

American Angus Auxiliary  
Mid Year Meeting – National Junior Angus Show  
Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center  
West Wing, Room W3  
Louisville, KY  
July 18, 2012

The meeting started with a “Taste of Louisville” refreshments and a social at 3:00pm. Attendees purchased Chinese Auction tickets for chances to win prizes. Leslie Mindemann and Mary K Vejraska drew for half of the Chinese Auction items.

-Anne Lampe called the meeting to order.

-Anne thanked everyone for coming. She explained that one of the goals for our 60<sup>th</sup> year was to bring more awareness to the American Angus Auxiliary. Through our newsletter, social networks, public relations committee, an updated website, the Angus Gift Barn, and the Angus Women Connected Conference, we feel we have succeeded. Because the first ever Angus Women Connected Conference was such a huge success and received wonderful reviews, there is a possibility of conducting the Conference every 2-3 years. We thank the Angus Foundation for making the weekend possible, along with the help from American Angus Association staff.

-Anne introduced and recognized Committee Chairs, State Presidents, American Angus Auxiliary Distinguished Women, and American Angus Auxiliary Past Presidents; she thanked each of these ladies for their service to the organization. Anne also thanked Michelle Rieff, Hospitality Committee Chair, for organizing the social and the “Taste of Louisville” refreshments.

### **Minutes**

Everyone received a copy of the 2011 Mid-Year Meeting minutes in the information packet. Rachel Frost moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented; motion seconded by Marlene Dukehart. MOTION PASSED.

Copies of the 2011 Annual meeting minutes were also provided for review, approval is pending during the annual meeting in November.

### **Treasurer Report**

Cortney Holshouser deferred to Leslie Mindemann, Finance Committee. Leslie explained the Year to Date financial report provided in the information packet. Anne Lampe entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Martha Holshouser moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report; motion seconded by Carla Malson. MOTION PASSED.

- The Auxiliary would like to thank the following for donating time, resources, services, and items to our organization:

- Don and Wendy Denny from Texas for donating printing services for “The Tradition Continues” heifer.

- The Gardiner family from Kansas for donating “The Tradition Continues” heifer. She brought \$9,000 and will benefit the scholarship and awards endowment fund.
- French River Cattle Co. from Canada for purchasing the heifer.
- The American Angus Association and the Angus Journal staff for all of their support and promotion of the Auxiliary.
- The American Angus Association Board of Directors for approving funding for some of our recent events.
- Cathy Watkins for purchasing CJ Brown’s original 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary print at the American Angus Auxiliary Annual Breakfast during the NAILE in November.
- Lauren Barker from Iowa for designing the winning t-shirt for the Facebook contest. The contest significantly increased the number of likes for our American Angus Auxiliary Facebook page and garnered over 2750 views. The t-shirts are available now in the Angus Gift Barn.
- To Shelia Stannard and Robin Ruff for all of their support

-Anne recognized Miss American Angus Brooke Harward from NC. Brooke thanked the Auxiliary for their support throughout her reign and for her scholarship. Brooke gave a run down of the activities she has been involved in since she was crowned. She has enjoyed traveling to shows, sales, and meetings as an ambassador for the Angus breed.

### **Regional Directors Reports**

-Region 1, Mary K Vejraska – Mary K reported on the activities in the Western states and reported on her recruitment efforts.

-Region 2, Cindy Ahearn- Only Texas has an organized Auxiliary in this region, with 76 members. Colorado, New Mexico and Oklahoma do not have one. Cindy is working on encouraging the formation of organizations in these states.

-Region 3, Lynne Hinrichsen – No report

-Region 4, Martha Holshouser – Martha read reports from some of the State Auxiliaries in her region. All are very active. She is always interested in helping form new Auxiliaries in states without an existing organization. She is still pursuing South Carolina.

-Region 5, Leslie Mindemann - All of the states in this region have long standing Auxiliaries and scholarship programs. Leslie continues to be a liaison between these states and the American Angus Auxiliary.

-Region 6, Marlene Dukehart – There are 2 Auxiliaries in this region, Pennsylvania and Maryland. There are lots of other states in this region. Marlene would like to form Auxiliaries in some of these states, especially Virginia.

\*Detailed reports from some Regional Directors were available at the meeting registration table.

### **Committee Reports**

-Several complete committee reports are included in the packet

-Beef Education – Anne Patton Schubert thanked everyone for their help and support in making things run smoothly yesterday with the Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off. 39

teams competed in the traditional contest. The Chef's Challenge also had high participation.

-Nominating – Barbara Ettredge reported that regions 1,2, and 3 will be open for Directors to be nominated as well as the office of Secretary/Treasurer. She explained what the duties of a regional director are. Please see Barbara or contact her if you are interested in running for these positions. She has applications; applications are due August 1<sup>st</sup>.

-Anne reminded everyone about the Auxiliary scrapbook. Please send in information from your state or region for our archives. Emma Collins is our Historian and will be working on the scrapbook. Please send any information to her.

-Achievement Awards- Erica Styles gave an overview of what the award is, what to include on the form, how to submit it, deadlines, etc. Carol Bloom is the new co-chair for Achievement Awards. Please do not include placings or awards in other organizations i.e. 4-H or FFA even if they involved an Angus animal. It has to be on the District level or higher. The Junior's name gets listed in the February issue of the Angus journal if they receive the Achievement Award. It is extremely helpful for future Auxiliary scholarships, etc.

No Old Business

No New Business

### **Announcements**

-If you are planning to attend the NAILE, please come to our Auxiliary meeting, watch the speeches for the Miss American Angus contest, attend the Auxiliary's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Annual Breakfast. Join us for all of our events!

-Please visit the Angus Gift Barn. We have many new items.

-We will be giving out scholarships, Rattey statues for Cook-Off winners, Crystal awards, Silver Pitchers, and Silver Revere bowls for showmanship winners later this week.

Anne Lampe asked for a motion to adjourn.

Rachel Frost moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Michelle Rieff.

**MOTION PASSED.**

Leslie Mindemann and Mary K Vejraska drew for the remaining Chinese Auction items.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the "Rounding Up Scholarship Money" and "Wearing the Crown" workshops were conducted.

Submitted by Cortney Holshouser

2012 American Angus Auxiliary Secretary/ Treasurer