

American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – Sheraton Overland Park, Overland Park, KS

Call to Order: Lynne Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 3:19. 27 total were in attendance. It was noted by Lynne that the agenda distributed should be updated to reflect a year of 2015, instead of 2014, and that the Minutes to be read would be from the 2014 Annual Meeting, not 2013.

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

Lynne then presented the committee chairs with a token of her appreciation for their service.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting: The minutes were presented for review at the check-in table. Motion to accept the minutes made by Meg Shelton. Second Sara Stevenson. Vote taken, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bookkeeper Leslie Mindemann read the Treasurer's Report. She reminded all committee chairs to present their expenses to her for reimbursement throughout the year. On the Profit and Loss Statement, income was \$85,795.93, an increase of \$10,883.52, mostly due to the Ways and Means Committee, Angus Gift Barn. Expenses were \$82,295.97. Net income \$5,056.93. Balance sheet was presented. The Endowment Funds were reported on. Money is added to the Award and Scholarship accounts each year. The Finance and Executive Committees will decide the final scholarship amounts to be awarded in the spring. Scholarship amounts have increased over the last 6 years due to the

financial health of the Auxiliary and the Endowment Funds. The goal is to make sure that the funds continue to grow. In fiscal year 2014, the deposit was made into the Awards account instead of the Scholarship account. The balances have been corrected. 25% of the Net Income each year is transferred to the Awards account. The Pat Grote account is healthy and growing. In summary, the financial status of the Auxiliary is good because of the prudent spending of the board.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read made by Joan Lutchka. Second by Sharee Sankey. Vote taken, motion carried.

Regional Director Reports, Committee Reports and State President Reports:

Lynne Hinrichsen announced that the reports were in the packet at the check-in table and all were encouraged to read the reports.

Sara Stevenson, President from Montana, gave a quick summary as her report was not printed and included with the others. Montana is 60 members strong and is a busy group.

Thank You and Recognition: Lynne expressed her appreciation to all who helped out during her term as president, including the board. She thanked Christy Perdue for all of her hard work on the Angus Gift Barn. She also recognized Carla for her service to the Auxiliary and announced her resignation as Secretary/Treasurer. Lynne introduced the new ladies to join the board: Shally Rogen, President Elect; Gina Hope, Region 6 Director; and Karla Knapp, Region 3 Director. Lynne also introduced Emma Collins, Historian, and thanked her for her work on the scrapbook and preserving the history of the Auxiliary. Emma presented Lynne with the 2015 President's Scrapbook.

New Business:

Women Connected – Anne Lampe announced that applications will be accepted in the spring for the third Women Connected Conference, April 2-4, 2016 in Wooster, OH, at the CAB Culinary Center. A wide range of presenters and activities are on the agenda. The Angus Foundation sponsors 100% of the

conference. Only cost to attendees is travel expense to get to Wooster. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2016. Email Anne for application, and it will also be on the Auxiliary website. Topics will include hands-on cooking demonstrations and getting to know the CAB product and specifications.

2016 Budget – Chair of the Finance Committee Nancy Thelan presented the 2016 Budget. The proposed budget shows a \$30,000 increase in the projected income with the addition of the Women Connected funds from the Foundation and the expected increase in Gift Barn revenue. Nancy thanked the committee.

Nomination Committee - Chair Cortney Holshouser announced the appointment of the new members to the committee: Kathi Creamer, Colorado; and Michelle Reiff, Arkansas. Michelle Reiff made a motion to nominate Anne Patton Schubert, Kentucky, to the nomination committee. Second Ardys O'Neil. Vote taken, motion carried. Anne Patton Schubert made a motion to nominate Barbara Ettredge, Texas, to the nomination committee. Second Anne Lampe. Vote taken, motion carried. Emma Collins made a motion to cease nominations. Second Anne Lampe. Vote taken, motion carried. Cortney then read the slate of officers for 2016: President, Shally Rogen; President Elect, Julie Murnin; Secretary/Treasurer, Leslie Mindemann; Advisor, Lynne Hinrichsen. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none nominations were ceased. Emma Collins motion to accept the slate of officers. Second Meg Shelton. Vote taken, motion carried. The results of the Regional Officer election were announced: Region 4 Melani Kiani; Region 5 Deanna Hofing; Region 6 Gina Hope.

Passing of the Gavel – Lynne introduced her friend, and new Auxiliary President Shally Rogen. Shally is excited to serve and looks forward to the coming year. She hopes to increase communication. She presented Lynne a token of appreciation for her year of service.

Announcements:

Shally reminded everyone of the breakfast on Wednesday morning.

Joan Lutchka stated there is concern over the election process and that should be addressed. A number of people voted by email, there was an extension and some did not have the opportunity to vote. Shally reported that the Executive Committee had voted on Monday to make improvements to the process including: fall issue of the Post will mail September 1 and will possibly be mailed First Class, if funds allow. Ardys O'Neil added that we needed not rely solely on email as some still did not use it as much.

Michelle Reiff announced there were still breakfast tickets available. The Auxiliary Breakfast is Wednesday in the Leathwerood Room at 7:30 am. 275 tickets were sold so far. The schedule is to be finished by 8:25 so everyone could get to the Candidate's Forum. She thanked API for their work on the Breakfast Program and also announced the jewelry fundraiser drawing would occur at the Breakfast.

Shally announced that the Miss American Angus speeches would be downstairs in Room 2 at the Convention Center on Wednesday at 5:00.

Emma Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Leslie Mindemann. Meeting was adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Respectively submitted Julie Murnin, Secretary.