in the latest issue of Sheep Industry News.

Old Business

NAILE Judge

There was a lengthy discussion on the NAILE judge. Bill Royer made a motion to Rob Zelinsky is first choice and Mike Caskey is second choice for the 2019 NAILE Suffolk Open Show judge. The motion was seconded by Bret Henderson. A roll call vote was taken; yes- Gayle Lucas, Greg Ahart, Randy Hodges, Bill Royer, Jeremy Geske, Brenda Reau and Bret Henderson and no- Blair Summey, Tom Burke and Gary Hoskins. Motion passed.

NAILE Open Show Classes

Gary Hoskins presented the board with the proposed NAILE Open and Junior Show Premium Book. The changes offered the same premiums and classes between slick shorn and fitted divisions. Gary Hoskins made motion that the board adopt the proposed class changes, increase the entry paid to the association to \$10 and reduce class premiums \$5 less for 1st and 2nd place. Randy Hodges seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor – Summey, Ahart, Lucas, Burke, Henderson, Royer, Geske, Hoskins, Reau and Hodges.

Following the meeting the portion of the above motion, “reduce class premiums \$5 less for 1st and 2nd place” was amended to “decrease all premiums paid in the open show by \$5” via email discussion. Roll call vote – Greg Ahart, Brenda Reau, Randy Hodges, Gayle Lucas, Tom Burke, Bill Royer, Bret Henderson, Gary Hoskins, and Jeremy Geske. No – Blair Summey. Motion passed.

New Business

Grow & Improve the Suffolk Breed

Bill Royer reminded directors that it is important to work with individuals coming into the breed. Brenda Reau noted that she hopes that there are some new members recruited at the July program. Jeremy Geske reported that the Minnesota Suffolk Association has reached out to the Minnesota youth who submitted ewe lamb giveaway entries and offered assistance in purchasing Suffolk sheep – 2 of 3 have joined.

Suffolk Office Committee

Matt Beals discussed the formation of the Suffolk Office Committee. This committee will explore opportunities for the Suffolk Office/Association. He assigned Bill Royer, Jeremy Geske, Greg Ahart and Rob Zelinsky as the task committee.

Randy Hodges made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved June 6, 2019.