

**United Suffolk Sheep Association  
Board of Directors Conference Call  
October 23, 2014  
7pm central**

**Board Member Present:** President, Rob Zelinsky, Treasurer, Rex Quam, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Keith Pumphrey, Donna Mays, Larry Pauly, Amanda Dobson, Virginia Gergen, Bill Royer and Diane Russell. Board Members Absent: Paul Skartvedt, Bill MacCauley and Lisa Webster. Newly elected 2014/2015 USSA Directors Present: Dale Dobberpuhl and Bret Henderson.

President Zelinsky welcomed everyone to the USSA board of directors conference call and called for the Secretary's report.

**Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report**

Amanda Everts reported that the fiscal year end financials have been submitted to the accountant. Amanda reported for the last fiscal year registry numbers for the 2013/2014 fiscal year; 7115 registrations (down about 300 from 2013/2014 fiscal year), 2944 transfers (similar to 2013/2014 fiscal year) and 648 members (down 50 from 2013/2014 fiscal year). It was noted that the membership number accounted for late 2013 dues, 2014 dues and 2015 dues. The checking account balance was \$17,890. The investment account balance was \$193,341 and there have been no funds withdrawn this year. For the 2013/2014 fiscal year the association was positive approximately \$3700 prior to any accountant adjustment. Donna Mays made a motion to approve the secretary/treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Keith Pumphrey. The motion passed.

**UJSSA Report**

Amanda Dobson reported that the UJSSA activities at NAILE include a silent auction and pizza party. She also reported that planning is under way for the 2015 National Junior Suffolk Show which will be located in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The UJSSA will decide the location of the 2016 junior show and the judge for the 2015 junior show at NAILE. The UJSSA checking account balance \$22,805 and all bills for the 2014 junior show have been paid.

**Committee Reports**

**Budget**

No Report

**Scholarship**

Amanda Everts reported that there were 4 applicants for the USSA Scholarship and 3 applicants for the Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship. The committee is currently reviewing the applications and setting up interviews with the applicants. Donna Mays reported that the applicants are very good this year. Amanda Dobson will help with the junior breeding show ring check-in again this year.

**Hospitality**

Amanda Dobson reported that the Amanda Everts, Diane Russell and herself will bring fall decorations again this year to decorate the banquet room.

**NAILE Market Lamb**

Amanda Dobson reported that the juniors will be covering sign-up and shirts. Rob reported that he spoke with Paul a few weeks ago and Paul said he has everything covered.

**Hall of Fame**

Amanda Everts reported that 8 of the 10 inductees attending the Annual Meeting & Hall of Fame Recognition dinner.

**Old Business**

**Percentage Registry**

No report at this time, topic tabled for NAILE meetings.

## **Election Results**

President Zelinsky thanked the retiring USSA Directors; Donna Mays, Rex Quam and Lisa Webster and welcomed new directors; Dale Dobberpuhl, Bret Henderson and Kip Kuntz.

## **National Sheep Association**

President Zelinsky thought he would have more to discuss on this topic but hopes to have more to report at the November meeting. Paul Skartvedt, Amanda Everts and Rob meet with NSA group at the All-American Junior show along with other breed representatives. The association's goals include putting together a group of nationwide junior shows across the country with a finale in the fall. All sheep will be shown slick shorn – both breeding and market classes. The NSA group will meet again with breed representatives at NAILE to discuss funding and get an update on their progress.

## **New Business**

### **Roll Call Votes**

Amanda Everts discussed having roll call votes on conference call. Diane Russell made motion to approve all future motions by a roll call vote on conference calls. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Pauly, Mays, Pumphrey, Dobson, Gergen, Quam, Royer, Russell. Nay: None. The motion carried.

### **Retired Suffolk Awards**

Virginia Gergen discussed the retired NAILE trophies (champion ewe and champion ram) which Tom Burke currently has at the Angus Hall and what would happen with them in the future. Three different members had suggested that the association sell the champion ewe and champion ram trophy by auction. Virginia made a motion to auction the retired trophies that are in custody of the USSA at the 2015 Annual Meeting Dinner. The motion was seconded by Amanda Dobson. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Pauly, Mays, Pumphrey, Dobson, Gergen, Quam, Royer, Russell. Nay: None. The motion carried.

### **Futurity**

It was briefly discussed that the board needs to find ways to encourage more people to participate in the futurity program. There was a short discussion about the NSA shows and how that would be advantageous to the futurity program participation. Amanda Everts is going to investigate if there is a way to advertise the futurity program in state 4-H, FFA or extension newsletters.

### **NAILE meetings & events**

Amanda Everts briefly reviewed the USSA schedule of events at NAILE. She also mentioned that this schedule can be found on the USSA website.

### **Junior Coordinator**

President Zelinsky reminded the directors that Amanda Dobson would remain junior coordinator through November and have extended an offer to Janet Hukowicz as co-coordinator with Taylor Peck. Janet has accepted the offer. Donna Mays made a motion to approve Janet Hukowicz as co-coordinator. The motion was seconded by Bill Royer. Roll Call Vote: Aye: Pauly, Mays, Pumphrey, Dobson, Gergen, Quam, Royer, Russell. Nay: None. The motion carried.

### **Midwest Stud Ram Show and Sale Report**

President Zelinsky reported that he spoke with Bret Oelke who is a part of the Heartland Group who has taken over the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. For next year's show they will split the yearling ewe and ram classes even and odds. Half will be placed and the other half will be random draws. The random draws will be random. The show will be held on Wednesday – there will be two show rings going (north and south side). Lamb classes will be January, February and March. If there are over 20 in a class the class will be split again. Suffolks will sell last on Friday and between the breeding Suffolks and the Suffolk wether sire and dam sale there will be a social held in the barn for the wether sires and dam consignors. The Heartland Group has also encouraged the USSA to have their national sale there each year. For associations choosing to

have their national show there each year the association will receive free webcast of the show on the internet and a meeting room for directors meetings at no charge.

Motion was made at 8:52pm by Larry Pauly to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Amanda Dobson. The meeting was adjourned.