

United Suffolk Sheep Association  
June Board of Directors Call  
Monday, June 21, 2021

Attendance: President Jeremy Geske, Vice President Randy Hodges, Treasurer Carol Heupel, Secretary Amanda Everts and the following Directors: Greg Ahart, Cynthia Huckins, Matt Wolf, Jeff Baumann, Jim Van Dyke, Dennis Sorensen, Brenda Reau and Bill Zwyers. Others in attendance: Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator, Katherine Parsley, UJSSA Director and Scott Layne, California Suffolk Association President. Not present: Randy Dombek.

President Geske called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

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

Jeff Baumann moved to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported that registry work volume is high, she traveled to Sedalia and will attend the AAJS. Bill Zwyers made motion to accept the Secretary's report, the motion was seconded by Jim Van Dyke. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the investment account balance was \$301,051.10 and \$7,042.46 in cash. Year to date return is \$21,841. Bill Zwyers moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Matt Wolf. All in favor, motion carried.

### **Junior Report**

Katherine Parsley reported the National Junior Show/AAJS is next week and the junior board will meet for their final meeting before the show this Sunday. Nancy Burton, Jr. Coordinator reported that the UJSSA will be sponsoring the Western Minnesota Jr. Suffolk Show and that junior board interviews will be next week – there are 4 intern applications and 2 director applications submitted. Randy Hodges made motion to accept the Junior report, the motion was seconded by Jeff Baumann. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **Foundation Report**

Brenda Reau reported that the Foundation has not recently met but reminded the board that the Foundation is a charity that you can link to your Amazon account via Amazon Smile – a percent of the proceeds of select items will be given to the Foundation.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **By-Laws**

Randy Hodges, committee chair, reported the committee will draft language for transition to new districts for states with standing directors. The goal is to have this language finalized for the membership to vote on this fall.

#### **Youth Promotion**

Jeff Baumann, committee chair, reported there were two Ambassador applications submitted and no Queen applications. Ambassador interviews will be Thursday.

#### **Budget**

Carol Heupel, committee chair, presented the board with two different budgets, one included the costs of a new registration program and one with no changes to the registry program vendor. Final approval of the budget was tabled until after new business discussion.

#### **Hospitality**

Cynthia Huckins, committee chair, reported that there was a root beer float at Sedalia. There was also a brief discussion about co-sponsoring an event at Reno.

#### **Hall of Fame**

No report.

#### **Breed Improvement**

Brenda Reau, committee chair, reported that the committee would like to pursue work with other breeds and the use of Suffolks as a terminal sire in the commercial industry.

**Online Sales**

No report.

**Registry Programs**

No new flock applications, the committee will follow up with flocks that have shown interest.

**Strategic Planning**

No updates, the committee will meet in a few weeks.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Registry Program/Digital Beef

There was a lengthy discussion on the Digital Beef contract and program. Bill Zwyers made a motion to move forward with Digital Beef as the USSA's new registry program software. The motion was seconded by Carol Heupel. A roll call vote was taken – Yes: Ahart, Huckins, Wolf, Van Dyke, Baumann, Heupel, Sorensen, Reau, Hodges and Zwyers; no: none. Motion passed.

The board resumed discussion of the proposed budgets – Randy Hodges made motion to accept the 2021/2022 proposed budget that included the Digital Beef registration program. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, motion carried.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn at 9:02pm. The motion was seconded by Jim Van Dyke. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved 8.31.21