

AUXILIARY NOTES



by Leslie Mindemann, American Angus Auxiliary

Choose your season

'Tis the season — scholarship season, that is. Spring offers exponential opportunities for earning funds for education. Preparation is key. It's never too early to search for and review various scholarship applications to understand records that need to be referenced. Our Certificate of Achievement program is a great way to record milestones, as are the applications for the NJAA Silver and Bronze awards.

Opportunities

Each year the Auxiliary offers 10 scholarships to deserving high school seniors. The instructions and score sheet found on our Auxiliary website can provide insight on producing a winning application. Contact your state auxiliary scholarship chair for assistance, or look to Cindy Ahearn, Auxiliary scholarship chair, as a resource.

'Tis the season — for meeting. Spring is the season for many state annual meetings, selection of royalty, and presenting state awards. Invitation is key to growing membership. Grab a friend or new junior mom to join your group. Each state has their unique approach for building youth for the future. Our regional directors offer additional resources to help you with that goal.

'Tis the season — for love. Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Look to the Angus Gift Barn or a Rattey sculpture for that special

someone. Or add some "sizzle" with *Gifts That Sizzle* for a delicious, romantic dinner. Links to each can be found on our website.

'Tis the season — for learning. Every day is a good learning day. Join us at Women Connected, April 18-20, for "engaging minds and renewing spirits" with women in the ag industry. The application deadline is Feb. 15. Or become a mentor to young ladies searching for their career path. As a short-term

commitment, a match is made based on profession, college study and career goals. Chelsea Duis oversees this project. Start a National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) Cook-Off team with the kids. Information packets to advisors will be in the mail soon.

'Tis the season — to extend an invitation. Telling your story inspires, but many need that smile, an extended hand, and sometimes a "push" to get involved. Our goal is "building youth," with an added benefit of building ourselves in the meantime. The phrases "we need you" and "we think you'd be a good fit" captured my attention, and here I am, in a position I never intended, and yet, I am blessed to be here.



Julie Murnin, 2017 Auxiliary president, speaks at the annual Auxiliary Breakfast in conjunction with the Angus Convention.

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American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

Fort Worth, Texas
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 3:49 p.m. by President Julie Murnin.

Welcome

Julie welcomed the new Nebraska Angus Auxiliary, which started in September. She expressed condolences to the families of Betty Votaw on behalf of the Auxiliary and all its members. Betty was a charter member and will be missed.

She introduced members of the Executive Committee, committee chairs, state presidents, Distinguished Women, past presidents, American Angus Association staff and guests.

Regional directors passed out thank-you gifts from Julie to the committee chairs.

Baby Black books were passed out to the past presidents who contributed seed money for the reproduction of the book.

Minutes

A motion was made by Anne Lampe to accept the minutes of the Mid-year Meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Lynne Hinrichsen. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report

Profit-and-loss sheets were presented by Leslie Mindemann. Line-item expenses were reviewed. Actual income was

\$93,501.38; expenses were \$73,014.76. Net income was \$20,500.17. Balances sheets were equal.

Discussion

Jane Ebert asked how much the Auxiliary contributes to the Miss American Angus (MAA) program? The Auxiliary contributes \$450 to help with dry cleaning, postage, etc. The Auxiliary funds the MAA with \$7,500 (from the Association), most of which is spent on travel.

A motion was made by Cortney Holshouser to accept the treasurer's report as presented. It was seconded by Cortney Cates and passed.

A welcome was extended to Allen Moczygemba, Association CEO. He gave a brief review of Association activities. Registrations are down 1%. 2017 was the 17th largest year for registrations. October 2017 registrations were the largest monthly total in history. Cattle prices are a little soft this year. Twenty-seven percent more females were sold last year.

As CEO, Moczygemba said he promotes a pyramid between trust,

conflict and accountability. He discussed expenses of headquarters expansion and lowering of new testing prices. Allen wants the Auxiliary to be more of a part of and engaged with the Association and to continue to engage the juniors.

Committee Reports

Historian Emma Collins presented the 2017 scrapbook to the outgoing president.

Anne Lampe shared that the 4th Women Connected dates will be April 18-20, 2018, in Excelsior Springs, Mo. The Foundation underwrites the expenses every other year. There is space for 20. Available online Jan. 1, 2018, applications are due Feb 15, 2018, and recipients will be notified by March 1, 2018. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation, and it is not necessary to be an Auxiliary member.

Miss American Angus

Whitney Trospen shared that the contest starts at 6 p.m. The contest involves an industry written test,

interview, lunch and speeches in Room 204. There are five contestants. Miss American Angus will be announced on Monday morning at the Association annual awards breakfast. All volunteers were recognized.



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An annual event, the Auxiliary Breakfast is a popular venue for cattlemen and women attending the Angus Convention.

Old business

Leslie shared that she had researched the copyright of the *Baby Black* children's book and found the American Angus Association holds the copyright and agreed to let the Auxiliary reprint the book. Thank you to all the past presidents for donating toward the reprint expenses.



2017 Auxiliary President Julie Murnin enjoys the breakfast decorations with her children.

Full Circle Online Auction

Julie shared the net profit of the auction was \$10,425. There were 20 consignors and more than 20 buyer groups. There was lots of variety and prices.

Mentor program

Chelsea Duis offered matches after the first of the year. She requested members offer their career support to those aging out of the junior program. There is a low amount of interest at this time.

New business

Yvonne Hinman moved to present an honorary membership to Rich Wilson to be presented at the Auxiliary Breakfast. The motion was seconded by Nancy Thelen and passed.

Finance

Nancy Thelen presented the proposed 2018 budget of \$105,940. These figures include the in and out of the \$20,000 for the Women Connected conference. Pam Velisek made a motion that the Auxiliary transfer \$10,000 of Full Circle Auction proceeds to the scholarship fund and \$5,125 from the general

fund of the 2016-2017 profits to the scholarship fund. Barbara Dance seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Nominating committee

Shally Rogen thanked the past committee members. She announced the appointments of Kathi Creamer and Kathy Dubs to the committee. Nominations from the floor included Esther McCabe from Kansas by Sherri Sankey and Christy Perdue of North Carolina by Cortney Holshouser.

Barbara Ettredge moved to cease nominations, seconded by Julie Conover. The motion passed.

Regional Director nominations for 2018 were:

- Region 4: Brandi Still of Arkansas
- Region 5: Deanna Hofing of Indiana (returning)
- Region 6: Pam Velisek of Maryland

Shally presented the slate of officers for 2018:

- President: Leslie Mindemann of Wisconsin
 - President-elect: Cindy Ahearn of Texas
 - Secretary-treasurer: Gina Hope of Virginia
 - Past President/Advisor: Julie Murnin of Montana
- Barbara Ettredge moved for

nominations to cease. The motion was seconded by Julie Conover and passed.

The gavel was passed from Julie to Leslie. Leslie shared her challenge this next year was to invite others to join the Auxiliary. She thanked the committees and shared she was happy to have the honor to serve.

Announcements

Tom Burke will be inducted into the Saddle & Sirloin Portrait Gallery next weekend in Louisville. The Auxiliary thanks Tom for his support.

The Angus Gift Barn silent auction will run until 7 p.m. Sunday night. The Angus Gift Barn will close at 8 p.m. Sunday night.


Miss American Angus speeches are to be tomorrow (Nov. 5) at 5 p.m.

Madison, Wis., is home to the 2018 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) 50th Anniversary. The planning committee will have some special events.

The Angus Association Convention next year is in Columbus, Ohio.

No other business or announcements were noted.

A motion was made by Cindy Ahearn to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gina Hope, and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m. Sixty-seven members were present. 

Respectfully submitted by
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