

AUXILIARY NOTES

by Deanna L. Hofing, president, American Angus Auxiliary

Love Can Build a Bridge

Relationships and love connect Angus members and customers.

When Megan at the *Angus Journal* reached out and let me know that the topic of the February issue would be “Building the Bridge,” the first thought that came to my mind was a song by The Judds. Their song “Love Can Build a Bridge” was a chart-topper in the early ’90s. I remember this song clearly, as my middle school chorus teacher was infatuated with it and had a very tone-deaf group of middle-schoolers sing it for a spring concert.

Even with this nightmarish performance, the song keeps running through my brain and how it talks about how love builds a bridge between your heart and mine. How ironic, as most of you reading this article are celebrating Valentine’s Day.

When I think about the American Angus Auxiliary and building bridges, I think about the relationships we try to establish in our organization between cattlemen, Angus

breeders, juniors and even our customers of the Angus Gift Barn. In business you often hear people say,

“Try not to burn any bridges,” but a great mentor once asked me, “How are you building bridges?” I have found that question to be helpful over the years.

Through the journey of life, it is essential to not only create a solid foundation for

which a relationship can be formed, but also nurture those relationships much like an Angus breeder would manage their herd. This has been proven true as I am establishing my own foundation and relationships within the American Angus Association, Certified Angus Beef (CAB) and even the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) in my first few months as president. I can say each of these bridges I am creating are unique and very valuable.

As it is our 70th year, the Auxiliary executive board is busily working to make this year special for all its

members. We have many ideas we are working through, next steps we are realizing and bridges we are building so that our ideas can become reality.

It is true to form that my biggest champions in this process have been the executive board but, more importantly, numerous past presidents. It is your guidance, open-mindedness and love for our organization that has truly been instrumental. In the upcoming months, I look forward to announcing a few of our concepts with the membership. Stay tuned!

Once again, have a Happy Valentine’s Day. Try to remember even on your toughest days that love can build a bridge. When I am the most challenged in the upcoming months, I will think back on this article and make a positive difference.

Cheers!



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American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

The following is a review of the topics discussed and action taken Nov. 6, 2021, in Fort Worth, Texas.

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m. by President Pam Velisek.

Welcome

Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting with introductions including chairpersons, past presidents and distinguished women. As a reminder, with the ability to have an Auxiliary Breakfast tomorrow, all past presidents and distinguished women are asked to stay after the breakfast for photos.

Anne Lampe moved to accept the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. Barb Ettredge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report

Julie Conover reported there is \$57,823.68 in current assets along with two CDs to make total assets \$68,853.10.

Committee report

Anne Lampe reported on the continued success of the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Cook-Off contest and thanked CAB for their great support. 2022 will be the 39th year of the contest, and the Beef Education Committee looks forward to hosting the contest again in-person.

Yvonne Hinman reported on the Rattey sculpture and the push that will take place this fiscal year. If you are interested in purchasing a Rattey, please reach out to Yvonne to aid in purchasing. As a reminder, you need to purchase the Rattey through the Auxiliary to receive the donation.

Anne Lampe reported that the

fifth Angus Women Connected Conference will take place March 23-25, 2022, in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Twenty applicants will be invited to join the 10 Executive Committee members and Conference Committee for a total of approximately 35 attendees. To be considered for the conference, the applications will open by Dec. 15 and must be submitted to Anne Lampe by Jan. 15. Applicants will be notified by Jan. 30. Anne announced that former National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member Courtenay DeHoff will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Cortney Cates introduced the five contestants for Miss American Angus. These contestants have completed two-thirds of the contest, with the final portion being their speeches tomorrow. Ellie Kidwell thanked the Auxiliary for its support and shared some of her great experiences serving as Miss American Angus. Thank you to Ellie, Cortney and Paige for their efforts this week, and good luck to all five contestants.

Cortney Holshouser announced that the sixth-annual Full Circle Online Auction will take place Nov. 11 on *AngusLive.com*. The registration process is a little different this year, so please reach out to Cortney if you have any questions. There are 32 great items, so make sure to review the auction and bid often.

Deanna Hofing reported for the Scholarship Committee with nine girl and seven boy applicants. The awards were presented at the

National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). The committee has recommended to update one of the questions, which has been approved by the Executive Committee earlier today. The updated application will be posted online before the first of the year. Thank you to Kathy Wilson and Elaine Scarlett for their service this year as outgoing committee members.

The Angus Gift Barn is now open in the trade show. Melanie Kiani is retiring after Convention, and we thank her for her service. Lauren Patteson will be taking over as the new Angus Gift Barn manager.

Old business

Gina Hope presented the by-law changes that were presented at the mid-year meeting and mailed out in the fall post. Nancy Thelen moved to approve the by-law changes as presented. Annie Viator seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New business

Finance Chair Nancy Thelen presented the Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2022, American Angus Auxiliary budget. A few large changes to the budget include:

Hosting the 2022 Women Connected Conference with a \$20,000 increase from the budget in an even year.

Accounting for the \$2,500 increase in funding from the American Angus Association, which is accounted for \$2,000 for travel for Angus

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Convention for the Angus Gift Barn and \$500 for Miss American Angus travel expenses.

The Beef Education and Friends of the Black Kettle line items have been combined.

With the 70th anniversary, the budget items were increased to account for the new potential revenue as well as expenses.

Lynne Hinrichsen moved to accept the Oct. 1, 2021, to Sept. 30, 2022, American Angus Auxiliary budget. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A question was asked about the endowment funds. Nancy Thelen reported that there was \$545,030.20 in the scholarship fund; \$89,904.11 in the awards fund; and \$39,214.47 in the Pat Grote fund.

It was also announced that there will be a new award for the overall junior division cook-off winner, the Ardyce's (O'Neill) Apron award.

For the Nominating Committee, there are a total of four people added annually. Deanna would like to nominate two new committee members. Deanna presented Emma Collins Powell, Mississippi, and Carolyn Gazda, Georgia, to serve on the nominating committee. Mary McCurry moved and Lynne Hinrichsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was confusion that those were the nominations from the executive committee. Mary McCurry moved to reconsider the motion that was made previously. Lynne Hinrichsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nancy Thelen moved to nominate Carolyn Gazda. Lynne Hinrichsen moved to nominate Emma Collins

Powell. Mary McCurry moved to close nominations. Anne Lampe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Anne Lampe recommended adjusting the guidelines to match the by-laws 8.1.1. to avoid future confusion.

Pam announced that the election tellers would be Tonya Theis and Lynne Hinrichsen.

Nominating Chair Gina Hope announced the results of the regional election with the following being reelected:

- Region 2: Rebecca Knott
- Region 4: Christy Perdue
- Region 6: Valerie Trowbridge
- Gina Hope presented the slate of officers for 2021-2022 including:
 - President: Deanna Hofing
 - President-Elect: Julie Conover
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Karla Knapp

Barb Ettredge moved to accept the slate as presented by the nomination committee. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Lampe presented the American Angus Auxiliary scrapbook on behalf of Emma Collins Powell to our outgoing president, Pam Velisek.

Pam officially passed the gavel to the newly elected president, Deanna Hofing. Deanna thanked Pam again for her service.

As her first item of business, Deanna announced that per the by-laws 4.2.7, she would be appointing the new Region 3 Director, Stacy Erdmann from North Dakota. With the by-laws, Deanna asked that the Executive Board (now Council) vote. Shally Rogen moved to appoint Stacy Erdmann as Region 3 Director. Annie Viator seconded the motion. Motion carried. Stacy was introduced as our new director.

In reference to the 70th celebration, a special thanks to committee members Mary McCurry, Jane Ebert, Shally Rogen, Cindy Worthington, Amy Griffin, Pam Velisek, Courtney Holshouser and Deanna Hofing. A thank you to Kerri as well who made the necklace and is also in attendance for the meeting.

For the 70th anniversary celebration, there will be buses beginning at 6 p.m. that will run throughout the meeting.

The Auxiliary Breakfast will take place tomorrow morning beginning at 7 a.m. with the Miss American Angus speeches to be made yet that morning.

Don't forget about the Full Circle Online Auction and Women Connected Conference discussed previously in the meeting.

In regards to planning, the NJAS will be hosted July 3-9, 2022, in Kansas City, Mo., and Angus Convention will take place Nov. 5-7, 2022, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Deanna thanked the attendees for their membership and asked if they have questions or would like to get more involved, please reach out to any of the officers or Executive Committee (now Board).

Lynne Hinrichsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Mary McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried, and meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

As a note, there was \$240 collected in dues on Nov. 6, 2021.

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