

American Angus Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6 2016, Grand Island, NE

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Shally Rogen.
There were 75 in attendance.

Following a welcome to all, Shally introduced special guests in attendance –
Committee Chairs
State Presidents
Past Presidents
Distinguished Women
Angus Media
Miss American Angus Jera Pipkin and her mother JoAnn Pipkin

Aliesha Dethlefs spoke on behalf of Nebraska Angus, of their gratitude for Bette Votaw, a past president, honoring her for her long standing service and support of the state ladies and youth. Bette is a past president of the American Angus Auxiliary and raised two Miss American Angus Queens, Kerri Votaw Kliever of Nebraska and Kathy Votaw Dubs of Montana. She was presented with flowers.

Minutes of the 2015 Mid-Year Meeting were provided in the meeting packet. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Mary Greiman, seconded by Emma Collins. Motion passed

Treasurer Report - Leslie Mindemann presented the financial statement. With no questions a motion to approve the finance report was presented by Julie Thelen, seconded by Barb Etredge. Motion passed

Regional Director and Committee Reports were provided in the meeting packet.

Shally called on several committees to provide oral reports –

Beef Education/Cook-off – Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe reported that there were 45 Cook-off teams in the Steak (8), Roast (15), and Other (12) (Cab Shredded Brisket) categories. There were 2 junior teams in the Chef Challenge and 4 adults. Friends of the Black Kettle support additional awards for the teams thru donors who contribute \$100 annually to the program. Anyone can join Friends of the Black Kettle. This year Cook-off made Page 1 of the local paper.

Public Relations Committee– Cortney Holshouser

API is in the process of rebuilding the Auxiliary website for a new look. We have quite a bit of archived material which is taking time to incorporate. We've just launched an email service called Constant Contact to keep the membership up to date with current activities. The plan is to send 2 to 4 emails per month. If you are not receiving these you can always contact the Auxiliary via the email link on our website.

Angus Gift Barn – Christy Perdue

We would like everyone to spread the word that the Angus Gift Barn is part of the Auxiliary and our funding tool. Christy attends NJAS, Angus Convention, and Atlantic Nationals as cash and carry. Please sign up to help in the Gift Barn. Two hours' work will earn you a 10% discount on your purchases. Check out the many new items and don't forget to check the Angus Gift Barn website often for new items when they are added.

Scholarship Committee – Julie Murnin

We had 8 boys and 10 girls apply from 15 states. Friday night we will award \$15,500 in scholarships which is an increase over last year. The five Miss American Angus candidates will also be announced.

Nominating Committee – Lynne Hinrichsen

August 1st is the deadline for Auxiliary Board applications. Nominations are being accepted for Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Directors in regions 1, 2, and 3. Nomination forms can be found online. Ballots for Regional Directors will be in the Fall edition of the "Auxiliary Post". Secretary/Treasurer position will be voted on at The Annual meeting in November.

Miss American Angus, Jera Pipkin, spoke on her activities as MAA. If you had an opportunity to read her article in the Spring "Auxiliary Post" you'll find what she's been doing the first part of her reign. Since then she's attended several spring shows with extensive traveling. She is truly enjoying all her experiences in this position. You can keep up to date with her activities through her FaceBook page, find her at #2016missamericanangus Instagram, or connect with her blog at www.missamericanangus.wordpress.com. She also invited everyone to chat with her during the NJAS. Jera expressed her deep thanks to Anne Patton Schubert who commissioned a portrait of Jera from CJ Brown. What a wonderful keepsake of all her memories as Miss American Angus.

Membership Concerns – Leslie Mindemann. We have been working diligently on bringing the membership list up to date the past few years by asking State Presidents to review their respective lists, contacting annual members, and at this meeting asking each of you to verify and update your information. With the advent of our email communications it's even more important to maintain accurate information. Contact our membership chair, Jamie Rutledge, with personal updates as they occur.

New Business –

By Law Revisions –

per our governing By-laws any revision is to be presented and discussed at the Mid-Year Meeting. Following a suggestion to make an update the Board thoroughly reviewed all areas and recommends several changes in light of our additional Funds and newer technology. Recommended revisions are in the meeting packet. Shally read and reviewed each change recommended.

Mary Greiman asked about section 10.5 that the Auxiliary would turn over funds to the Angus Association rather than the Foundation. Since the original purpose of the Funds is the directive the Board felt the Association would most likely keep the Funds in place so long as the Foundation is still an active entity.

Anne Patton Schubert asked if changes to 4.1 and 8.2 would eliminate voting via USPS. All existing methods stay the same, only electronic options are being added. Several members commented positively on the by-law revisions.

No further questions or discussion.

Full Circle Online Auction –

Brochures were available to each member explaining the new venture. Shally explained the opportunities offered using the online sale venue. This will be a five-year project replacing the other annual fundraising activity.

It is open to any breeder, company, or individual who wants national exposure, a return of 50% of sales, and to support the American Angus Auxiliary. It gives Auxiliary supporters a chance to help without a huge financial outlay.

We are looking to expand and create a great revenue stream to support Angus

youth, awards and scholarships. Jena Wagner was recognized for her work on the [project].

Mentor Program –

This new program will match an Auxiliary adult member with a young person aged 18-23 to offer support as they develop a career path. Mentors and Mentees will be matched by professional interest and region and will make a one-year commitment. Communication can be through email, phone or both.

Following the one year term the two can determine any continuing support. Sign-up forms are available.

2016 Annual Meeting, Breakfast, and Miss American Angus Contest will be held November 5-7 in Indianapolis, in conjunction with the Angus Convention. Register early. Auxiliary events will be held at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown and in the adjacent Convention Center. South Dakota will be hosting the Breakfast and has great plans underway.

Baby Black the 1960's book commissioned by the American Angus Auxiliary is in the works to be published next year in honor of the 65th anniversary of the Auxiliary. The American Angus Association holds the copyright and API has digitized their 1980's edition of the book. Jane Ebert and Leslie Mindemann are working on the project. Plans will be finalized later this year.

Announcements – The Auxiliary is proud to offer \$15,500 in scholarship funds this year. During the Awards Ceremony Friday night, the Auxiliary will hand out awards for Cook-off, Speech Contest, Scholarship and MAA Contestants. On Saturday the Auxiliary will present Showmanship, Silver Pitcher, and Crystal awards. Please plan to attend.

Adjournment – Motion by Emma Collins, seconded by Julie Thelen. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Mindemann
Secretary, American Angus Auxiliary

Mid-Year Meeting – 07/06/2016 Attendance

Cindy Ahearn, TX
Carol Bloom, IN
Sandy Carmichael, IN
Emma Collins, KS
Britney Creamer, CO
Barbara Dance, OH
Laurie Dethlefs, NE
Kathy Dubs, MT
Beverly Figge, KS
Stephanie Fouts, KY
Cimeron Frost, IL
Mary Greiman, IA
Brooke Harward, NC
Leslie Hash, TX
Deanna Hofing, IN
Gina Hope, VA

Linda Alexander, TX
Kris Brock, IN
Annie Ruyle-Chaffin, IL
Myra Colin, MO
Kathi Creamer, CO
Carol DeMeyer, MI
Allison Dubs, MT
Barb Ettredge, TX
Tammy Ettredge Foote, NE
Lisa Fouts, KY
Carolyn Gazda, GA
June Hagenbuch, KS
Patty Harward, NC
Lynne Hinrichsen, KS
Cortney Holshouser, NC
Judy Howell, IN

Gayle Jones, NC
Kerri Votaw, Kliewer, NE
Anne Lampe, KS
Faith Massingill, TX
Angelika McGuire, AL
Venetta Moczygema, MO
Julie Murnin, MT
Lori Pillars, MI
Jera Ann Pipkin, MO
Moriah Olson Pholman, TX
Shally Rogen, SD
Angela Schermer, IA
Anne Patton Schubert, KY
Deborah St. Clair, VA
Nancy Thelen, MI
Bette Votaw, NE
Kari Lee Wagner, MT
Jeannine Wiley, IN
Vivian Wolf, TX
Jeana Sankey-Hurlbut, SD

Teresa Keyes, NE
Karla Knapp, IA
Darci Maas, IA
Dixie McCormick, IA
Leslie Mindemann, WI
Stacy Morris, TX
Christy Purdue, NC
Roxi Pinkerton, TX
JoAnn Pipkin, MO
Michelle Reiff, AR
Leslie Morelock Roye, AR
Lisa Schmitt, TX
Heather Smith, NE
Julie Thelen, MI
Sheri Tunstill, AR
Jena Wagner, MT
Merridee Wells, TX
Kathy Wilson, IN
Elaine Wood, NC
Erica Styles, SD

