

AUXILIARY NOTES

Karla Knapp, president

Tying it All Together

When I hear the word “genetics,” it makes me think of history, heritage and family.

When I was in the fourth grade, my teacher had us do a project on our family history. I can remember calling my grandparents and asking them all kinds of questions about where they were born and who their brothers and sisters were.


Now, my parents could have answered most of these questions. However, they had me put in the work and made me make the call to my grandparents myself. I remember how excited my grandparents were when they got to tell me stories about their childhoods. All those happy memories that made them who they are came flooding back.

My research brought about more questions, and pretty soon we were able to trace our heritage back six generations. We even found some long-lost relatives in Germany.

Sitting at the awards dinner at the Angus Convention, one of the presentations that I love the most is the Angus Heritage Foundation award. If you have not had the privilege to see these, the Angus Heritage Foundation does an incredible interview with a longtime Angus producer about their history on how they got their start in the Angus business.

Since 2014, the Angus Heritage Foundation has awarded 29 recipients. Their lifetime stories are truly inspirational. Their start in the Angus business may have been handed down from generation to generation.

It may have even simply started from a grandparent buying a 4-H project that sparked a lifelong love of the Angus breed. Sitting there listening to the people tell these stories always makes me smile.

Just like the Heritage Award winners, our own Angus genetics can be traced back 150 years, thanks to George Grant. It truly is a special time in our Angus family, and it seems like it is all in our genetics — we just have to harness its potential. 

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Harvey Rattey Sculpture

Each year thousands of dollars in scholarships are awarded to our industry's future leaders - the members of the National Junior Angus Association. Funding for these scholarships is made possible through American Angus Auxiliary programs and fundraisers, such as sale of these sculptures by Montana artist Harvey Rattey. We encourage your support and welcome your inquiries.

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The following is a review of the topics discussed and action taken Nov. 4, 2023, in Orlando, Fla.

President Julie Conover called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Conover introduced and welcomed the Executive Board, committee chairs, Distinguished Women, past presidents, state presidents, American Angus Association staff and Zoom participants.

Cortney Cates introduced the Miss American Angus candidates.

Anne Lampe moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as presented. Mary McCurry seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Tonya Theis. The motion was made by Pam Velisek to put the treasurer's report on file. It was seconded by McCurry. It was voted on and passed.

Committee chair reports

Angus Gift Barn: Conover welcomed manager Veni Soto and encouraged people to visit the gift barn.

Full Circle Online Auction: The Auction was set for Nov. 9, 2023. There are 38 items to sell. Cortney Holshouser thanked everyone who donated.

Gifts that Sizzle: Deanna Hofing thanked everyone who helped with the launch of the gift box. Dec. 11 was the cutoff to have delivered by Christmas.

Miss American Angus: Cates announced the judges will have their breakfast and dinner tickets paid for by the Auxiliary.

Angus Women Connected: Lampe said the event would be hosted March 25-27 in Wooster, Ohio. The application should have been posted to the website by Dec. 15.

Old business

Angus Gift Barn transition: As covered in the treasurer's report, the old accounts have been closed and new accounts are set up.

New Business

Nancy Thelen highlighted the 2023-2024 budget. Thelen moved to accept the budget as presented. Julie Murnin seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed. Thelen then asked that if you send a check, please write in the memo what the check is to be used for.

Conover announced the executive board approved to appoint Valerie Trowbridge and Murnin to the nominating committee. With those appointments, two more people would need to be appointed from the floor. Holshouser nominated Lynne Hinrichsen, and Pam Velisek nominated Mary Greiman. Murnin moved to close and accept these nominations. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion, which was voted on and passed.

Conover appointed Barb Ettredge and Melissa Eitel to be tellers for the election.

Hofing announced the Region 4 director is Christy Perdue, Region 5 is Lori Pillars and Region 6 is Tammy Weaver. There were two nominations for secretary-treasurer, Emma Collins Powell and Linda Alexander. Both nominees introduced themselves. Nominations for Karla Knapp as president, Tonya Theis as president-elect and Julie Conover as advisor were made.

Velisek moved to close nominations and to accept the ballot as presented with an election for secretary-treasurer to follow. Barb

Ettredge seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed. Paid members were then asked to vote for secretary-treasurer via prepared ballot and turn their ballots in to the tellers.

Conover introduced American Angus Association CEO Mark McCully to share his thoughts with the group. He introduced Association staff in attendance.

Conover announced Emma Powell will be the new secretary-treasurer for the 2023-2024 year.

With the election completed, Conover passed the gavel to newly elected president Knapp.

Announcements were made about upcoming events.

Shally Rogen moved to adjourn the meeting. Gina Hope seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

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