

American Angus Auxiliary Spring Council Meeting

Saturday, April 22, 2023 in Hermann, Missouri and via Zoom

President Julie Conover called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Julie then introduced the Executive Board, Committee Chairs, State Presidents/State Contacts, Charter Members, Distinguished Women and Past Presidents.

Attended in person in Hermann, Missouri: Julie Conover, Karla Knapp, Deanna Hofing, Stacy Erdmann, Lori Pillars, Cindy Worthington, Megan Ahearn, Christy Perdue, Valerie Trowbridge, and Tonya Theis. Zoom Attendees: Anne Patton Schubert, Nancy Thelen, Nancy Sullivan, Gina Hope, Julie Murnin, Amy Griffin, Cindy Ahearn, Meredith Nowotny, Pam Velisek, Susan Quam, Lynne Hinrichsen, Meghan Ressler, Moxley Jandd, and Reid(?).

Minutes of the October 16, 2022 Council Meeting were presented. Anne Patton Schubert moved to approve. Reid seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tonya Theis presented the Treasurers Report.

Committee Reports

Finance – Nancy Thelen reported that all bank accounts from BMO in St. Joseph are now all in Commerce Bank. After researching the rates and communicating with the finance committee, the Executive Board received the following recommendation: Close the remaining BMO account and move those funds to Commerce Bank and open the 12-month CD with \$25,000 for the special 3.75% interest rate with the additional funds coming from our money market account. The Executive Board voted to approve this action on February 9 and the Amy Griffin and Nancy Thelen have been coordinating these efforts.

Scholarship – Karla Knapp reported that states are gathering their scholarship applicants and preparing for the May 1st deadline. Scholarship Awards amounts were voted on during our Executive Board meeting on April 21, 2023 and include award the scholarships in 2023 with \$10,000 for males and \$10,000 for females with the following breakdown: First \$2,200; Second \$2,100; Third \$2,000; Fourth \$1,900; and Fifth \$1,800.

Full Circle Online Auction (FCOA) – Christy Perdue gave a report for the FCOA Auction. The auction will be held on November 9, 2023. Beginning in 2023, FCOA will only be accepting items that are 100% proceeds and will no longer offer the option to share the profit.

Gifts that Sizzle – Deanna Hofing reported that we are working on some new strategies for the program. The committee is looking at different ideas for “box” sets and strategies for corporate gifting. CAB is willing to help with the marketing of the box sets. Deanna was asked about the gifts sold over the holidays. CAB reported that the link was not correct. People were unable to order from our link. Therefore, we may not have any income. Deanna also reported that the problem has been fixed, but we are unsure the amount if any that we will have for income.

Distinguished Women - Deanna Hofing asked if anyone had nominations for Distinguished Women to please get in touch with her or the committee members.

Nominating - Deanna Hofing reminded the council that we are also looking for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Directors for 4, 5 and 6. Please reach out to Deanna if you know of anyone that would be interested.

CAB Cook-Off - Anne Patton Schubert announced that she would love to have any and all help that they can get in Nebraska for the 40th Anniversary of the CAB Cook-Off.

OLD BUSINESS

CJ Brown Fundraiser - Deanna Hofing reported that we brought in over \$14,000 at the National Convention and the Full Circle Auction print brought over \$500. We only have approximately 40 prints left and have sold over \$7,000 in prints. Remaining prints will be taken to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) to be sold in AGB.

Miss American Angus Empowerment Verbiage – Deanna Hofing continued to work with the American Angus Association legal staff and Miss American Angus chairpersons to determine the correct verbiage for the handbook and letter of intent. Our executive committee voted on and approved the verbiage: “In this role, your goals will be promoting empowerment, self-confidence and service among biological women involved in the breed.”

Angus Gift Barn – Julie Conover reported the profit/loss from the years 2019 to present as prepared by Accountant Amy Griffin:

- 2019: \$5,148.07
- 2020: -\$2,531.92 (purse raffle used to help cover the loss)
- 2021: \$79.18
- 2022: -\$5,528.99
- 2023 as of 4.21.23: \$86.86

The Angus Gift Barn will look a little different this year at National Junior Angus Show. We are having three sections in the gift barn. New Items, Sale Items and Clearance Items. We will be rebranding the booth space and having a few targeted items to sell, educational section and a place for people to gather and visit with each other.

We are also actively looking for a gift barn manager.

NEW BUSINESS

Miss American Angus Crowning Location – After being approached by AAA staff about possibly moving the crowning of MAA to the NJAS, the executive board discussed the option and brought it to the Council for their vote. Megan Ahearn moved to keep the crowning of Miss American Angus at Angus Convention in November. Gina Hope seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Have a new Instagram account for the Auxiliary and encourage members to utilize our website and social media outlets.
- 2023 NJAS, July 2-8, Grand Island, Nebraska
- Fall Council Meeting to be held Sunday, October 15 at 5 PM CT via Zoom
- 2023 Angus Convention, November 4-6, Orlando, Florida
- 2023 Full Circle Online Auction, November 9, 2023 on AngusLive

Pam Velisek moved to adjourn; it was seconded by Amy Griffin. Meeting ended at 10:06 am

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Rae Theis

Secretary/Treasurer