

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
November Board of Directors Conference Call
2020/2021 Board of Directors
November 10, 2020**

Board Member Present: Cynthia Huckins, Matt Wolf, Jeff Baumann, Carol Heupel, Jim Van Dyke, Jeremy Geske, Brenda Reau, Bill Zwyers and Randy Hodges. **Absent:** Randy Dombek and Greg Ahart.

Approval of the Agenda

President Geske asked for any additions to the agenda. Amanda Everts added Directory and Monthly Meeting Dates. Randy Hodges made motion to adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Carol Heupel. All were in favor; motion passed.

Jeremy Geske updated the board with the voting results of the District 4 vacancy – Bill Zwyers will fill the vacant board seat for 1 year.

Election of Officers

Past Vice-President Randy Hodges called for nominations for President – Brenda Reau nominated Jeremy Geske. Carol Heupel seconded the nomination. Jim Van Dyke moved that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Jeremy Geske. It was seconded by Brenda Reau. All were in favor, Jeremy Geske will serve as President.

President Geske called for nominations for Vice-President: Jim Van Dyke nominated Randy Hodges. Jeff Baumann seconded the nomination. Brenda Reau moved that nominations cease and cast unanimous ballot for Randy Hodges. It was seconded by Jim Van Dyke. All were in favor; Randy Hodges will serve as Vice-President.

President Geske call for nominations for Treasurer. Randy Hodges nominated Carol Heupel. Bill Zwyers seconded the nomination. Randy Hodges moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot for Carol Heupel. Brenda Reau seconded the motion. All were in favor, Carol Heupel will serve as Treasurer.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

President Geske reviewed the USSA Committees with the board and asked directors to think about which committee(s) they would like to serve on. Directors are to get back with Jeremy on their preferences. The board discussed non-board members serving on committees, the board was in favor for that to continue. The same procedure will be followed as last year, an email will be sent to the membership asking for interest; members are to notify Amanda by December 1. Final committee assignments will be made in December or January. Committees include: By-Laws, Youth, Budget, Hospitality, Hall of Fame, Online Sales and Registry Programs. The Strategic Planning committee will be assigned by the President or Executive Committee.

Related Organizations

The United Suffolk Sheep Foundation is an independent board and organization. There will be an update from the Foundation on each of the USSA meetings so that the USSA Board is familiar with the foundation's current activities. Often USSA members are unaware that the foundation and the USSA separate and will ask USSA Board members about the foundation.

The United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association is apart of the USSA but has its own junior board. Nancy Burton is the Junior Coordinator. A representative from the UJSSA will be asked to report at USSA board meetings and all UJSSA directors are welcome to join USSA board calls.

New Business

Directory – There was discussion on the Suffolk Breeders Directory including print date and contract. Discussion followed. Matt Wolf will work with Amanda to put together some options and get bids from potential publishers.

The board will move forward with monthly meetings occurring on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm central. The next meeting will be December, pending business items.

Jim Van Dyke moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Approved 11.23.20.