

**United Suffolk Sheep Association  
July Board of Directors Conference Call  
July 13, 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, Carol Heupel, Brenda Reau, and Junior Coordinator, Nancy Burton.  
**Absent:** Blair Summey, Randy Dombek, Gary Hoskins, Bret Henderson, Jim Van Dyke.

**Approval of the Agenda**

President Geske ask for any additions to the agenda. Randy Hodges moved to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Tom Burke. Agenda adopted.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes will be sent via email for approval.

**Secretary's Report**

Secretary Everts reported that she is caught up with registry work and currently processing registry work received July 6; last year on this date registry work processed was received 6/21 thru 7/1. Statements have been sent out for unpaid accounts. The current checking account balance is \$5,575 with approximately \$6300 to be deposited. Normally at this time of the year the account balance is \$15,000 - \$20,000. Other notes – director elections (5 vacancies) futurity promotion and sharing verbiage of the proposed bylaw changes -they have been posted on the website and in the next issue of The Banner. Carol Heupel moved to accept the Secretary's report, the motion was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor, motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

Tom Burke reported investment balance is about \$241,601. Randy Hodges moved to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Carol Heupel. Motion passed.

**Junior Report**

Junior Coordinator, Nancy Burton, reported that director applications have been interviewed; there will be 4 directors for 2020/2021 junior board. They will have a meeting in July and will wrap up the photo contest and discuss the upcoming year. Bret Henderson and Jeremy Geske will join the meeting, parents of the juniors have been asked to join the meeting as well. Tom Burke made motion approve the Junior report. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor, motion carried. There was a brief discussion about the small number of individuals on the junior board and the number of junior members.

**Foundation Report**

Brenda Reau reported an additional \$1100 in contributions have been received in the last month, \$6000 has been received in total. There are ongoing conversations on some larger contributions that may come in over the next couple months. The group continues to work on finalizing the grant.

**Committee Reports**

**By-Laws** – Randy Hodges reported that all proposed changes have been posted.

**Youth Promotion** – No report.

**Budget** – There was a brief discussion on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The presented budget was not balanced estimating a \$5000 deficit for the year. Amanda Everts reported that if NAILE does not happen this year, the deficit will not be as great with less expenses for staff travel and premiums. Tom Burke moved to adopt the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. A roll call vote was taken, all were in favor. Motion passed.

**Ambassador/Queen** – Tom Burke reported that Shania Knutson is interested in serving as the Suffolk Queen. Tom Burke made motion to accept Shaina Knutson as Suffolk Queen, crowned at NAILE if the event happens. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. All were in favor, motion passed.

**Breed Improvement** – Brenda Reau reported that a couple of subcommittees were created on the last Breed Improvement Committee Call. There were 60 participants on the parasite webinar and there were more Suffolk members on that webinar than on past webinars. The next committee meeting will be the last Thursday of August.

**Hall of Fame** – No report.

**Scholarship** – Cynthia Huckins reported that scholarship interviews have been set for July 22.

**Hospitality** – No report.

**Online Sale** – Jeremy Geske reported that the committee plans to still offer a bred ewe sale this fall.

**GAP** – No report.

**Strategic Planning Committee** – No report. A committee meeting will be called late July or early August.

### Old Business

**Strategic Planning Session** – No report. Not likely to happen this fall but will stay on the agenda.

**New Registration Program** – Tom Burke asked what the status is of moving forward with the new registration program. Jeremy Geske reported that we are still working on this and hope to have more info by the September or October meeting.

**Borrowing Money for Future Endeavors**- Tom Burke asked the board if they want to move forward with the SBA EIDL grant. There was a brief discussion and was determined that we will not move forward with the EIDL loan.

### New Business

**Senior Bylaws & Junior Association** – Jeremy Geske briefly discussed that legal counsel advised that we need to work to clarify some things in our senior bylaws regarding the governance over the junior association. The bylaws committee will meet and discuss to get this information out before the August meeting. If board members has things they would like to see the committee discuss contact Randy Hodges or Jeremy Geske.

Tom Burke reported on the Junior Suffolk Show in Spencer and expressed concerns with the relationship between some of the juniors and their families and the association.

Randy Hodges moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Burke seconded the motion.

Approved 8.10.20