

American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Salt Lake City, Utah

President Deanna Hofing called the meeting to order at 2:16pm

Miss American Angus, Mary Wood recapped her year as the 2022 Miss American Angus including travels and her new advocacy platform in conjunction with Certified Angus Beef. Her work with CAB allowed her to attend several ranch field days in North Carolina. She found it rewarding to be able to bridge the gap between producers and consumers by being the face of the American Angus breed and Auxiliary.

Cortney Cates introduced the five contestants competing for the 2023 Miss American Angus. Contestants Allison Davis, Hailey Jentz, Lexi Koelling, Lizzie Schafer, and Kelsey Theis have been through their orientation, etiquette session with Diane Johnson, completed their written test and have had lunch with the judges. Interviews and speeches will finish up their competition with crowning to be held at the Awards Dinner.

Mark McCully, American Angus Association CEO welcomed the Auxiliary to the convention and thanked us for all our work over the last year. He is very passionate about our Angus youth and how we can help them to become great leaders.

President Deanna Hofing welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the past presidents, distinguished women, committee chairs and state presidents and thanked them for traveling to Salt Lake City to join us. Our meeting was also available by Zoom and instructions on voting were covered.

Gina Hope moved to accept the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes, Fort Worth, TX, that were published in the February Angus Journal and on the Auxiliary website. Catie Hope seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Karla Knapp reported that there is \$64,631.44 in current assets along with a 5-year CD that will be coming due in February 2023 for \$5,668.86, making our total assets \$70,300.30. Highlighted profits came from increasing annual membership from \$10 to \$20, our 70-year letter drive, and our 70-year kick-off celebration.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Cortney Holshouser reported on the Full Circle Online Auction to be held this upcoming Thursday, November 10th on Angus Live. There will be 33 items on consignment to support our junior programs and it will include a variety of

items that will have something for everyone. Courtney thanked all who donated as well as her committee for all of their hard work.

- Catie Hope, Historian updated us on the president's book and the inclusion of the annual meetings before it will be presented to Deanna at a later date.
- Courtney Cates thanked all of the sponsors of the Miss American Angus contest and looks forward to the crowning of our new queen.

Old Business:

- Gina Hope reviewed the suggested by-law changes that have been presented at the mid-year meeting, published in the Fall Post and placed on the website. Carol Bloom made a motion to accept the by-law changes as presented. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion. Motion passed. Gina then thanked her committee.
- Miss American Angus "Letter of Intent"- a motion was made at the mid-year meeting for Deanna to follow up with the legal department at the American Angus Association regarding a statement to be included in the letter of intent. Deanna has been in communication with legal, as well as the officers and the MAA committee. With some changes to our handbook that will define our women of empowerment and females in agriculture, a positive outcome can be achieved. The MAA committee will be working on updating our handbook terminology and should have these updates finished by February 1st.

New Business:

- Nancy Thelen, Finance Chair presented the 2022-23 budget. We are looking to work with a budget that includes profits from the CJ Brown painting as well as the increase in the MAA budget to include travel opportunities for the advocacy program. A motion by Erica Styles was made to approve the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Landi Livingston. Motion passed. Endowment funds have seen a decrease because of the economy.
- Appointment of 2022-23 Nominating Committee- President Deanna Hofing stated that the executive committee appointed Moriah Pohlman, TX and Mary McCurry, KS to the nominating committee. Nominations were then taken from the floor. Cindy Ahearn nominated Allison Dubbs, MT. Allison accepted the nomination and Nancy Thelen seconded her nomination.

Motion passed. Cortney Holshouser nominated Heather Smith, NE, seconded by Tonya Theis. Motion passed.

- Appointment of Election Tellers- President Deanna Hofing appointed Gina Hope and Morgan Knapp as tellers for the election.
- Nominating Committee/Slate of Officers: Chairman Pam Velisek announced the results of voting, and the following Regional Directors are Region 1-Cindy Worthington, CA; Region 2-Megan Ahearn, TX; Region 3- Stacy Erdmann, ND. Pam Velisek then presented the slate of officers for 2022-2023 as President, Julie Conover; President Elect, Karla Knapp; Secretary/Treasurer, Tonya Theis and Advisor Deanna Hofing. Deanna Hofing then asked for nominations from the floor. Anne Lampe made a motion that nominations cease and that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. Barb Ettredge seconded the motion. Voting ensued. Motion passed.

President Deanna Hofing thanked her executive team, amazing committee chairs and the support of past presidents for her incredible year. She reminded everyone of the beautiful CJ Brown painting that will be auctioned off at the Auxiliary Breakfast in the morning. Deanna Hofing then passed the gavel to the new President, Julie Conover.

President Julie Conover thanked Pam Velisek and Amy Griffin for their years of service to the Auxiliary. Amy Griffin has taken on the position as Auxiliary bookkeeper and Pam will be serving in the role as co-chair to our Programs and Hospitality. Julie then announced the Auxiliary Breakfast will be starting at 7:30 sharp in the morning with plans to have pictures of Officers, Distinguished Women and Past Presidents to follow the breakfast. Miss American Angus speeches will follow the Breakfast. The Full Circle Auction is scheduled for November 10th on Angus Live this Thursday, and she encouraged everyone to bid often. The National Junior Angus Show will be held in Grand Island, NE this summer July 1-8th and the Auxiliary will be hosting this year's Royalty Reception.

Next year's Convention will be held in sunny Orlando, Florida, November 2-4th, 2023.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cortney Holshouser. Morgan Knapp seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karla Knapp

Secretary/Treasurer