

**United Suffolk Sheep Association  
August Board of Directors Conference Call  
August 14, 2019**

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

President Beals called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Jeremy Geske made motion to adopt the July meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported that incoming registry work is slowing down and time is being spent on catching up on other tasks that have been put off such as website updates and meeting minutes. Amanda reported on projected registry numbers – 5183 registrations and 1850 transfers.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill Royer reported that he, Jeremy Geske and Amanda Everts just had the semi-annual meeting with the investment fund advisor. It was discussed in that meeting that there is anticipation that the market will go down some in the future. The association's investment will continue to be allocated in conservative funds. The current investment fund balance is approximately \$233,000, down a few thousand from last month. With registrations and transfers projected to be down there might be a problem with cash flow this winter but right now cash flow is okay. The junior association reflects a positive balance for the year.

Randy Hodges moved to approve the Secretary and Treasurer report. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor, motion carried.

**Junior Report**

Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator reported that the junior board will have their first meeting in September. She plans to draft contracts for accountability for the directors and would like the junior board to come up with a mission statement. She reported the juniors have picked some activities to do and will be successful at.

**Committee Reports**

**By-Laws** – Drafted bylaw changes were provide to the board. Bill Royer moved the board approve the changes as presented and these changes be presented to the membership to vote on. The motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. A roll call vote was taken, were in favor – Ahart, Lucas, Hoskins, Royer, Geske, Hodges, Burke. The motion carried.

**Youth Promotion** – Amanda Everts reported Futurity points are coming into the office. Youth are encouraged to participate if they have a futurity nominated ewe. The Ewe Lamb Giveaway deadline is November, that program will be promoted more heavily in the next couple months.

**Budget** – No report

**Ambassador/Queen** –Katherine (the Suffolk Queen) has created a Facebook page for individuals to follow.

**Breed Improvement** – Brenda Reau provided the board with a summary of the Spencer event. Thank yous have been sent to the program sponsors. Amanda is finishing up the financial reports that will be submitted to Let's Grow for reimbursement.

The committee will explore the topic of Suffolks and fecal egg counts as there has been several members/breeders who have expressed interest in this.

**Hall of Fame** – All inductees have been contacted except they're still trying to connect with John Ascuaga.

**Scholarship** – No report.

**Hospitality** – No report.

**Online Sale** – There is a bred ewe sale scheduled for October. Information will be posted for that sale soon.

**GAP** – Bill Royer reported that there are 6 more flocks that plan to submit applications.

**Jr. Show/Association Committee** – Greg Ahart reported the committee had a good meeting. The two outcomes of the meeting include: 1) Draft a survey and have it out within the next week. The survey will be online and a postcard will be sent to members sharing the survey link. Junior members will have 4 weeks to respond. 2) Foster more collaborative communication between the two boards.

### **Old Business**

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Bill Royer reported that the Foundation board has met. The constitution is drafted and has been reviewed by an attorney, a few minor changes have been suggested. The next project will be to start on the bylaws. Bill reported that the setup is the easy part, it's everything after the setup that is the hard part. Amanda Dobson has been added to the Foundation Board and will serve as the incorporator through the State of Missouri. Jeremy Geske has decided to not be on the Foundation Board. Bill Royer reported that the committee is looking for a couple more people to possibly join the board.

### **New Business**

No new business.

Randy Hodges made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Motion was seconded by Gayle Lucas. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved 10.23.19.