

American Angus Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting

July 17, 2019, Louisville, KY

President Cindy Ahearn called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. She introduced the Regional Directors, Committee Chairs, Distinguished Women, Past Presidents, Charter Members, State Presidents and American Angus Association Staff.

Miss American Angus Madison Weaver gave an update on her year so far, she says it has been busy and hectic but she loves it. She has been racking up the miles across the country and has been a lot of places new. Hard to believe her year is already half over. She is doing a wonderful job representing the Auxiliary and Angus.

Minutes: Cindy Ahearn stated that the Minutes from the 2018 Mid-year meeting were online and were sent out in the Fall Post last September. **Motion:** Anne Lampe made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as presented, seconded by Emma Collins, **motion passed.**

Treasurers Report: Pam Velisek presented the Mid-Year Financial Statement that was handed out for review.

Regional Directors Reports and Committee Chairman Reports were available online for review.

Oral Committee Reports:

Historian –Emma Collins reported that she is working on the yearly scrapbook and welcomes anyone who would like to join her committee. She requests that state auxiliaries send in pictures of their activities and fundraisers to be included.

Beef Education/Cook-Off – Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe reported on the cook off contest. They had 192 juniors that participated, 41 teams total and 5 Chef's Challenge teams. Was a great success and appreciate the support of CAB and all the volunteers.

Scholarship – Gina Hope reported that we had 21 applications turned in. This was the first year that we went all digital and it went very well. The judges had no issues with receiving applications digitally. The committee will update a few questions on next year's application.

Full Circle Online Auction – Shally Rogan reported that the auction would be held on Nov. 7, 2019 through anguslive.com (Thursday following the Angus Convention in Reno). Our preceding auctions indicate that our audience prefers items that are in the \$300-\$600 range so we are not chasing a \$2,000 consignment. (We won't turn one down but they don't seem to sell well.) Therefore, we will need more consignments to meet our goal and this is the reason why the Full Circle committee is turning to the state auxiliary presidents. Please contact Shally if you have a donation or any questions.

Nominating – Leslie Mindemann stated that we will be filling regional directors' positions for region 4, 5 and 6. We are also looking for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. If you know of anyone interested in serving please contact Leslie or one of the committee members.

Angus Gift Barn – Melani Kiani said that the AGB would be open from 8a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, please come by and shop! Have some new items and will be putting some of the older merchandise on sale towards the end of the week.

Public Relations – Julie Murnin gave an overview of the last 5 months or so for the PR committee. They have an agreement with Angus Media and Angus Journal. Have renegotiated with the American Angus Association and currently are working on getting everything in writing. Transitioning everything to digital so that all reports will be on the website including The Auxiliary Post. We are updating Constant Contact so hopefully you will see more of those coming out and Anne Lampe keeps Facebook updated with current information. Thanks to Julie for all of her efforts over the last year with all the changes that have occurred at the Association.

Old Business:

Ways and Means – We currently have five (5) main fundraiser, Angus Gift Barn, Gifts That Sizzle, Rattey Sculptures, Boelte-Hall Greeting Cards and Full Circle Online Auction, with the Gift Barn and Full Circle being the two largest. Mary Greiman reported that the Gifts That Sizzle raised \$1,821.82 this year, shipping cost have increased but Certified Angus Beef absorbed that cost for us. Thank you to them!

Angus Gift Barn Contract Renewal – We will renew contract with Melani Kiani for coming year 2019-20.

Certificate of Achievement – Cindy Ahearn announced that Carol Bloom would be resigning as Chairperson of this committee and thanked Carol for her many years of service. Karla Knapp of Iowa will be taking Carol's place as Chair. Deadline for applications is approaching, 9/30/2019.

Maturing CD's – We had a CD mature in July and opened a new 11 month CD in the amount of \$10,000.00. We have another maturing in August in the amount of \$5000 and will roll over to mature in 2022.

Endowment Agreements between Auxiliary and Foundation – Cindy Ahearn reported that this is one more item that we are working on a written agreement between Foundation and Auxiliary. Confirmed that all monies are secure but have never really had "formal" agreement in the past.

New Business:

Digital Transition- This was the year to go Digital. For the most part it worked well with the exception of the Post. We learned that we really did not have as many email addresses as we had hoped. Cindy tasked the Regional Directors with reaching out in their states and gathering as much information as possible. We ended up mailing out about 390 Post snail mail but made

members aware that would be the last one to be mailed with the exception of the few who specifically requested a hard copy.

Mentoring Changes – Katelyn Corsetino is now heading up this program with the goal of bridging the gap between the girls aging out and the mid-30's group. We have not had a lot of participation in this age group and hope to increase it.

Bylaws – The Executive Committee proposed Bylaws changes to the following: Article IV Officers and Regional Directors, Section 4.1, Section 4.2 and Section 4.5, Article VII Standing Committees, Section 7.8 (1) and (4) and Article VIII Nominations and Elections, Section 8.1 (3). (See Attached Proposals). There was a great deal of discussion over Article VII, 7.8 (4) Scholarship Committee and immediate family being eligible for awards. **Motion:** Anne Lampe made a motion to withdrawal the proposed change of Art. VII 7.8(4), seconded by Jane Ebert, **motion passed.** There was further discussion over better defining the officers verses the Regional Directors, most feel the officers are defined as President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Advisor. The Regional Directors should not be considered officers even though they are part of the Executive Committee. The Proposed Bylaws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Reno in November.

Finance – Controller for expenditures (invoices will be reviewed prior to being paid). Bookkeeper will continue to list the expenses against the income on the individual fundraisers so we see a truer profit on each fundraiser. We will be moving \$9000 of the Full Circle Online Auction income to the Scholarship Fund out of the general account.

Angus Gift Barn going to Reno – Originally the Executive Committee had decided to not send AGB to Reno for the convention because of the expense and felt we would not make enough profit for it to be worthwhile. The AAA learned of this and really wanted the Auxiliary present at the convention and is covering the expense of shipping trailer to Reno plus not charging for booth space. We are very appreciative of their help this year and grateful that the AGB will be at the Convention and Annual Meeting.

Foundation External Relations Committee- Committee is being formed by Foundation and AAA and they are asking that the Auxiliary be represented. The Advisor will serve on this committee on behalf of the Auxiliary.

Many Chinese Auction winners were drawn during the meeting and tasty Mint Julips were served.

Motion: Debbie St. Clair made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and it was seconded by Karla Knapp. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Velisek
Secretary/Treasurer, AAAux

