

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
September Board of Directors Conference Call
September 11, 2019**

Board Member Present: Vice-President, Randy Hodges, Treasurer, Bill Royer and Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors Blair Summey, Tom Burke, Bill Gergen, Jeremy Geske and Bret Henderson. Guests: Nancy Burton, Junior Coordinator, Alison Knutson, Jr. Board President, Jim Van Dyke (South Dakota Assn) and Tony Stalzer (Iowa Assn). Absent: Greg Ahart, Gayle Lucas, Matt Beals, Gary Hoskins and Brenda Reau.

Vice President Hodges called the meeting to order at 8:04pm.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Secretary's Report

Secretary Everts reported that registry work is slowing down. Statements have been sent and work has begun on year-end finances. The website has been updated. Amanda reported on projected registry numbers – 5300 registrations and 1955 transfers.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Royer reported that the investment account balance is \$237,805, up a little from last month. Cash flow at this time is still okay but there may be some challenges as winter approaches. We have received the reimbursement from the ASI grant for the Spencer Program. A financial audit is planned for the first week of October. To-date we have received \$1250 in support for the Hall of Fame event, directors were reminded to follow-up with individuals they sent letters to.

Junior Report

Junior Board President, Alison Knutson, reported that the junior board has not had a call since the show the next call will be on September 22. Nancy Burton has put together some questions for the survey, hopefully that will be sent out soon. Nancy reported that the survey is now 11 questions (from 6). The questions range from junior show questions to general membership questions.

Committee Reports

By-Laws – No report

Youth Promotion – Amanda Everts reported youth are encouraged to participate if they have a futurity nominated ewe – there are several new participants this year. The Ewe Lamb Giveaway deadline is November, that program will be promoted more heavily in the next couple months, directors were encouraged to share information on this program through social media.

Budget – No report

Ambassador/Queen – No report

Breed Improvement – Amanda Everts reported on the Lamb Summit. It was a good, well versed conference. Some of the major challenges discussed include lamb drop, the US cannot produce enough lamb to meet US demands and the inconsistency of US lamb. She encouraged the board and members to attend the next Lamb Summit in 2 years.

Hall of Fame – All inductees have been contacted. Amanda Everts reported that 3 of the 4 inductees/families will be in attendance.

Scholarship – No report

Hospitality – No report.

Online Sale – There is a bred ewe sale scheduled for October through ShowStockPlanet.

GAP – No report.

Jr. Show/Association Committee – See discussion in Junior report.

Old Business

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Bill Royer reported that the EIN submitted. Articles of Incorporation is ready for submission. The board is drafting the bylaws. At this time no expenses have been incurred, there will be a \$25 filing fee for the State of Missouri. The board's next meeting will be Monday.

New Business

No new business.

Bill Gergen made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm. Motion was seconded by Blair Summey. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved 10.23.19.