

American Angus Auxiliary Executive Committee

Mid-Year Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2021



The meeting was called to order at 5:13 pm cst on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 by President Pam Velisek at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, NE.

Members were able to attend in person as well as via Zoom. In total, there were 75 people attending in person as well as three on zoom.

All Executive Committee members were introduced including: Pam Velisek, Deanna Hofing, Julie Conover, Gina Hope, Cindy Worthington, Amy Griffin, Karla Knapp, Christy Perdue, Rebecca Knott, and Valerie Trowbridge.

Pam also introduced the following individuals: Charter Members, Past Auxiliary Presidents, Committee Chairs, Distinguished Women, State Presidents, as well as American Angus Association Staff. Mark McCully address the members sharing an Angus update in new times. Thomas Marten addressed the group thanking us for our partnerships with the Angus Foundation. Foundation Chairperson Barry Pollard was also introduced and asked to share a few words.

Courtney Cates moved to accept and dispense with the reading of the Mid-Year minutes. Mary Grienman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Julie Conover presented the Treasurer's report. Based on the June 30, 2021 Statement of Financials, there is \$42,252.08 in current assets including AGB, operating account and money market account. There are two CD's with a total of \$10,979.72. In total assets there are \$53,231.80. To provide additional financial insight, in comparing the funds directly to 2020, we are approximately \$9,000 lower than in 2021. We would attribute that to having already paying the insurance (\$924), less in-person attendance at the Annual Meeting (dues revenue decreased), and not being able to have a booth at the trade show at Convention (AGB).

A portion of the Chinese Auction winners were selected.

Committee Reports

Scholarship Committee: Deanna Hofing that there was a total of sixteen applicants including nine girls and seven boys for a total of \$18,000 to be awarded on Friday evening.

Nomination Committee: Gina Hope announced that nominations are being accepted nominations for the executive committee. Nominations are due August 1st to Gina.

Full Circle Online Auction: Courtney Holshouser thanked the past as well as her current committee. The 2021 auction is scheduled for November 11th on AngusLive. Items will be accepted until August 10th and need to have a value of \$100 or more.

Miss American Angus: Courtney Cates provided a committee report and reminded attendees that the 2021 selection will take place in Ft. Worth, TX at Angus Convention. The committee is

working on securing judges, arranging their schedule and reaching out to potential sponsors. The five girls that will be competing will be announced on Friday and receive communications from their committee.

Beef Education Committee: Thirty teams competed in the 2021 Cook-Off contest. Anne Patton Schubert invited anyone to come help with the 2022 contest that will be held in Kansas City, MO over the 4th of July.

Gifts That Sizzle Committee: Mary Greiman announced that shipping has become an extreme challenge with the program. In the winter, there was a plan announced to phase out the program. However, Certified Angus Beef (CAB) has decided to continue the program through 2021. We appreciate CAB and that they would like to continue to work with us.

By-Laws Committee: Gina Hope passed out two copies of the by-laws to attendees. One was how the proposed by-laws would read and a second copy with the changes in red on the current by-laws. To summarize the changes, there are three major proposed changes:

- Change Executive Committee to be Executive Board and therefore change what was the Executive Board to the Executive Council
- Added section 4.5 to better outline the roles of the advisor.
- Add the opportunity to utilize Zoom for digital access to the meetings.

If anyone has questions about the proposed changes, Gina asked that they reach out to her.

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Old Business

Showmanship Award Bags: Mary Greiman shared that the top five showmanship contestants will be receiving special totes to hold the boxes for allow for those special moments to be better captured by photographers. Five years of sponsors have volunteered at this point.

Achievement Awards: Karla Knapp is working with Caitlyn Brandt about the feasibility of making the Achievement Award fillable and possibly transferable from the Bronze and Silver NJAA application.

New Business

Raffle Fundraiser: Pam Velisek announced that the raffle tickets drawing for the Holy Cow Couture LV bag, table runner and scotch comb will be held this week.

Fundraiser Letter Campaign: Pam Velisek shared the \$70 for the 70th letter writing campaign. The letters went out to all members at the end of last week with the intent of trying to fundraise to get our total amount of scholarship given to \$20,000.

70th Anniversary Kick-Off Party: In conjunction with Angus Convention, we will be hosting a 70th Anniversary Kick-Off Party at the Cowgirl Hall of Fame. The Saturday evening event will be ticked with a maximum of 250 attendees. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 though registration for Angus Convention. The event will include a live auction. Items are still being

secured, but we are excited to announce that the Jewelers Vault will be donating a piece for the live auction.

A special Auxiliary private Wine and Cheese Party will be held at the Jewelers Vault in York, NE on Thursday, July 15 from 5 to 7 pm.

Angus Gift Barn Manager: Melanie Kiani will be retiring as the AGB manager at the conclusion of her contract. We thank Melanie her service and recognize it is truly a labor of love. We will be looking for a new manager, please reach out to any of the Executive Committee if you are or know of someone who is interested in serving as the manager.

Announcements

On September 25th during the World Beef Expo, Wisconsin Angus Auxiliary will be hosting a “Shoot the Bull” contest to fundraise for their scholarship fund. This is open to all cattlemen.

Texas Angus Auxiliary has cook books available that they have made as a fundraiser.

Cindy Kinder from Idaho made a request for the scholarship committee to consider increasing the number of scholarships awarded to make an even broader impact.

The final portion of the Chinese Auction winners were selected.

Pam Velisek announced that Brooke Harwood will be serving as our scholarship liaison. Brooke did a great scholarship presentation at 3:30 and we thank her for her time.

Courtney Holshouser moved and Mary Greiman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Note: The Chinese Auction raised \$1,215.