

**United Suffolk Sheep Association  
May Board of Directors Conference Call  
May 8, 2019**

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

**Approval of the Agenda**

Additions to the agenda: Junior Coordinator and Lamb Summit. Jeremy Geske made motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. The motion carried.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported the directory has been mailed. 2019 registrations are coming into the office nicely but registrations and transfers are still down compared to past years at this time. The online sales went well. Bill Royer made a motion to accept the secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. All were in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill Royer stated that investment account balance is \$231,816. Finance committee met in April and reviewed the expenses and income in detail. He also reported that the association should be financially okay this fiscal year. Brenda Reau moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Junior Report**

Jaclynn Knutson reported that the junior board continues to prepare for the All-American. There will be a welcome banquet on Thursday for Suffolk exhibitors and their families to attend. She asked the senior board to help the junior board cover the costs of the show. There was a lengthy discussion. Directors asked about the financial status and fundraising – they felt that the junior board should continue to work on finding sponsors for the event.

**Committee Reports**

**By-Laws** – No report.

**Youth Promotion** – No report.

**Budget** – Bill Royer reported the next fiscal year budget will be ready for board review and approval at the face to face meeting in July. Online sales have brought in some additional income. The committee is working on finding sponsors to help cover some of the costs of the Hall of Fame banquet. Bill Royer made a motion that beginning in the 2019/2020 fiscal year the budget reflect reimbursement for the Ambassador/Queen up to \$500 for their expenses. Travel expense receipts must be submitted. If individuals are selected to fill both positions, the \$250 will be split. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Geske. A roll call vote was taken – all were in favor.

**Ambassador/Queen** – No report.

**Breed Improvement** – Brenda Reau reported that the July event info was printed in the directory and Randy is taking information to the Ohio Sale. Directors were asked to distribute information at sheep events they plan to attend this summer.

**Hall of Fame** – Randy Hodges reported that two of the inductees have been contacted and the other two will be contacted soon.

**Scholarship** – No report.

**Hospitality** – No report.

**Online Sale** – Jeremy Geske reported on the three online sales and felt that they were pretty successful. Possible changes for next year include reducing the sale extension time to 2 minutes and offering a May sale.

**GAP** – Bill Royer reported that about 100 head from a California flock and 50 head from a Utah flock that will be submitted.

**Suffolk Office** - The committee meet and discussed some opportunities.

### **Old Business**

#### **Jr Coordinator**

The junior coordinator position application has been posted and will close June 1<sup>st</sup>. No action has been taken and the committee will continue to explore options. The junior board provided 8 bullet points for the selection committee to consider when review applications and interviewing applicants.

### **New Business**

#### **Bob Hall's Induction to Saddle & Sirloin Portrait**

Tom Burke reported that past Suffolk Breeder, Bob Hall, has been chosen for the Saddle and Sirloin Portrait in Louisville. He made a motion that the USSA contribute \$200 towards portrait fund. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor.

#### **Suffolk Reception in Spencer**

Tom Burke asked if there will be a Suffolk reception in Spencer. Brenda Reau reported there will be a dinner for Suffolk breeders, event attendees and consignors Friday night.

#### **Information Meeting at Sedalia**

Amanda asked if the board intends to have an informational meeting at Sedalia. The plans will be to have a meeting on Thursday at 9am. Brenda, Greg, Randy, Bill Royer, Tom and Blair will be at the meeting.

Randy Hodges shared information regarding the Lamb Summit event held by the American Lamb Board. There was a brief discussion regarding the association sending a representative to this event. Randy Hodges moved that Amanda attend the Lamb Summit. The motion was seconded by Tom Burke. All were in favor.

Randy Hodges made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Motion was seconded by Bret Henderson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved June 6, 2019.