

United Suffolk Sheep Association

February – Conference Call

February 15, 2011 – 7:00 pm CST

Board Members Present: President, Bill MacCauley, Vice-President, Donna Mays, Treasurer, Richard Schambow, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the following directors: Gary Hoskins, Larry Pauly, Amanda Bergsieker, Gerald Clair, Tom Burke, Bill Gergen, Kim Ketcham, Andrew Hukowicz and Jake Falleson.

The meeting was conducted by President, Bill MacCauley.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

President MacCauley called for any corrections to the minutes from the old board meeting, new board meeting and annual meeting held and there were none.

Larry Pauly made a motion that board accepts the minutes of the November 16, 2010 Old Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Gerald Clair. The motion passed.

Kim Ketcham made a motion that board accepts the minutes of the November 16, 2010 New Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Richard Schambow. The motion passed.

Richard Schambow made a motion that board accepts the minutes of the November 16, 2010 Annual Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The motion passed.

Secretary's Report

Amanda Everts reported to the Board of Directors (BoD) that the Iowa office is up and running. Dues are coming in and Amanda has hired a part-time individual, Josie, to help with registrations and other projects. Retirement monies were distributed to Annette Benson, Marsha Jenkins and Helen Cooley in January. The current checking account balance is approximately \$12,000 and the investment account balance is \$180,363.78 (after retirement monies were withdrawn).

Treasurer's Report

Richard Schambow reported that he is working closely with Amanda Everts to evaluate membership accounts. For accounts that there are questions on the current balance, Amanda works with the member to determine the correct account balance. At the end of the year, the USSA will write-off the discrepancies in membership account balances. There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report. Bill Gergen moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Donna Mays seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

By Laws

Chairman, Gerald Clair, reported there is proposed language change for the USSA By Laws. The proposed changes will be emailed to USSA BoD for review and then will be discussed at the Sedalia board meeting. After the BoD finalizes the proposed changes, the changes will be given to the USSA membership to vote on.

Futurity

Richard Schambow reported that the futurity committee should revise the rules of the current USSA Futurity program. Proposed areas of revision include how to payout winners of districts with few participants and whether to have separate payout for winners at NAILE.

Marketing/Promotion

President MacCauley is ordering pens with the USSA contact information printed on the pen. Amanda Everts has been working with Greg Deakin and the Banner Publications' staff to create flyers and brochures that will be available for upcoming events. Other marketing and promotional items to be provided by the USSA include sashes for Top Suffolk Pen

consigner and buyer at upcoming range ram sales, advertising in the ASI publication beginning in March and flock books with updated association information.

Budget

No Report.

Computer Registration

Amanda Everts reported to the BoD that she has begun viewing the new registration program, but there are many revisions to be made. She also reported that the program designers have had some issues with the data and how it functions in the program. There will be a conference call on Friday, February 18th with the program designers to work through the old program and discuss areas in need of revision in the new registration program.

Ambassador

No Report.

NAILE Jr. Market Lamb Show

There was a brief discussion on the outcome of 2010 Junior Market Lamb show which was followed by a motion by Bill Gergen to the BoD that the USSA again pay \$1000 to the Champion Suffolk Market Lamb, \$500 to the Reserve Champion Market Lamb, and within each Suffolk Market Lamb Class, the USSA will pay \$50 for 1st place and \$25 for 2nd place. These special monies will only be available to individuals whom: (1) pay for a United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association Membership at the rate of \$15 and (2) purchase a wether certificate at the rate of \$10. Jake Falleson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NAILE Junior Show

No Report.

Hospitality

The USSA will have a hospitality area at the National Suffolk Sale in Eaton, Ohio (John Jacoby), Nugget All-American in Reno, Nevada (Larry Pauly) and Midwest Stud Ram Sale in Sedalia, Missouri (Amanda Bergsieker and Tom Burke).

Junior Association

President MacCauley reported on behalf of UJSSA President, Taylor Peck that planning for the UJSSA Junior Show to be held in Harrington, Delaware is going well.

Richard Schambow reported that the UJSSA would like to have the UJSSA website redesigned and maintained by the same company the USSA uses (Novel Designs).

Old Business

Old Records

Amanda Everts reported that Iowa State University has decided against accepting the old USSA records and referred the Association to contact the University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center or Texas Tech University to see if either of these institutions would accept the old USSA records. Iowa State University did state that they would reconsider their decision if the other institutions would not accept the records. The University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center acquisitions committee was sent a proposal to acquire the old USSA records, however, the committee decided against accepting the records. Amanda will contact Texas Tech University to see if their acquisitions committee will accept the records and if Texas Tech does not accept the records she will contact Iowa State University again.

There was no other Old Business.

New Business

2011 NAILE Open Show Judge

The USSA Membership, present at the 2010 NAILE voted to have Mike Nelsh judge the 2011 NAILE Open Suffolk Show.

NAILE Slick Shorn / Fitted Open Show

The BoD discussed the outcome of the 2010 NAILE open show, the possibility of having mixed group classes in 2011 and whether there should be a separate judge for the 2011 Slick Shorn Show. Bill MacCauley stated, advised by Pearce McKinney, that the USSA should not try to change the group classes, but the USSA should write a proposal to NAILE about having a separate judge. Bill MacCauley noted that he has had a unanimous individual offer to pay for a separate Slick Shorn Show judge. Donna Mays made a motion for the board to vote on a separate judge for the 2011 Slick Shorn Show. Tom Burke seconded the motion. A role call vote allowed the motion to pass with 8 votes for a separate judge (Donna Mays, Larry Pauly, Gerald Clair, Andrew Hukowicz, Tom Burke, Kim Ketcham, Richard Schambow and Amanda Bergsieker) and 3 votes not to have a separate judge (Jake Falleson, Bill Gergen and Gary Hoskins). The BoD nominated Rob Zelinsky and Larry Mrozinski to judge the 2011 NAILE Slick Shorn Suffolk Show. The BoD voted to determine who would be the first choice and second choice judge provided to NAILE. Rob Zelinsky received 8 votes and Larry Mrozinski received 2 votes. Jake Falleson abstained from voting. Therefore the first choice judge for the 2011 NAILE Slick Shorn Suffolk Show is Rob Zelinsky and second choice is Larry Mrozinski.

Amnesty Program

There was a brief discussion on whether to restart the amnesty program or wave late fees for 2011. Larry Pauly made a motion to continue the amnesty program for another year (2011) which allows USSA members to register sheep over 1 year of age at the current year registration rate of \$6.00 per head. The motion was seconded by Richard Schambow. The motion passed.

Flock Copies

A brief discussion was held on flock copies and that the USSA is not currently charging for them. Approximately 20% of the registrations request flock copies. Amanda Everts felt that there should be a nominal charge to cover the cost of the incurred expenses by the USSA. Jake Falleson made motion to charge \$1 for each flock copy. Bill Gergen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2011 USSA Directory

Amanda Everts reported that the 2011 USSA Directory is coming along well. She planned to add registration applications, a membership application, fee sheet as well as other useful materials for the USSA membership and potential USSA members.

Other New Business

President MacCauley reported that the 2nd Annual Midwest Junior Preview Show held in Chillicothe, Missouri is requesting \$250 for financial funding towards the event. The USSA donated \$250 towards funding the event in 2010. Bill Gergen made motion to donate \$250 to the 2nd Annual Midwest Junior Preview Show. The motion was seconded by Jake Falleson. The motion passed.

Donna Mays requested that the BoD think about discontinuing the directors travel expense reimbursement for this year because of the financial status of the USSA and evaluate reinstating the directors travel expense reimbursement next year. A brief discussion followed. Donna Mays made motion to put a one year moratorium on directors' travel expense reimbursements. The motion was seconded by Kim Ketcham. Gerald Clair made a motion to amend the previous motion that there will be a one year moratorium on directors' travel expense reimbursements and directors whom are unable to attend meetings in person can attend via conference call. Donna Mays seconded the motion. A role call vote allowed the motion to pass with 7 votes for the 1 year moratorium (Donna Mays, Larry Pauly, Gary Hoskins, Gerald Clair, Andrew Hukowicz, Tom Burke and Kim Ketcham) and 4 votes against the 1 year moratorium (Jake Falleson, Bill Gergen, Richard Schambow and Amanda Bergsieker).

President MacCauley expressed that the USSA BoD should reconsider their previously passed motion to have the USSA books audited. President MacCauley stated that the cost of the audit and the amount of useable information from the outcome of the audit would not be worth the expense. President MacCauley, Treasurer, Richard Schambow, Secretary, Amanda Everts and the Iowa Accountant stated they see no fraudulent activity in the finances. Richard Schambow made

motion to not have an audit. Gerald Clair seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill Gergen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Pauly. The meeting was adjourned.