

AUXILIARY NOTES

by Cindy Ahearn, President, American Angus Auxiliary

Bred for Brilliance

When the Angus Journal forwarded the theme for February, an instant smile came to my face. "Bred for Brilliance." Seriously? WE ARE ANGUS... the Business Breed. It's a recipe for brilliance.

Not only do we study pedigrees and numbers relentlessly to indeed breed for brilliance, but there is a serendipity in our attachment to the #1 black hid cattle. And the extended Angus family and our progeny that make up the next generation.

Every time I am around our Angus juniors they amaze me with not only their knowledge but their respectfulness, good manners, drive, ambition, dreams, goals, enthusiasm and the list goes on and on. Have you noticed these young people can talk to people of any age? They display a confidence beyond their years. Many of these traits are genetic but some are learned in the barn. You know those lessons not inherited nor learned in a classroom. The ones they will tell you made them who they are today. The opportunities our junior members are provided sets the cornerstone for future success.

An exemplary sample is Madison Weaver of Ephrata, Pa. Maddie



won the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship girls contest then this last November earned the right to wear the Miss American Angus crown and represent the Business Breed. Her schedule is a hectic one and she is already successful at juggling appearances at several events and college classes. You make us proud Maddie!

Scholarship season is around the corner. The Auxiliary Scholarship application can be accessed on our website at www.angusauxiliary.com. Start early as the application is not one you do over the weekend. There are some changes this year, so study the guidelines. Applications are due May 1, 2019, to scholarship chair Gina Hope of Virginia. You can contact her at drycreefarm.hope@gmail.com.

Our officer team will be preparing for the coming year starting with our Spring Meeting in Wooster, Ohio at the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand headquarters March 15-16, 2019. All committee reports can be

submitted electronically.

Support the Auxiliary with your LOVE by buying your special valentine something from the Angus Gift Barn, maybe a Rattey Sculpture would look nice in the living room. Cook some CAB® steaks from Gifts That Sizzle or some Angus themed greeting cards to send to friends from Boelte-Hall Print. Note our new date of Nov. 7, 2019, for our Full Circle Online Auction.

Recognize opportunities and take time to invest in them. Nod your head and commit! You will reap more than you sow.

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Pictured (from left) are Vivian Wolf, region two director; Cindy Ahearn, president; Gina Hope, president-elect; Pam Velisek, secretary- treasurer; Leslie Mindemann, advisor; and Deanna Hofing, region five director.

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American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

*The following is a review of the topics discussed and action taken
Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, in Columbus, Ohio*

The meeting was called to order at 2:54 p.m. by president Leslie Mindemann.

Welcome

Leslie introduced members of the executive committee, committee chairs, state presidents, Distinguished Women, past presidents, American Angus Association staff and guests.

Gifts were presented to the committee chairs from Leslie.

Minutes

A motion was made by Emma Collins to accept the minutes of the mid-year meeting as printed. The motion was seconded by Annie Viator. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report

Profit-and-loss sheets were presented by Gina Hope. Line-item expenses were reviewed. Balance sheets were equal.

Special guests

Milford Jenkins made a presentation on the Angus Foundation. Milford went over costs and how those funds came from gifts and unrestricted assets.

A welcome was extended to Allen Moczygemba, American Angus Association CEO. He gave a brief review of Association activities.

As CEO, Moczygamba said he promotes transparency with all issues that arise at the Association. He reasserted the Association's commitment to the Auxiliary.

Committee reports

Historian Emma Collins presented the 2018 scrapbook to Leslie Mindemann, the outgoing president.

Courtney Holshouser reported on public relations and the success of both the constant contact and Facebook campaigns.

Cindy Ahearn presented the scholarship report with the news that the 2019 application process was going digital.

Anne Lampe thanked Milford Jenkins for the Foundation's sponsorship of Women Connected.

Miss American Angus

Mallory Trosper shared that the contest was underway. The contest involves an industry written test, interview, lunch and speeches. There are five contestants. The new Miss American Angus will be announced on Monday morning at the Association annual awards breakfast. All volunteers were recognized.

Old business

Shalley Rogen presented the Full Circle Online Auction report. She recognized the donors and buyers for their support of the fundraiser. The 2019 event will be on Nov. 7.

Leslie Mindemann reported that the mentoring program has two new chairs: Katelyn Corsetino as well as Tonya Theis.

Leslie Minemann also reported on the Christmas card sales for Ways and Means through Boelte Hall.

New business

Nancy Thelen presented the proposed 2019 budget. Discussion

was held regarding the new arrangements in negotiation with Angus Media for services provided to the Auxiliary.

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

Julie Murnin thanked the past committee members. She announced the appointments of Emma Collins and Carol Bloom to the committee. Nominations from the floor included Nancy Thelan and Lynne Hinrichsen.

Kathi Creamer moved to cease nominations, seconded by Shally Rogen. The motion passed.

Regional Director nominations for 2019 were:

Region 1: Carol DeMeyer

Region 2: Vivian Wolf

Region 3: Marya Haverkamp

Julie presented the slate of officers for 2019:

President: Cindy Ahearn

President-elect: Gina Hope

Secretary-treasurer: Pam Velisek

Past president/advisor: Leslie Mindemann

Anne Lampe moved for nominations to cease. The motion was seconded by Annie Viator and the motion passed.

The gavel was passed from Leslie to Cindy.

Announcements

Cindy Ahearn expressed her excitement for the coming year. She invited all to attend the Miss American Angus speeches.

No other business or announcements were noted.

A motion was made by Lynne Hinrichsen to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Emma Collins, and the motion passed.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 4:32 p.m. **AJ**

Editor's note: report submitted by Gina Hope, 2018 secretary-treasurer.