

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Board of Directors Meeting – 2016/2017 Board
North American International Livestock Expo
November 15, 2016**

Board Member Present: Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Ron Alves, Kip Kuntz, Gayle Lucas, Rob Zelinsky, Matt Beals, Bill Gergen, Paul Skartvedt, Bill Royer, Dale Dobberpuhl, Randy Hodges, Joe Emenheiser and Bret Henderson.

Election of Officers

Randy Hodges made a motion to nominate Paul Skartvedt for President. The motion was seconded by Rob Zelinsky. Bill Royer made motion that nominations cease. The motion was seconded by Kip Kuntz. The motion carried. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for President. Paul Skartvedt will serve as President.

Bill Gergen made motion to nominate Randy Hodges for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Ron Alves. Bret Henderson made motion to nominated Rob Zelinsky for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Dale Dobberpuhl. Ron Alves moved that nominations cease and was seconded by Bill Royer. A closed vote was taken- 6 for Zelinsky, 5 for Hodges. Rob Zelinsky will serve as Vice President.

Rob Zelinsky nominated Bill Royer as Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Bill Gergen. Ron Alves moved that nominations cease and was seconded by Rob Zelinsky. No vote was required as only one individual was nominated for Treasurer. Bill Royer will serve as Treasurer.

Appointment of Committee Chairs

By-Laws - Chairman, Ron Alves, committee members Bill Royer, Rob Zelinsky, Bill Gergen, Gayle Lucas

Youth Promotion - Chairman, Rob Zelinsky, committee members Bret Henderson, Paul Skartvedt

Marketing/Promotion – Chairman, Dale Dobberpuhl, committee members, Matt Beals, Bret Henderson, Kip Kuntz, Gayle Lucas

Budget – Chairman, Bill Royer, committee members, Bill Gergen, Randy Hodges

Scholarship – Chairman, Ron Alves, committee members, Larry Pauly, Diane Russell, Chuck Ream, Pat Wiford

Hospitality – Chairman, Paul Skartvedt, committee members, Ron Alves, Randy Hodges

Ambassador – Chairman, Matt Beals, committee members, John Peck, Bill Royer

Hall of Fame – Chairman, Rob Zelinsky, committee members, Dale Dobberpuhl, Bill Gergen, Randy Hodges, Kip Kuntz

Breed Improvement – Chairman, Matt Beals, committee members to be announced.

New Business

Combined Group Classes at NAILE

There was a short discussion regarding combining group classes in the NAILE Open Suffolk Show. Bill Gergen made motion that there be one set of groups and one premier exhibitor in the 2017 NAILE Open Suffolk Show; group classes would be judged by both judges. The motion was seconded by Randy Hodges. There was a roll call vote; Yes – Bill Gergen, No – Ron Alves, Kip Kuntz, Gayle Lucas, Matt Beals, Rob Zelinsky, Bill Royer, Dale Dobberpuhl and Bret Henderson, Abstain – Randy Hodges. The motion failed.

Price of Within Family Transfers

There was a short discussion about the price of within family transfers and if within family transfers should remain \$3. Bill Gergen made a motion that all transfers, including within family transfers cost \$10 per head. There was no second. The motion failed.

Classification of Market Lambs at Fairs

Bill Gergen discussed his concerns of Suffolk breed type not being present in lambs shown as Suffolks. It was discussed that the association does not have authority to be the determining factor in breed classification at local, state and regional shows. No action was taken.

Judging Certification Clinic

This topic will be discussed within the Breed Improvement Committee, recommendations will be brought to the board.

National Sale with the Midwest Stud Ram Sale

There was a lengthy discussion about designating the Midwest Stud Ram Sale as the permanent location of the National Suffolk Sale. Bill Gergen made motion to keep the National Suffolk Sale at the Midwest Stud Ram Sale. Randy Hodges seconded the motion. After discussion, Bill Gergen and Randy Hodges rescinded their motions. It was discussed that the board work to increase entries at The Nugget Sale and Big Ohio Sale; a letter will be written by the USSA President to the sale management informing them of our concerns and the location of the National Suffolk Sale.

Voting of NAILE Open Show Judges

Bill Gergen made motion that in order to vote for the 2017 NAILE Open Suffolk Show you had to exhibit at the NAILE Open Suffolk Show in 2015 or 2016 and only those exhibitors who show in the fitted show can voted for the fitted judge; only those who show in the slick shorn show can vote for the slick shorn judge. The motion was not seconded, motion failed.

2017 NAILE Open Show Judges

President Skartvedt asked for nominations from the board for 2017 NAILE Open Suffolk Show slick shorn and fitted judges. Greg Ahart, Bill Gergen and Scott Greiner were nominated for slick shorn show and Craig Beckmier, Dan Spilde and Ron Young were nominated for the fitted show. The board members voted to narrow the nominations to two names. Greg Ahart and Scott Greiner will be the two nominations from the board for slick shorn judges and Craig Beckmier and Ron Young for the fitted show. The membership will nominate two additional judges during the Annual Meeting. The membership will cast their votes during the Open Suffolk Show on Wednesday.

NAILE Suffolk Shows – Percentage Registered Sheep

Amanda Everts confirmed with the board that percentage registered sheep (less than 94%, less than 15/16, with a green percentage registration certificate) are not eligible to show. The board was in agreement.

Bill Gergen made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dale Dobberpuhl.