

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Conference Call
January 8, 2013, 7pm CST**

Board Member Present: President, Rob Zelinsky, Vice-President, Bill MacCauley, Treasurer, Rex Quam, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Keith Pumphrey, Donna Mays, Larry Pauly, Amanda Bergsieker, Virginia Gergen, Kim Ketcham, Paul Skartvedt, Lisa Webster, and Diane Russell.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

President Zelinsky called for any corrections or additions to the minutes of 2011/2012 November USSA Board Meeting, 2012/2013 November USSA Board Meeting and 2012 USSA Annual Meeting. Virginia Gergen made a motion to amend the meeting minutes for the 2011/2012 November USSA Board Meeting that under the bylaws committee report to remove the verbiage pertaining to not allowing write-ins on the election ballots. There was no second, the motion failed. Rex Quam addressed a correction to the 2012/2013 November USSA Board Meeting minutes that the minutes should read "Rex Quam will serve as Treasurer" rather than "Rex Quam will serve as Vice-President". Amanda Everts stated that the correction will be made. Rex Quam made a motion approve the minutes of 2011/2012 November USSA Board Meeting, 2012/2013 November USSA Board Meeting and 2012 USSA Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Skartvedt. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported that she is continuing to test the new registration program so that members can use it in the future. She also reported that the checking account balance was approximately \$4,500.00 and the investment account balance is \$191,627.00. Bill MacCauley made motion to approve the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Donna Mays. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Rex Quam reported that as of December 27, 2012 both the UJSSA and USSA showed a profit for the year to date. Keith Pumphrey made motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion carried.

UJSSA Report

Amanda Bergsieker reported that the juniors will be having a conference call on Sunday. She reported that planning for the junior show this summer is going well.

Committee Reports

By-Laws

Committee Member, Keith Pumphrey reported that the By-Laws Committee is looking at possibly adding verbiage in Article 6, Section 10 in reference to protecting the secretary for liability purposes.

Futurity

Chairman, Rex Quam, reported on the results from the 2012 USSA Futurity, noting that there was a tie for 1st place and the tie was broken by who participated at NAILE or the junior show (being the winner). For first place, the money for first and second place was split equally, so both the first and second place winners received \$450. The winner of the tie breaker received the trophy. Bill MacCauley made a motion to revert back to districts rather than a national futurity placing. The motion was seconded by Keith Pumphrey. The motion carried.

Marketing/Promotion

No report.

Budget

Chairman, Rex Quam, reported that the budget committee intends to put together a budget for the next two years.

Scholarship

There was a discussion amongst board members that if the deadline date was changed for the scholarships there would be more individuals that apply. Amanda Bergsieker made a motion to change the deadline for the USSA and Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship to August 1st from October 1st. Bill MacCauley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hospitality

Chairwoman, Amanda Bergsieker, reported that there will be a social at each of the major sales again this year.

Ambassador

No report.

NAILE Market Lamb

Chairman, Paul Skartvedt, reported that the committee intends to use the photo of the 2012 winner and the vanity check this year to promote this program in 2013.

Following committee reports, President Zelinsky asked those directors who were not present at the NAILE meetings if there were any committee they would like to serve on: Donna Mays, scholarship and ambassador; Virginia Gergen, budget; Larry Pauly, marketing and promotion and Lisa Webster, budget.

Old Business

NAILE award for Best Pair of Ram Lambs

Secretary Everts reported that Tom Burke agreed to sponsor this award and the award arrived at the office today and will be sent to this year's recipient.

Hall of Fame

A committee was formed to establish the hall of fame award and how recipients would be nominated. Virginia Gergen will serve as the chairwoman and committee members include Rob Zelinsky, Larry Pauly and Paul Skartvedt.

Judging Standards (Concerns)

After a long discussion on this topic, the topic was tabled for the next meeting.

Suffolk Image for advertising, promotional and other requests

Secretary Everts reported that she had not received any photos for the board to review for approval. Virginia Gergen suggested checking with Greg Deakin to see what he may have. Secretary Everts requested that photos be sent to her and she would share them with the board members to review.

Letter from Merle Van Klompenburg/Certified Meat Sire Program

There was a lengthy discussion about the revamping the Suffolk Certified Meat Sire Program. It was determined that research needed to be done on the use of ultrasound to collect data for this program and who would be qualified to ultrasound lambs. This topic will be revisited during the next board meeting.

New Business

Larry Pauly reported that he had been in contact with Greg Ahart and that many of the association's concerns about the All-American Nugget Show and Sale would be addressed.

Donna Mays asked if the USSA could cover the cost of renting a pen for the Suffolk booth at Sedalia. Donna has paid for this pen in the past but would like the association to cover the cost. The pen cost approximately \$40. President Zelinsky stated that the association can cover this cost in the future and he would also speak with Larry Mead about the pen rental.

There was a brief discussion regarding the board having a retreat weekend and it was determined that an email will be sent out to the board to determine a weekend that works best for all the directors.

Motion was made by Donna Mays to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kim Ketcham. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm CST.