

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
August Board of Directors Conference Call
August 10, 2020**

Board Member Present: President Jeremy Geske, Vice President Randy Hodges, Treasurer Tom Burke, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Greg Ahart, Cynthia Huckins, Blair Summey, Carol Heupel, Jim Van Dyke, Bret Henderson and Brenda Reau. Also in attendance: Junior Coordinator, Nancy Burton and UJSSA Directors Katherine Parsley and Creed Harker. Absent: Randy Dombek and Gary Hoskins.

Approval of the Agenda

President Geske ask for any additions to the agenda. Amanda Everts requested the addition of directors' election and meeting minutes to the agenda. Randy Hodges moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Tom Burke. Agenda adopted.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carol Heupel moved to approve the May, June, and July meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bret Henderson. All were in favor, motion carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported registry work is slowing down. Since the last meeting there has been several committee calls, preparation for the upcoming election mailing and website updates. Exact registry projections will be emailed out but at this time registrations are down by approximately 1000 head and transfers are down a few hundred. Randy Hodges moved to accept the Secretary's report, the motion was seconded by Bret Henderson. All were in favor, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Burke reported investment balance is about \$250,000 and stable. Registration income is down \$6,000 to \$7,000. There are no anticipated surprises to this year's expenses. Greg Ahart moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. Motion passed.

Junior Report

Junior Coordinator, Nancy Burton, introduced the new UJSSA President, Katherine Parsley. Katherine reported who the Jr. Officers are – Ty Scholerman will serve as Vice President; Creed Harker will serve as Secretary and Savannah Bailey as Treasurer. Joey Slack also will serve as a Director. The Board has a few more contests planned for the calendar year. They continue to work on a logo design and finalizing details on the upcoming drawing contest. Jeremey Geske mentioned that all Junior Directors are invited to Senior Board calls to keep communication open between the two boards.

Foundation Report

Amanda Everts reported that the Foundation Board is working to develop sponsor levels. The Foundation Board plans to hold a major fundraising event at NAILE or this fall.

Committee Reports

By-Laws – Randy Hodges discussed the recommendations from the committee with regards to the relationship between the senior and junior organization. Randy Hodges made a motion to accept these changes and include on the bylaws ballot this fall. Bret Henderson seconded the motion. All were in favor motion carried. Approved changes:

Article III. MEMBERSHIP. Section 3. Junior Membership. Junior membership shall constitute a separate membership class. Junior membership is open to anyone who hasn't reached his/her 22nd Birthday on January 1st of the current membership year. Junior members shall have no voting rights. The United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association, as presently established, shall be an affiliate organization of the United Suffolk Sheep Association subject to such limitations and qualifications as the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association shall prescribe. The Board of Directors shall appoint adult liaison officer(s) to act as Junior Coordinator(s) as deemed necessary. Any organizational document of the Junior Association, including the Constitution and Bylaws, shall be subject to approval of the Board of Directors of the United Suffolk Sheep Association.

Randy Hodges discussed who was eligible to run for the board based on who's name the registrations are in; currently if a senior membership is paid but the sheep are registered to the children, the adult member is not eligible to run for the board. He asked the board for direction the committee to look into this. The Board was in favor of making changes to allow an adult member to run for the board if

the sheep are registered to the children. The committee will work on this and send the recommendation to the board for an approval via email. The goal is to finalize this verbiage to be included on the fall bylaws ballot.

Youth Promotion – No report.

Budget – No report.

Ambassador/Queen – No report.

Breed Improvement – No report.

Hall of Fame – No report.

Scholarship – Cynthia Huckins reported that scholarship interviews were held in July and the committee selected Lily Skartvedt and Wesley Linke as the recipients of the Suffolk Scholarship and Kenzie Kimbrough as the receipt of the Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship.

Hospitality – No report.

Online Sale – No report.

GAP – Jim Van Dyke reported that Suffolk GAP applications continue to be submitted. There was discussion on extending the GAP program. There was concern with the current economy more flocks may be interested but funds were limited to commit to the program at this time. Jim Van Dyke made a motion to extend the GAP program another year (until January 2022). The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor, motion passed.

Strategic Planning Committee – Jeremy Geske reported that the committee met and they would like to continue to investigating a registration program with more data entry options but more affordable then what has been discussed. The committee would like Jeremy and Amanda to contact Associated Registries to see what it could provide to the association. The board was in favor of investigating Associated Registry as an option.

Old Business

No old business discussed.

New Business

Suffolk Queen/Ambassador – Amanda Everts discussed the approved 2020/2021 budget and no funds budgeted for a Queen/Ambassador. This topic will be revisited at the September meeting once a decision is made if NAILE will happen.

Election – Amanda Everts announced the candidates for the upcoming directors election – District 1: Matt Wolf; District 2: Carol Heupel, Tom Burke, Jeff Baumann and Bill Gergen; District 3: Jeremy Geske and Teresa Harker; and District 4: no candidates meet the eligibility requirements.

Amanda Everts asked how to move forward with the election mailing as several of the items that are included are dependent on if NAILE happens. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that due to COVID and this uncertainty it is okay to wait and send after the date stated in the bylaws.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting. Blair Summey seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Approved 9.14.20