

**United Suffolk Sheep Association
Annual Meeting**

November 12, 2012

The United Suffolk Sheep Association Annual Meeting was conducted by President, Rob Zelinsky. President Zelinsky welcomed individuals present and called the meeting to order. President Zelinsky introduced the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 board members, and past USSA presidents and Directors.

Secretary Everts reported that in April, the USSA Office completed its final transition to the Iowa Office, when the new registration program went live and the new registration program is functioning well and should be ready for the membership to use next spring. For 2012, the USSA had approximately 700 members and the UJSSA had approximately 350 members. Registrations were down as the USSA registered 8,761 Suffolk sheep and transferred around 3,100 Suffolk sheep transferred. The USSA Office continues to publish an electronic newsletter which is created and distributed on a monthly basis, if possible that is sent to over 700 email addresses. The membership was encouraged to take advantage of this communication piece and contribute any news, events, information, etc., as it reaches hundreds of Suffolk breeders from coast to coast.

Treasurer Schambow reported that the association did make a profit during the 2011/2012 fiscal year but will need to tighten the 2012/2013 budget as there will be a monthly payment due to pay for the new registration software. The association is in a very positive financial position.

United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association (UJSSA) President, Tayler Wolff, reported that the 2013 UJSSA National Junior Suffolk Sheep Show will be held in East Lansing, Michigan in July. She also noted that if senior members are interested in supporting the UJSSA, they can sign up (on the sponsor sheet that was available at the meeting) to sponsor a specific class/award or provide general sponsorship.

President Zelinsky reported on the 2013 NAILE judge voting. He stated that due to the open show being held prior to the annual meeting, the membership will be able to nominate a fitted and a slick shorn judge for the through the annual meeting. After nominations close, the board will determine the four fitted judges and the four slick judges that will be given to the membership to vote on. Each membership will be allowed to vote for one slick and one fitted judge. The list of names will be provide to the membership in the newsletter, website and in the Dec/Jan Issue of *The Banner*. Voting will begin the beginning of December and end January 31st.

Wayne Skartvedt reported that there were four applicants for the USSA scholarship and two applicants for the Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship. The recipients of the USSA Scholarship were Rachel Schambow and John Curley. The recipient of the Let's Grow Suffolks Scholarship was Taylor Peck. Wayne encouraged juniors to apply for these funds in the future.

President Zelinsky thanked the retiring directors and officers, Jake Falleson, Bill Gergen, Gary Hoskins, Dr. Gerald Clair and Dr. Richard Schambow.

Member, John Eagle, relayed his concern about the procedures the USSA Board has followed the last couple years in regards to changing the USSA ByLaws. John Eagle made a motion board of directors publish any proposed ByLaw changes well in advance of any vote so that members might be allowed to see, discuss and suggest changes. The motion was seconded by Mark Chapman. The motion passed.

No other new business. Motion was made by Paul Russell to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sam Thiel. The meeting was adjourned.

Greg Deakin again donated pages for the 2013 Suffolk Directory. The proceeds of the directory ads will go to the USSA. Back cover to MacCauley Suffolks for \$1700

Inside front cover to Rex Quam for \$900
Page 3 (across from inside front cover) to Tom Burke for \$850
Inside back cover to Kimm Suffolks for \$900
Middle right center to Jim VanDyke & Rob Zelinsky for \$900
Middle left center to Kim Ketcham for \$900
Undetermined to Lyn Lee Farms, Dr. Gerald Clair for \$700
Undetermined to Lost River Livestock, Donna Mays for \$700

Tom Burke announced that the USSA will auction off the original commemorative print from the Suffolk Conference, held this past summer, created by CJ Brown and one framed print. An additional framed print will be auctioned off at the National Show and Sale in Reno this coming summer.

Original Framed Print to MacCauley Suffolks for \$1300
Framed Print to John Eagle for \$900

A Suffolk Statues was auctioned off to Paul & Diane Russell for \$300 - proceeds going to the 2013 National Junior Show.