

American Angus Auxiliary

Mid-Year Meeting

July 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 4:17pm CST on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 by President Deanna Hofing at the American Royal Complex, Kansas City, MO.

There were 81 members present that included 10 new members. 17 members also joined the meeting via Zoom for a total of 98 members in attendance.

President Deanna Hofing introduced her Executive Board Members: Pam Velisek, Julie Conover, Karla Knapp, Cindy Worthington, Christy Perdue, Rebecca Knott, Valerie Trowbridge, Stacy Erdmann and Amy Griffin. Deanna also welcomed and thanked the Committee Chairs, Charter Members, Distinguished Women, Past Auxiliary Presidents, State Presidents, and the American Angus Association staff.

Miss American Angus Mary Wood gave us an update on her year so far and her new role in conjunction with Certified Angus Beef. Mary has been able to attend outings in North Carolina at the Piggly Wiggly and at Lowe's Foods advocating for the Angus Auxiliary and the beef industry as a whole.

Anne Lampe moved to accept and dispense with the reading of the Mid-Year minutes. Barb Ettredge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Karla Knapp presented the Treasurer's report. As of May 31, 2022, the total assets were \$71,067.89. We are officially out of the BMO bank and everything but the 5-year CD has been transferred to the Commerce Bank. As of May 31st our accounting position has transferred from Julie Angelo to Amy Griffin. Nancy Thelen and Amy Griffin have been working very hard and the transition has been very smooth. The Statement of Financials has us up from last year about \$8,000. This is mainly due to the 70th year Anniversary kick off and the \$70 letter drive campaign. Another highlight was that our membership is up about \$1130.

Committee Reports

Angus Gift Barn: Lauren Patteson is our new AGB manager from Virginia, she introduced herself and invited us all to stop by and see her new items.

Beef Education: Anne Patton Schubert reported on a very successful cook-off with 33 teams participating.

By-Laws Committee: Carol Wojciechowski proposed changes to the by-laws. These changes will be printed in The Post and put to a vote at the Annual meeting in November.

- **Section 4.2.4-Appoint Special Committees as authorized by the Auxiliary Council.** Change "Auxiliary Council" to "Executive Board". The committee agrees with this change.

- **Section 4.2.7-Appoint members to fill vacancies in the officer and regional director positions with the approval of the Auxiliary Council.** Change “Auxiliary Council” to “Executive Board”. This committee agrees with the change.
- **Section 7.1- There shall be the following standing committees in addition such other committees as deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Auxiliary. The committees will report their activities and any recommended actions related to their committee to the Auxiliary Council.** Change “Auxiliary Council” to “membership” as the reports are posted on the website after each meeting. This committee agrees with the change.

Full Circle Online Auction: Cortney Holshouser thanked her committee and have 20 consignments on a printed flyer that went out in every exhibitor packet this week. Since the printing she has secured 6 more consignments and will be taking consignments until August 1st. The Auction will be held November 10, 2022 with Angus Live.

Miss American Angus: Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates and Paige Arnold and her committee are securing sponsorships for the upcoming MAA contest to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah this November.

Membership Committee: Jamie Rutledge updated us that our membership is up to close to 900 members. Our annual membership has increased to \$20. She requested any updates to be emailed out to her.

Nominating Committee: Pam Velisek announced that nominations are now open for Regions 1, 2 and 3 along with Secretary/Treasurer position until August 1st. Applications are to be filled out and returned to her by then. Anyone that has any suggestions for Distinguished Woman to please let her know also.

Scholarship Committee: Julie Conover reported that she had 19 applicants for Scholarship this year. 13 girls and 6 boys. We will be awarding \$20,000 to the top 5 boys and 5 girls on Friday. The committee went over the challenges that Mac users have with the application and what might be done to alleviate this issue. They also went over the change to the one question that happens annually on the application. The updated form will be available in December. Brooke Harward is our liaison for any Scholarship questions, and she will be available to any advisor, parent or applicant.

PR Committee: Megan Green updated us that her and Kalie Rumbold have taken over the committee since November with the mentoring of Julie Murnin. Since then, they have been working on increasing our social media presence.

Old Business

Julie Angelo, our accountant has resigned from her position effective May 31st. Amy Griffin has graciously stepped up and taken over as our new accountant. The transition has been very smooth due to all of Amy’s experience with her family’s business.

Lynne Hinrichsen reported that the Achievement Awards are on a fillable form that is available online to make it much easier to fill out and send in. Erica Styles and Lynne will be receiving those October 1st.

New Business

Drawing for the Saddle Blanket Bag fundraiser took place with the winner being Ashley Murray from Texas being our winner.

Susan Quam, Chairman gave her report of the Special MAA and Scholarship Committee. The report was sent out to membership via constant contact and was posted online as well. Susan is a past President of the Auxiliary in 1997 and a former Miss American Angus in 1985. She introduced and thanked her committee for all of their hard work and frank discussions. The committee was asked to look at the gender and bias issues so that they would be able to best protect the Auxiliary from any legal issues that may arise because of these and how best to protect our programs now and in the future and to maintain their relevancy. The committee met 4 separate times for about an hour and a half to two hours trying to cover every point of view possible. Early on in the discussions, the MAA program was something that was determined by the committee that they wanted to preserve and to have only naturally born females be eligible for MAA and the scholarship be the vehicle for which she is selected. This led to several discussions about the scholarship program and their recommendations that the committee then put forth. The recommendations of the committee are:

- Each state can send two candidates of any gender to the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship competition. Each state will decide if they want to keep sending one of each gender or if they wish to change. In addition, scholarships will be awarded to the top 10 applicants, regardless of gender. This passed via motion by 3-2 margin with one committee member unable to attend the meeting.
- On the scholarship application, remove the check boxed for gender, with the state chair fills out. Replace it with a fill in the blank, completed by the applicant. This passed via motion 5-0.
- On the letter of intent for potential Miss American Angus contestants, add a check box: "I am a female assigned at birth and am eligible to serve as Miss American Angus". This passed 5-0.

Discussion and questions from the floor or via zoom were then held. April Bowman, Pamela Bramhall, Renee Radcliff, Anne Lampe, Rachel Frost, Mary McCurry, Linda Alexander, Kate Decker, Sheila Grobosky, Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates, Nancy Thelen, Brooke Harward all raised questions.

Susan Quam then made a motion: That on the letter of intent for potential Miss American Angus contestants that we add a checkbox that states, I am a female assigned at birth and am eligible to serve as Miss American Angus. In addition, she would like to have the language

checked by legal council to make sure that it is the appropriate language to ensure that intent to keep the Miss American Angus competition to biological females only is preserved.

Discussion ensued.

Susan then withdrew her motion.

Deanna clarified that the committee served recommendations only and did not make any motions. Motions will need to be made from the floor and then voted on.

Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates made a motion: That we keep the scholarship "as is" with 5 boys and 5 girls. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion. The motion was then amended by Cortney Hill Dukehart Cates to: We keep the scholarship with 5 boys and 5 girls and each state being allowed to submit 1 girl and 1 boy applicant. Cindy Ahearn again seconded the motion. Some discussion took place. A vote was taken. Motion passed.

Carolyn Gazda made a motion to word the letter of intent for Miss American Angus the same as what the special committee recommendation was.

Discussion was had to recommend that legal counsel be included to make the wording appropriate.

Carolyn Gazda then modified her motion to leave the wording the same as the committee's recommendation, to add a checkbox that states "I am a female assigned at birth and am eligible to serve as Miss American Angus" but have legal counsel through the Angus Association approve the wording to make sure that we are covered.

Betsy Michael seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued. A vote was called. Motion passed.

Pam Velisek made a motion that the Auxiliary allots up to \$2000 from the general fund for legal advice from the American Angus Association legal for the wording of the letter of intent.

Gretchen Clark seconded. A call for a vote was made. Motion passed by majority vote.

Carol Wojciechowski made a motion to add a check box to have the applicant identify themselves as boy or girl instead of the state chair doing it.

Discussion was had.

Carol then amended her motion to: On the scholarship application, the applicant themselves selects either a male or female checkbox.

Becky Henderson seconded.

Vote was called for. Motion passed by a majority vote.

This being our 70th year, the Auxiliary has commissioned CJ Brown to do a painting of the Matriarchs of the Angus Breed. The painting honors 29 major cow families of the breed and includes our 68 past Presidents. The original painting will be auctioned off at the Auxiliary Breakfast during the Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. We will also be offering 5 Artist Proofs up for auction at that time also. 1 Artist Proof will be available on the Full Circle Online Auction on November 10th on Angus Live. Prints of the Painting will be available sometime after Louisville and ready to be shipped out before Christmas. Pre-orders will begin after the meeting and are available for \$100 plus \$30 for shipping.

Cortney Holhouser made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Reiff seconded the motion.
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Knapp
Secretary/Treasurer