

American Angus Auxiliary
Mid- Year Meeting- Minutes
July 14, 2010, Denver, Colorado

The mid- year meeting the American Angus Auxiliary (AAAx) was held on July 14, 2010 at 5 pm in the Beef Palace Auction Arena, NWSS Complex , Denver, Colorado during the National Junior Angus Show. President Kathi Creamer called the meeting to order following a social for members and guests hosted by the officers and directors. Officers present were president Kathi Creamer; vice president Barbara Ettredge; secretary/treasurer Anne Lampe; past president/advisor Michelle Rieff. Regional directors in attendance were Mary K. Vejraska, Annie Viator, Lynne Hinrichsen, Leslie Mindemann and Cortney Hill-Dukehart. Role call was conducted by having those in attendance complete information cards which were also used for door prize drawings. 40 information cards were filled out by members and guests. Special guests were introduced and thanked for their contributions to the AAAX; Ernie Bingham, Angus Topics; Mathew Elliot, API and Sally Yon, Miss American Angus. Committee chairwomen were asked to stand and be recognized.

Anne Lampe presented the minutes off the November 14, 2009 annual meeting for approval stating that they were printed in the spring newsletter. Anne Patton Schubert moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as printed. Second by Meridee Wells. Vote. Passed.

Treasurer's Report- Anne Lampe submitted a printed and distributed report prepared by AAAX bookkeeper Leslie Mindemann. Leslie was asked to give a brief explanation report. (Report filed with minutes) A balance sheet as of June 30, 2010 and a profit & loss budget vs. actual report were provided. Total assets including checking, savings and CD as of 6/30/2010 are \$39, 632.81. Karen Santee moved to accept the treasures report as presented. Second by Kathy Dubs. Vote. Passed.

Regional Directors each introduced themselves.

Regional director reports:

1. Annie Viator reported that she will not seek re-election in November.
5. Leslie Mindemann thanked the hosts of the Eastern Regional in Illinois for a great show
2. Martha Holshouser sent a written report in her absence. The Georgia Angus Auxiliary has been formed; officers will be elected in October.

Committee Reports

Awards: Achievement co-chairman Erika Styles reported that the co-chair system is working well. States beginning with the letters A-L submit to Kerri Gleason, Texas and states beginning with M-Z submit to Erica Styles, South Dakota. Clarification was made that qualifying showing achievements must be with Angus cattle; this is reflected on the updated application.

Beef Education/Cook Off: Co-chairman Anne Patton Schubert reported that the 2010 cook off contest had 34 teams and 154 contestants. The new Chef's Challenge contest had 9 entries (4 NJAA members and 5 adult entries) . Vintage Angus and Silveira Bros were the t-shirts sponsors, the Kentucky Angus Association contributed \$500 to awards and \$1450 was generously donated by 15 individuals to the "Friends of the Black Kettle" for awards.

Finance – Chairman, Nancy Thelen sent the following report: In April we welcomed Regional Director Leslie Mindeman as our new Auxiliary bookkeeper. The committee continues to review income and expenses and has worked on an expanded list of categories for a more consumer friendly method of tracking all of our programs and activities.

Miss American Angus: Current MAA, Sally Yon is doing a great job. The committee is working to secure and confirm 2011 sponsors.

Nominating: Chairman Michelle Rieff reported that nominations and recommendations for the office of secretary/ treasurer are being sought by the committee. Regions 1, 2, and 3 will be conducting director elections; directors currently serving those regions are eligible for re-election. Nominations for secretary/treasurer and regional directors are due August 1, 2010 to Michelle Rieff. Membership within the regions will vote for directors to represent their region, ballots will be in the fall *Auxiliary Post Newsletter*.

Scholarship: Chairman Barbara Ettredge reported that twenty-seven applications from 19 states were received. Certificates for scholarships totaling \$12,000 will be presented during the NJAS awards ceremony on July 16, 2010 to five female and five male winners. Specific award amounts are first place, \$1400, second place \$1300, third place

\$1200, fourth place \$1100 and fifth place \$1000. Barbara thanked the eight members of the scholarship selection committee and noted that the committee has submitted items for clarification and discussion when updating the application for 2011.

Ways and Means: The Angus Sale Barn has a new name-Angus Gift Barn as of February 2010. Angus Gift Barn new and sale items were displayed before the meeting. New items are: Glass cutting boards, acrylic pitcher/tumbler sets, note cards and puzzles. Many items are at close out prices during NJAS; including the inventory of remaining Angus China. Meeting attendees were asked to fill out a survey indicating their level of interest in purchasing suggested Gift Barn merchandise. Volunteer help is needed in the Gift Barn during NJAS and in Louisville in November, those working a shift in the Gift Barn receive a 10% discount on items they purchase; to volunteer and schedule a time contact Cathy Miller. Ardyce O'Neill explained the Longeburger Fund Raiser she is conducting as a support for the Auxiliary newsletter. Ardyce has a display with the Gift Barn featuring the Longeburger baskets and pottery. The fundraiser will be conducted until July 31, 2010. The AAx is planning the sale of a heifer during the 2011 American Angus Breeders Futurity in Louisville. Tom Burke, American Angus Hall of Fame has agreed to work with the AAx on this project. Chances are being sold during NJAS on a one night hotel stay at the Double Tree and Renaissance hotels, Denver for \$5 each; rooms were donated by the hotels.

Announcements:

The Auxiliary hosted "Rocky Mountain Spa will be on Thursday, July 15, all ladies are invited to attend. The spa will offer relaxation and pampering for ladies as well as an opportunity to network with Auxiliary members and become more familiar with the organization.

The deadline to submit articles for the fall newsletter is August 25.

AAx members are invited to make plans to attend events in Louisville including the annual meeting on November 13, the breakfast on November 14 and the president's reception on November 14. All activities will be at the Crowne Plaza.

Shally Rogen moved to adjourn. Second by Mary Greiman. Meeting adjourned.

(approval pending)
Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Lampe
Secretary/Treasurer