

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2019/2020 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 18, 2019**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Blair Summey, Greg Ahart, Cynthia Huckins, Tom Burke, Carol Heupel, Jim Van Dyke, Jeremy Geske, Gary Hoskins, Randy Dombek, Randy Hodges, Brenda Reau and Bret Henderson.

Election of Officers

Call for nominations for President – Tom Burke nominated Randy Hodges. Bret Henderson nominated Jeremy Geske. Randy Dombek moved that nominations cease. All were in favor. A closed ballot vote was taken – Hodges 6, Geske 6. A second closed ballot vote was taken – Hodges 6, Geske 6. Tie was split according to the bylaws – Jeremy Geske will serve as President.

Call for nominations for Vice - President: Jim Van Dyke nominated Randy Hodges. Randy Dombek moved that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Randy Hodges. It was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor, Randy Hodges will serve as Vice-President.

Call for nominations for Treasurer. Amanda Everts reminded the directors of the bylaw change that the Treasurer can be someone from the board or someone from the membership. Tom Burke would be willing on the task but is open to endorsing other individuals. Blair Summey nominated Tom Burke. There was a brief discussion. Gary Hoskins moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Burke. All were in favor, Tom Burke will serve as Treasurer.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

President Geske asked for volunteers from the board. There was a brief discussion on committees and serving on a committee. An invitation will be emailed to USSA members to participate on a USSA committee. Members can email the USSA Office by a given date on which committee they would like to be a part of. Directors can also volunteer for additional committees after this meeting if they have interest. The President will review the lists and make the final decision on committee assignments by the January directors meeting.

By-Laws – Chair: Randy Hodges

Youth Promotion – Chair: Bret Henderson, committee members: Jim Van Dyke

Budget – Chair: Tom Burke, committee members: Brenda Reau and Carol Heupel

Scholarship – Chair: Cynthia Huckins, committee members: Gary Hoskins

Hospitality – Chair: Randy Dombek, committee members: Blair Summey and Cynthia Huckins

Ambassador/Queen – Chair: Tom Burke, committee members: Brenda Reau

Hall of Fame – Chair: Randy Hodges, committee members: Cynthia Huckins, Tom Burke

Breed Improvement – Chair: Brenda Reau, committee members Randy Hodges, Jim Van Dyke and Carol Heupel

Online Sales – Chair: Jeremy Geske, committee members Jim Van Dyke, Randy Dombek and Carol Heupel

GAP – Chair: Jim Van Dyke, committee members: Ron Alves, Greg Ahart

Jr. Show/Assn – Chair: Greg Ahart, committee members: Bret Henderson, Nancy Burton, and Alison Knutson

Strategic Planning

The USSA strategic planned will be emailed to board members to review. There will be further discussion regarding the strategic plan at the next face to face board of directors meeting.

New Business

Letter from Wayne Skartvedt – The board discussed the letter from Wayne Skartvedt regarding the junior show. Brenda Reau and Bill Royer had reached out to Wayne regarding his letter.

There was a brief discussion regarding the annual directory.

It was decided that the board will have monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month, beginning in January.

The board went into executive session.

Meeting adjourned.