



Auxiliary Notes

► by **Sharee Sankey**, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Fall festivities

My favorite time of year is here, with all the trees and grasses turning their vibrant colors for fall. Many of us have been looking for that cool fall weather after our long, hot summer. Spring calves have been weaned and fall calves are here and still coming. The month of October is a holiday in itself with the season change.

Flurry of activities

Many of the fall stock shows are this month — the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE) in Billings, Mont.; the American Royal in Kansas City, Mo.; and the World Beef Expo in Milwaukee, Wis., to name a few. And many of you will be attending “The Magic of the Vine” Angus Foundation benefit in California at Vintage Angus Ranch. Time keeps rolling on for activities and shows to attend.

Our Auxiliary Annual Meeting weekend is coming up in November. It will be hosted in conjunction with Angus events at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) Nov. 11-14. Please look at the activities scheduled so you won't miss anything.

Auxiliary activities

Our meetings for the Auxiliary will be Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Edinborough room of the Executive West Hotel headquarters. The Executive Board Meeting will be at 2 p.m., with the Annual Meeting beginning at 3 p.m. Please note the time changes from last year.

A trip down the yellow brick road to the Land of Oz will bring you to the Auxiliary Breakfast on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Sandra McCurry organizes the breakfast every year with her awesome committee members. This

year Dorothy, Toto and the rest of the Oz characters will meet you at the door.

The morning will get you started with a full breakfast, entertainment and the chance to visit with friends. The Kansas Angus

Auxiliary ladies are looking forward to the morning's activities at the Land of Oz breakfast. Advanced reservations are requested. Please contact Sandra McCurry by cell phone at (316) 304-5973, home phone at (316) 667-2418, or e-mail at sandramccurry3@aol.com to make your reservations. Tickets for the breakfast are \$15 per person. The suggested attire is casual.

On Sunday afternoon five outstanding young ladies will present prepared speeches and answer impromptu questions, beginning at 4:30 p.m. or immediately following the open forum, during one phase of competition for the 2007 Miss American Angus title. This is open to the public and will take place in the Edinborough Room. I think you will be impressed by the tremendous speaking ability and talents of these top young women of the Angus breed.

Auxiliary extras

One of the favorite stops for many Angus enthusiasts at the NAILE is the Holiday Room. You will find our Angus Sale Barn, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and the Kansas Angus Auxiliary with unique gifts and Angus collectibles to sell. It is a great place to do your Christmas shopping and save on shipping. If you have some extra time while attending the NAILE, Cathy Miller, our Angus Sale Barn Chairman, would like to invite you to help out in the Holiday Room during the three days we are open. You will get a discount on your purchases for helping. Holiday Room hours are detailed in the schedule.

The Auxiliary will have several items, including embryo packages, to be auctioned off at the Angus Reception Sunday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Queen of Scots Room. A detailed listing of the packages will be available prior to the auction. This is one of our fundraising activities for the Auxiliary, so check out this listing and direct any possible buyers our way.

Featuring the annual meetings for the American Angus Auxiliary and the American Angus Association, Louisville offers a great place to meet Angus breeders and enthusiasts and to become involved in these two organizations. The breed is great because of its membership, so whether you are a new member or one who has been a member for

**“Individual commitment to a group effort — that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”
— Vince Lombardi**

Auxiliary schedule for NAILE

Join the American Angus Auxiliary at the many activities that take place alongside the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. All activities take place at the Executive West Hotel.

Saturday, Nov. 11

- 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Drinkwater Room
- 2 p.m. Executive Board Meeting, Edinborough Room
- 3 p.m. American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting, Edinborough Room

Sunday, Nov. 12

- 8 a.m. Annual Auxiliary Breakfast, Queen of Scots Room
Contact Sandra McCurry to reserve tickets at sandramccurry3@aol.com, (316) 304-5973 or (316) 667-2418. Please leave a message.
- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Drinkwater Room
- 4:30 p.m. Miss American Angus speeches and questions (open to the public), Edinborough Room
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Angus Reception, featuring the auction of embryo packages to benefit the Auxiliary scholarship fund, Queen of Scots Room

Monday, Nov. 13

- 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Holiday Room open, Drinkwater Room

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a while, I challenge you to become a member that makes a difference by being actively involved. I look forward to seeing you in Louisville in November!



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Minutes of the July 13, 2006, meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary

The midyear meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary took place during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS), Thursday, July 13, 2006. President Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Copies of the agenda, secretary's report, treasurer's report and a survey were handed out. There were 34 members and guests present, and everyone introduced themselves.

Sankey thanked Cheramie Viator, Franklin, Texas, for presenting the scholarship workshop prior to the meeting.

Miss American Angus Mallory Trosper from Hamilton, Mo., thanked the Auxiliary for their support and shared her appreciation for the opportunity given to her.

Secretary's report

Lois Foster, Niles, Mich., moved to approve the minutes of the 2005 general membership meeting as printed in the February 2006 *Angus Journal*. Viator seconded the motion, and it carried.

Treasurer's report

Secretary-treasurer Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., presented the treasurer's report. Each member received a handout. Anne Patton Schubert, Taylorsville, Ky., moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed. Wendy Petteway, Zolfo Springs, Fla., seconded the motion, and it carried. The executive treasurer position continues to work well. Many thanks to Elaine Williams, Lavaca, Ark., for taking on this position.

Committee reports

Crystal Award. Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind., announced that the Crystal Award was going well. Junior Activities summer intern Matt Coulter was helping her with the contest results. The award covers all contests, except the judging contest and showing results. Eunice Kelm, Brenham, Texas, and Vicki Meiburg, North Branch, Mich., will be learning about the contest and will be assisting her.

Ways and Means. Cathy Miller, Ways and Means Committee Chairperson from Luckey, Ohio, requested feedback about the Angus Sale Barn products and booth. She also passed around a work sign-up sheet. Advisor Shirley Williams, Van Buren, Ark., thanked Cathy for her work on the Sale Barn.

Membership. Membership Chairperson Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont., passed around the membership list and asked those present to note any corrections. There are 1,425 lifetime members in the Auxiliary, as well as 111 annual members for 2006. Patterson shared that Angus Productions Inc. (API), can put the membership files in an Excel® spreadsheet on the Auxiliary Web site.

Scholarships. President-elect Mary Greiman, Garner, Iowa, reported on the scholarships. Twelve boys and 15 girls applied, and

the committee did a great job. Thanks to the sale of the Lemmon heifer, \$10,000 will be awarded in scholarships this year. The dollar amounts given were first place, \$1,200; second place, \$1,050; third place, \$1,000; fourth place, \$900; and fifth place, \$850.

The committee recommendations included having a scholarship workshop at the NJAS, having the 2007 form available soon, and having the state contacts receive a letter in the fall with information on the contest and procedures. The use of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) workbook was also encouraged.

A change in the scoring was recommended with regard to points awarded for Bronze and Silver awards (currently three points) and letters of recommendation (currently six points). Barb Sweeney, Mason, Mich., made the motion to move three points from the letters to the Bronze and Silver awards, making the letters worth three points and the attainment of the Bronze and Silver awards worth six points. Patterson seconded the motion, and it carried. The score sheet and scholarship form will be updated to reflect these changes.

The Auxiliary will also work with James Fisher, American Angus Association director of activities and junior activities, to disseminate information about this change in the *Directions* newsletter and in connection with the scholarships so advisors can encourage the juniors to utilize the workbook and apply for the awards.

CAB Cook-Off. Schubert, chairperson of the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off, thanked everyone for their help and shared copies of the recipes from this year's contest. There were 35 teams including 172 individuals. There were 16 teams in the fresh meat division, 10 in the Quick-N-Easy™ division, and nine in the deli meat division. There were also four groups of judges for the event.

Schubert reported that the local Indiana contact was great, and all teams were videotaped. There were increased donations this year thanks to Patton Farms, the Kentucky Angus Association and the Indiana Angus Auxiliary, in addition to donations from Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Association. If anyone has suggestions for additional judges, please contact Schubert.

Sankey thanked Schubert and Anne Lampe, co-chair, for the excellent job they do with the contest and for encouraging states to enter adult teams.

Historian. Foster, historian, requested information for the scrapbook. Please send any information to Foster, Thelen or Sankey.

Old business

There was no old business.

New business

Thelen asked everyone present to complete the informational survey to help provide input to the Executive Committee.

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Announcements

Williams encouraged anyone interested to run for an Auxiliary office. Contact her if interested. The American Agri-Women's Convention will be Nov. 9-11, in Miami, Fla. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend; information is available on their Web site.

Everyone is invited to attend the Auxiliary annual meeting at 3 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Ky. The Auxiliary breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Nov. 12 at the Executive West. Tickets will be \$15.

Sweeney moved to adjourn, with Janel Horrocks-Boehmer, Williamston, Mich., seconding. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned, and door prizes from the Indiana Beef Council were given out.

*– Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Thelen
2006 secretary-treasurer*