

United Suffolk Sheep Association  
April Board of Directors Call  
Monday, April 12, 2021

Attendance: President Jeremy Geske, Vice President Randy Hodges, Treasurer Carol Heupel, Secretary Amanda Everts and the following Directors: Greg Ahart, Cynthia Huckins, Jeff Baumann, Jim Van Dyke, Dennis Sorensen, Randy Dombek, Brenda Reau and Bill Zwyers. Others in attendance: Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator. Absent: Matt Wolf.

#### **Additions/Approval of the Agenda**

Amanda Everts asked to remove information listed on the agenda with the bylaws as that was not removed from last meetings agenda. Bill Zwyers approved the agenda as amended. Randy Hodges seconded the motion. All in favor, amended agenda adopted.

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Brenda Reau made a motion to approve the December, January, February, and two March meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Heupel. All in favor, motion passed.

#### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported on current projects: directory, online sales, and registry work. The current checking account balance is \$22,525.84. Randy Hodges moved to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Randy Dombek. All were in favor, motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the investment account balance was \$295,034 and \$6552 in cash. Jeff Baumann moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All in favor, motion carried.

#### **Junior Report**

Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator reported that awards will be offered to the top placing Suffolk exhibitor for all of the AAJS leadership contests. Nancy discussed the junior board openings. They plan to work on a budget for fundraising. For the AAJS semen auction, there are 4 Suffolk lots offered.

#### **Foundation Report**

Brenda Reau reported that the Foundation will have a semen sale fundraiser in early May.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **By-Laws**

The board discussed moving forward with hold a virtual annual meeting; it was determined that no language needed to be changed in the bylaws. There was discussion on the meeting notice for the annual meeting – to continue to send the notice with the election mailing, they board would like to remove the upper limit on time for the notice to be sent. Dennis Sorensen made motion to send this bylaw revision to a membership vote. The motion was seconded by Benda Reau. All were in favor, motion carried.

##### **Youth Promotion**

No report.

##### **Budget**

No report.

##### **Hospitality**

No report.

##### **Hall of Fame**

No report.

##### **Breed Improvement**

Brenda Reau, committee chair, reported that the committee made a motion to support adoption of a new registry program and allow for production/performance record keeping.

##### **Online Sales**

Randy Dombek, committee chair, discussed the upcoming sales and the current number of consignments on each.

## **Registry Programs**

No new applications.

## **Strategic Planning**

Greg Ahart, committee chair, reported there will be a strategic planning committee meeting on April 21.

## **Old Business**

### **Directory**

The 2021 Suffolk Breeders Directory was successful and profitable.

### **Letter From Greg Deakin**

Remove from future agendas. Greg Ahart made a motion to draft a letter to be sent to major shows and sales along with a copy of the breed standard to share with judges. The motion was seconded by Bill Zwyers. All were in favor, motion carried. Jeremy will send a follow-up correspondence to Greg Deakin.

## **New Business**

### **NAILE Premium Book Changes**

The board discussed adding a December class to the NAILE Open and Junior shows. A few directors contacted NAILE exhibitors for interest, there was none. No action taken.

### **AI/Semen/Ram Ownership**

Amanda discussed challenges with AI and semen use from rams that are not owned by the person registering the animal. There are also issues for rams that have been collected by the first owner (and semen sold to a buyer) and the ram is now owned by a second or third owner. No way to track this other than phone calls. With a new registry program, there will be a better way to track this. This is an issue as AI and semen sales are becoming more common.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn at 8:38pm. The motion was seconded by Randy Dombek. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved May 10, 2021.