

American Angus Auxiliary
Mid-Year Meeting - National Junior Angus Show
American Royal Complex
Wagstaff Room
Kansas City, MO
July 8, 2013

The meeting was precluded at 3:45 p.m. with a workshop on Certified Angus Beef followed by the annual social with refreshments. Attendees had the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Chinese auction.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates. She welcomed everyone for attending and introduced special guests. She recognized American Angus Association and Angus Production staff members, American Angus Auxiliary (AAAx) Committee chairs, state presidents, Distinguished Women and past AAx presidents. She also thanked Michelle Reiff, Hospitality Committee chair, for organizing the workshop and refreshments.

Cortney introduced Miss American Angus, Esther McCabe and asked her to say a few words about the events she has attended over the past few months. Esther told the group how she had spent a day participating in Ag in the Classroom. She discussed with the children the uses of animal by-products and ended the day with an ice cream treat in the class. She is planning another Ag in the Classroom event utilizing Flat Andy. Esther said one of the things she has learned through her reign is that she is grateful for the influence of the many people that have helped her along the way.

Minutes

Attending members of the meeting were given a copy of the 2012 minutes in their information packets. Rachel Frost moved to dispense the reading of the presented and accept them as presented; Mary Greiman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

For the Treasurer's report, Lynne Hinrichsen deferred to Leslie Mindemann, bookkeeper. Leslie discussed the year to date financial report that was in the packet. Anne Patton Schubert moved to accept the report and Kathy Creamer seconded it. Motion carried.

Next Cortney reported on the endowment heifer sold at the All American Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Kentucky this past June. The heifer was donated by Express Ranches and purchased by Heritage Farms for \$5500. Heritage Farms is also this year's sponsor for the t-shirts given at the Certified Angus Beef Cook-off during the National Junior Angus Show. She thanked all involved in the sale of the heifer and explained how the proceeds would be placed in the AAx funds to further the support of our juniors. She also thanked all involved in the support of the Auxiliary and this project.

Regional Director Reports

Cortney called upon the Regional Directors to give a brief report of their regions.

Region 1: Kathy Dubs was not in attendance so no report given.

Region 2: Cindy Ahearn explained that she is working to restart some state auxiliaries and encourage all with in her region to be a member on the national level. Her other focus will be on open communications between her states and the AAx.

Region 3: Shally Rogan explained it was her goal to encourage all states to increase memberships on the state and national level; she also wants to try and attend the annual state meetings within her region.

Region 4: Martha Holshouser said her states are doing well. She had a message from Historian, Emma Collins. Emma needs photos and information from all state auxiliaries for the AAx scrapbook. Please send all items to her as soon as possible so she can assemble the scrapbook.

Region 5: Leslie Mindemann reported her states have strong auxiliaries. All of them have fundraisers and scholarship programs and most have a royalty contest.

Region 6: Marlene Dukehart attended the Queen's reception in Maryland at the Atlantic National show and the Eastern Regional show in Virginia. She wants to contact the states that don't have auxiliaries but do have a royalty program. She is going to share the revamped dress code guidelines for royalty representatives and especially ensure the guidelines are enforced at ROV shows or when appearing with Miss American Angus.

Names were drawn for the Chinese auction prizes.

Committee Reports

Cortney then called upon certain committee chairs in attendance for reports. These as well as other reports were in the meeting packets. Anne Patton Schubert, Beef Education chair, announced this was the 30th anniversary of the CAB cook-off at the 2013 National Junior Angus Show. She said there were 32 teams with 131 individuals entered.

Annie Ruyle Chaffin, Silver Pitcher chair, reported that the silver pitchers had always been ordered through the American Angus Association but we were now looking into doing this ourselves. She has found a few websites with various pitchers and prices. Cortney also added that this was the 60th anniversary of the award and Anne Lampe has contacted several past winners. Anne is wanting to get a group photo at the show before the champion owned female is selected.

Anne Lampe, Nominating chair, is taking nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and for Regional Directors for regions 4, 5 and 6. All information was in the spring newsletter and the deadline is August 1st.

Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates gave a report on behalf of the Achievement Awards committee. She told the group that the award application is on the website and due in the fall.

Christy Perdue, Angus Gift Barn manager, had several of the new items on display. She encouraged the group to stop by to shop the gift barn during the show. She encouraged members to help in the gift barn and they would receive a 10% discount on purchases. She also told about the new website and the enhancements on it.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

In new business, Cortney announced that the American Angus Association had decided to move their annual meeting in 2014 from Louisville, Kentucky to Kansas City, Missouri. As per AAx by-laws, we are to hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the AAA's annual meeting. Therefore we will have our 2014 annual meeting

in Kansas City. She said we are still working on the details of the meeting, breakfast and Miss American Angus contest.

Announcements

It was announced that we will be giving over \$12,000 in scholarships this year. The Auxiliary will also support the juniors through the beef cook-off, Crystal awards and the Silver Pitchers. Cortney reiterated photos and information from state auxiliaries need to be sent to Emma Collins, Historian for the annual scrapbook. She also asked the attendees to go to the Angus Gift Barn and invited all to attend the annual meeting in Louisville this coming November.

Adjournment

Rachel Frost moved to adjourn the meeting and Melanie Kiani seconded. Motion passed.