

United Suffolk Sheep Association
May Board of Directors Call
Monday, May 10, 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, Randy Dombek, Brenda Reau and Bill Zwyers. Others in attendance: Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator, Creed Harker and Joey Slack, UJSSA Directors.

Additions/Approval of the Agenda

Randy Hodges moved to adopt the meeting agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Bill Zwyers. All were in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Greg Ahart made motion to approve the April minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Heupel. All were in favor, motion carried. Amanda Everts reported there was an error in the March meeting minutes and asked for an amendment to the bylaws report that were dis. Dennis made a motion to accept the amendment to bylaws section of the March meeting minutes. Randy Hodges seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported on registrations, work with committees, online sales and upcoming June 1 deadlines. Randy Hodges made motion to accept the Secretary's report, the motion was seconded by Randy Dombek. All were in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Carol Heupel reported the investment account balance was \$297,991 and \$6,744 in cash. Year to date return is \$18,780. Amanda Everts reported a checking account balance of \$12,316. Bill Zwyers moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Randy Hodges seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Junior Report

Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator reported on upcoming June 1st deadlines. The AAJS/National Junior Suffolk Show is a go for 2021. For the junior show, there will be additional awards for top placing Suffolk exhibitors in the promotional contests and show divisions. Awards will be handed out at the Suffolk banquet on Saturday night. There are 4 semen donations for the AAJS online semen auction fundraiser. The next junior board meeting will be Sunday.

Foundation Report

Brenda Reau reported that the Foundation online semen sale fundraiser generated about \$4200. The Foundation is looking into other fundraising ideas and will have a board meeting next week.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Randy Hodges, committee chair, discussed the need to address and draft language to direct movement of director seats if redistricting moves a sitting director's state of residence. The committee will draft language and share with the board for approval.

Youth Promotion

Jeff Baumann, committee chair, reported that the Suffolk Ambassador/Queen applications are due June 1st.

Budget

Carol Heupel, committee chair, reported that the committee will begin to work next year's budget soon.

Hospitality

Cynthia Huckins, committee chair, reported that Ron Alves will cover hospitality at Reno, there will be a Root Beer Float social at 2pm on Thursday of the Midwest Sale at her pens and Donuts and drinks were provided at the Ohio Sale.

Hall of Fame

No report.

Breed Improvement

Brenda Reau, committee chair, reported that the committee is discussing possible registry program features.

Online Sales

Randy Dombek, committee chair, reported entries are still coming in for the May sale and hope to have a total of 20 head entered. There was a brief discussion of an additional equipment consignment sale in the future. A few directors reported they have received calls from members that have concerns with the USSA having online sales prior to Ohio and other sales. A brief discussion followed; no action was taken.

Registry Programs

Jim Van Dyke discussed the current program rules of the GAP program and the sire requirements to register lambs out of GAP ewes. Jim Van Dyke made a motion to change rules of the program from sires must be purebred registered rams to sires must be registered ram. Greg Ahart seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, motion carried.

Strategic Planning

Greg Ahart, committee chair, reported the committee met last month and reviewed the needs assessment, board feedback, and will meet again soon.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn at 8:23pm. The motion was seconded by Dennis Sorensen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved 8.31.21