

American Angus Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting

Wednesday, July 15 – Tulsa Expo Center, Tulsa, OK

Call to Order: Lynne Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 5:13 pm. 93 total were in attendance.

Welcome and Introductions: Lynne Hinrichsen introduced the following in attendance:

- Executive Committee
- Committee Chairs
- State Auxiliary Presidents
- Charter Members
- Distinguished Women
- Past Auxiliary Presidents
- American Angus Association Staff

Minutes of the 2014 Mid-Year Meeting: Julie Murnin read the minutes from the 2014 Mid-Year Meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as read made by Wendy Flory. Second Allison Dubs. Vote taken, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Julie Murnin read the financial reports on behalf of Leslie Mindemann. Motion to accept the financials as read made by Emma Collins. Second by Lori Stovall. Vote taken, motion carried.

The first round of Chinese Auction winners were selected.

Lynne Hinrichsen extended a huge thank you to Cortney Holshouser for all of her assistance as advisor, the board and committee chairs. She also thanked and introduced Madi Butler for her service as Miss American Angus.

Madi Butler address the Auxiliary with a thank you for all of their support throughout her reign. She has traveled over 10,000 miles across the country representing the Angus breed.

Regional Director Reports: Lynne Hinrichsen announced that the Regional Director Reports were in the packet at the check-in table and all were encouraged to read the reports for an update from each region.

Committee Reports:

Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off – Anne Patton Schubert reported that the 32nd Annual CAB Cook-Off was a tremendous success again this year with 37 teams competing. She thanked the volunteers for their help with the contest. Anne Lampe reported that the online entries worked great this year. Almost 100% of the entries were done online. The online entries are very helpful to make the process more efficient, especially when laying out the cookbook, as well as make the information more accurate. Anne also reminded everyone about becoming a Friends of the Black Kettle Sponsor for \$100. Donations go toward awards for the contest. She also thanked the current Friends of the Black Kettle, Kentucky Angus Auxiliary, and McCurry Angus (t-shirt sponsors).

Scrapbook – Historian Emma Collins asked for states to submit more information to her to compile the scrapbook with. She really enjoys doing the book and wants to include as much information as possible. Lynne Hinrichsen thanked Emma for all her hard work on the scrapbook each year.

Gift Barn – Christy Perdue reported on the new items offered in the Gift Barn. She invited everyone to come by and shop. If you volunteer at the Gift Barn during the NJAS for 2 hours, you receive 10% off of your purchase.

More Chinese Auction winners were selected.

Gifts That Sizzle – Mary Grieman reported that the Auxiliary makes money off of everything sold through Gifts That Sizzle. She wanted to clarify the information reported in the 2014 Mid-Year Meeting Minutes regarding the packages being

expensive. This fiscal year to date, the Gifts that Sizzle program has raised \$2,409.25. Generally \$3-4,000 is raised annually so we are on a good pace for the year. Lynne Hinrichsen commented that this is a “no brainer” fundraiser for the Auxiliary and the products make nice gifts.

New Business:

Nominations – Lynne Hinrichsen reported that nominations were now open for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer, and Regional Directors for Regions 4, 5 and 6. Elections will be held at National Angus Convention, Overland Park, KS. The Annual Auxiliary Meeting is November 3, 2015. The Auxiliary Breakfast is Wednesday, November 4.

Women Connected - Anne Lampe reported the third edition of the Women Connected Conference will be held Spring 2016, in March or April. A woman involved with the Angus breed is invited to apply. A short application must be filled out by all wishing to attend. Sessions and activities include speakers, workshops and seminars. The program is sponsored by the Angus Foundation, and all expenses are covered except attendees travel expense to and from the conference. Hoping to have the 2016 edition in Wooster, OH. Lynne Hinrichsen mentioned what a great opportunity Women Connected is for everyone. A drawing from the meeting attendees for a travel voucher to attend free of charge was drawn and Stephanie Founts was the winner.

Fundraising – Mary McCurry and Kathi Creamer reported on the Giving Back jewelry fundraiser with Kari Votaw. It is great to reconnect with Kari. 100 tickets will be sold to win a one of a kind jewelry piece created by Kari. Tickets are \$50. The drawing will be held at the Auxiliary Breakfast in Overland Park. Kathi Creamer gave an update on the advertising campaign for the fundraiser. Jane Ebert has already sold 35 tickets at Atlantic National.

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Announcements:

Lynne Hinrichsen asked that all of the ladies that attended the painting party stay for a photo with the group. The social was well attended and fun for those that participated.

She also thanks Michelle Reiff for all of her hard work on the social coordination and Auxiliary Breakfast planning.

Michelle Reiff reported the Auxiliary Breakfast will cap at 290 attendees and encouraged everyone to get their tickets early. 69 were sold already. She reminded everyone to register with Becky from AAA at the booth they had located on the grounds at NJAS.

Anne Lampe reminded everyone to take newsletters back to their states to share.

Cortney Holshouser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kathy Dubs. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectively submitted Julie Murnin, Secretary.