

# Auxiliary Notes

► by Nancy Jo Sullivan, president, American Angus Auxiliary

## Minutes of the 2003 midyear meeting

The American Angus Auxiliary met for its midyear meeting at 2:30 p.m. July 14 in Room 5, West Wing of the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center (KFEC) during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Louisville, Ky.

### Call to order

President Nancy Jo Sullivan called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. Members present were from Arkansas, Kansas, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, Michigan, Maryland, Florida, Missouri, Ohio and North Carolina. Sullivan noted that the 2002 Annual Meeting minutes had been printed in the *Angus Journal*, therefore dispensing with the reading of the minutes. The minutes were approved as presented in the *Angus Journal*.

Secretary-treasurer Shirley Williams gave the financial report. She reported that the checking account balance as of July 1, 2003, was \$12,492.24. The Grote Memorial Fund balance was \$11,030.99, and the Auxiliary Scholarship Fund was \$182,446.18. Williams stated that she did not have the other account balances at the meeting, but that members could request a copy be mailed to them. Williams reported that Sullivan would give a detailed account of the scholarship fund since this is the first year that it has been in the Angus Foundation account.

### 2003 American Angus Auxiliary Officers

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### Old business

*Excellence, No Exception Conference* — Sullivan gave a brief description of the past conference and stated that the Executive Committee is planning another conference for May 2005.

*American Angus Association Board of Directors report* — Sullivan reported that she had made a presentation to the Association Board of Directors in June, and the Auxiliary received high regards from the Board. She suggested that in future years the Auxiliary president attend Angus Foundation discussions and any other Board discussions pertinent to the Auxiliary.

*Ways and Means expansion* — Sullivan said that Ways and Means has grown to be a large income producer for the Auxiliary. She reported that chairperson Gigi Hunter will be stepping down in November, and she praised Hunter for all her hard work and dedication to the project. Sullivan stated that the Executive Committee is in the process of interviewing potential replacements. If anyone is interested, contact Sullivan. Sullivan also reported that Ways and Means items will be on the Auxiliary Web site ([www.angus.org/auxiliary](http://www.angus.org/auxiliary)) soon.

*Fund-raisers* — Jane Ebert described the RMH Food Inc. vendor as a “no-brainer” fund-raising project for the Auxiliary. She stated that it is on the Auxiliary Web site and is working well. If you order *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) meat from RMH Food, the Auxiliary gets 10% of the proceeds from your order.

*Harvey Ratte sculptures* — In the absence of Yvonne Hinman, Ebert explained that these sculptures are available on the Web site. They make excellent gifts and trophies.

*Grote Nut Machine* — Ebert stated that she was unsure if the machine would be up and running for the 2003 NJAS due to the fairground's concession rules. She also

stated that any state interested in using the Grote Nut Machine for state fund-raisers can do so. Half of the income derived by the machine would go to the state and half would go to the Grote Memorial Fund. Ebert stated that North Carolina was using the machine to raise funds for the Eastern Regional, which will be there next summer. Sullivan said any member interested in taking over the Grote Nut Machine should contact her.

*Three-ring binders* — Sullivan reported that the new guidelines are almost complete and that, upon completion, members who have ordered binders will receive them by mail. Any member wishing to receive a binder should contact Sullivan.

*Membership dues* — Sullivan reminded everyone of the change in dues, effective Nov. 1, 2003. She stated the dues will be as follows:

- Lifetime — \$200
- Annual (active) — \$10
- Annual (nonactive) — \$25

Nancy explained that nonactive members are those who wish to support the Auxiliary financially, but are currently too busy to contribute their time.

*Nomination Committee* — Sullivan reported that Ebert had appointed two committee members, Barb Sweeney and Pam Patterson. Patterson notified Sullivan that she would be unable to be on the committee due to a family illness. Sullivan then took nominations from the floor for three positions on the committee. The three new committee members are: Kerri Gleason, Texas; Kathleen McGuire, Arkansas; and Jan Wical, Iowa. Ebert chairs the committee and stated that she will contact committee members soon.

*American Angus Foundation Scholarship Fund* — Sullivan reported that on Feb. 20, 2002, the Auxiliary deposited \$169,525.12 into the Angus Foundation. Interest on the money as of May 31 was \$1,252.21, realized gains were \$110.55, unrealized gains were \$8,396.50 and the service fee was \$159.86, which left a balance of \$179,124.52. This is a 5.7% increase for the quarter. In June, a deposit was made in the amount of \$3,321.66 — the Auxiliary scholarship portion of the painting auctioned in Louisville, Ky., in November 2002 — bringing the current balance to \$182,446.18.

### New business

The following committees gave reports:

*Audit* — Jackie Witte sent a report that the audit of the 2001-2002 books passed with flying colors.

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*Auxiliary Extension* — Wendy Petteway reported that the ladies in Florida have met and organized, and they plan to form the newest state auxiliary.

*Awards* — Sullivan reported that all awards had arrived and were ready to be presented.

*Beef Education* — Anne Patton Schubert reported that a record 45 teams with 105 individuals were to compete in this year's All-American *Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off*. She thanked everyone for their support and asked available Auxiliary members to help with the Cook-Off. Schubert suggested that each state invite their Cook-Off teams to perform their skits at food markets, Angus banquets and functions, or schools. They are great educators and supporters of CAB.

*Computer Technicians* — Anne Lampe stated that committee members had designed the label for the Grote nuts and for several flyers to promote meetings and Auxiliary gatherings.

*Liaison* — Sullivan reported that she hoped the Association Board of Directors would continue to ask the Auxiliary president to do a presentation at its meetings. It was a very valuable learning experience.

*Miss American Angus* — Sullivan reported that Christy Page and Ann Bell put together a dress code and procedure for state queens that would be attending the NJAS. This was sent to state queens and princesses prior to the 2003 NJAS.

*Public Relations* — Sullivan applauded Darla Eggers for an outstanding job on the Auxiliary Web site. Sullivan encouraged members to visit the new Web site and browse through the new Auxiliary Country Store. A suggestion had been made that the "Auxiliary Notes" column that is published monthly in the *Angus Journal* be posted on the Web page.

*Scholarship* — Amy Iman Bellis reported that 15 females and 10 males from 18 states submitted applications. She stated that an awesome set of judges selected 10 very bright young men and women. She also reported that each winner would receive a certificate at the NJAS awards ceremony.

*Ways and Means* — Hunter reported that she had sign-up sheets for Auxiliary members to sign up to help in the Ways and Means booth. Everyone who works at least one two-hour shift will receive a 5% discount on any purchase. Sullivan reminded members that NJAS T-shirts were

**Get your tickets to the Auxiliary breakfast**

The American Angus Auxiliary will host its annual breakfast at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) on Sunday, Nov. 16, at the Executive West. Tickets are \$14 each. To make advance reservations, mail your check to Sandra McCurry at 11313 N. 279th W., Mount Hope, KS 67108. For more information call Sandra at (316) 661-2471.

going to be for sale and that there are 790 names on the 2003 shirt.

*Pat Grote Memorial* — Sullivan reported that she and Williams attended a joint meeting with the Hereford ladies in January at the National Western Stock Show (NWSS) in Denver, Colo. Sullivan said that Pat Grote was very interested in the Hereford Auxiliary Heifer Loan Program. She stated that the program is being discussed with the Grote family and more information will be presented at a later meeting. Sullivan also reported that the Auxiliary is working on a memorial award to be given in Grote's name. It has been suggested that the intermediate extemporaneous speaking contest winner be considered.

*2003 Holiday Room/Louisville* — Sullivan stated there has been a request that the Holiday Room return to the barn at the North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Louisville, Ky. Sullivan reported that due to the lack of manpower, it would be impossible to return to the barn at this time. The state that will be hosting the next year's breakfast is permitted to set up in the Holiday Room and will not be charged a percent of sales. Sullivan reported that Ohio raised more than \$2,000 last year.

*China Fund-raiser* — Ebert rolled out the beautiful gold-rimmed china dessert plate that will be offered in the Holiday Room this year. She stated that the dessert plate will be sold in sets of four, featuring four new Frank Murphy images. Ebert said a new segment of the place setting will be introduced every two years. The next offering will be the dinner plate. When collectors finish, they could have a total place setting of china.

*Spader Award* — Sullivan stated that she had been working with Sheri Spader on

developing the Richard L. Spader Memorial Belt Buckle. Sheri chose the senior extemporaneous speaking contest winner as the recipient of the new award. The award will be presented for the first time at this year's awards ceremony. Sheri will be at the awards ceremony to present the award and to read a statement from the Spader family describing the award.

*Miss American Angus task force* — Williams distributed the Proposed Change to the Selection Process of the Miss American Angus Contest. She stated that anyone wanting a copy could contact her. Williams then called for volunteers from the floor to form a task force dedicated to researching all issues associated with the proposal. Thirteen members volunteered and were accepted. They are Merridee Wells, Texas; Whitney Troser, JoAnn Pipkin and Gigi Hunter, Missouri; Ann Lampe and Mary McCurry, Kansas; Nancy Thelen, Michigan; Sandra Wallace, Ohio; Marlene Dukehart, Maryland; Christy Page and Ann Bell, Georgia; Kathleen McGuire, Arkansas; and Yvonne Hinman, Montana. Williams will chair the task force. She requested that all input be in writing and sent to her. She will then forward the information to the task force. She stated that a full written report regarding the findings and progress of the task force will be presented in November.

**Announcements and reminders**


American Angus Auxiliary annual activities at the NAILE in Louisville, Ky., include:

- Saturday, Nov. 15
  - ▶ 9-11 a.m., Finance/Executive Committee
  - ▶ 1-3 p.m., Executive Board meeting

- Sunday, Nov. 16
  - ▶ 9-10:30 a.m., breakfast
  - ▶ 11 a.m.-noon, Annual Meeting

- Monday, Nov. 17
  - ▶ morning, Miss American Angus crowning

All state reports are due Aug. 1 to Sullivan. The meeting was adjourned.



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