



# Auxiliary Notes

► by *Amy Iman Bellis*, president, American Angus Auxiliary

## Join us in Louisville

*Things are gearing up for our annual meeting in Louisville, Ky. I want to especially thank Sandra McCurry, Mount Hope, Kan., and Linda Brost, Harrodsburg, Ky. These two women are awesome. I can't imagine having this meeting without their attention to detail and vast amount of experience.*

### 2004 midyear meeting minutes

"Angus and All that Jazz" at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo., provided a great opportunity for the American Angus Auxiliary to gather for its midyear meeting Thursday, July 15. Secretary-treasurer Sharee Sankey provided the minutes to accompany this article, see page 50.

### Annual breakfast

Plans are certainly coming together for Louisville. Sandra has some great entertainment lined up for the Auxiliary annual breakfast that you won't want to miss. Missouri is hosting the breakfast this year on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$15 each and can be reserved by contacting Sandra at (316) 667-2418, sandyhill@dtmspeed.net or 11313 N. 279th W., Mount Hope, KS 67108.

### Holiday Room

Plan to do your Christmas gift shopping with us while in Louisville and benefit Auxiliary programs and Angus youth. Come browse through the Holiday Room and also check out the Auxiliary Silent Auction. We will have many sought-after Angus items in our silent auction that will be hard to pass up. Watch for a wonderful live auction item there, too.

### Calendar updates

Mark down these meeting times for Auxiliary functions:

► Saturday, Nov. 13 — Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting at 1 p.m.

This is for items requiring immediate action. No reports will be given. Proposed scholarship changes will be decided at this meeting, so make sure your state is represented.

► Saturday, Nov. 13 — Auxiliary Annual Meeting at 4 p.m. (*Note date change here.*)

Committee reports will be given. At this meeting, we will be unveiling a major fund-raising activity for next year to keep our scholarship program strong.

We are also unveiling a secured Web site just in time for Christmas. Soon, you will be able to order Auxiliary items via the Internet using your credit card.

Also, I need to send a huge thank-you to Pam Patterson, Columbus, Mont. Pam has agreed to serve as the new membership chairman for the Auxiliary, along with her Achievement Award duties.

See y'all in Louisville. Also, plan to attend our "Excellence, No Exception II" Conference May 20-21, 2005, in Saint Joseph, Mo.

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## Minutes to the July 15, 2004, meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary

### Premeeting presentations

Prior to the meeting, 50 members enjoyed a presentation given by a "Tastefully Yours" sales representative who provided members with samples of the product line. These easy-to-prepare gourmet foods from the nation's original home taste-testing company were enjoyed by members and guests who attended.

### Call to order

The midyear meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was called to order by President Amy Iman Bellis, Orrick, Mo., at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 15, 2004, at the American Royal Complex in Kansas City. Introductions of members, guests and past presidents were made. Minutes from the last meeting in November were dispensed due to the fact that they were printed in the February 2004 *Angus Journal*. Pam Bailey, Douglass, Kan., moved to accept the minutes as printed, and Joann Pipkin, Republic, Mo., seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by the membership present.

A treasurer's report was presented by secretary-treasurer Sharee Sankey, Council Grove, Kan., with amounts in the accounts of the Auxiliary Education Venture Fund totaling \$24,910.68; Pat Grote Memorial Fund totaling \$11,053.42; Money Market Account totaling \$2,321.80; and the Checking Account totaling \$2,330.19. Sandy Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., moved to accept the report as given, and Wendy Petteway, Zolfo Springs, Fla., seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by the membership present.

### Committee reports

Committee reports were given as follows:

**Advisory on Trust** — Marlene Dukehart reported as of May 31, 2004, the trust is making 3.9% interest on \$186,849.13.

#### Awards —

**Crystal Award.** Cathy Watkins mentioned the girl's award is very close. Points will be double-checked on both the boy and girl awards given.

**Silver Pitcher Award.** From a point system, this award will be given to

the top boy and girl in the showing. **Grote Award.** A Montana Silversmith buckle will be given in honor of Pat Grote to the top intermediate extemporaneous speech contestant.

**Spader Award.** A Montana Silversmith buckle will be given in honor of Richard Spader to the top senior extemporaneous speech contestant.

**Beef Education** — Anne Patton Schubert reported there were 49 teams entered in the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off, with 44 competing. This is the largest group of entries we have had.

**Historian** — Lois Foster, Niles, Mich., was not in attendance but had requested that state news be sent to her.

**Liaison** — Bellis stated that she will give a report to the Association on Sept. 1-2, 2004.

**Miss American Angus** — Mary McCurry, Burrton, Kan., reported that letters had gone out to all state royalty, listing the rules and dress code for showing attendance. Letters of intent to participate in the Miss American Angus contest were also sent out to all female state scholarship winners.

**Nominating** — Nancy Jo Sullivan, Park City, Utah, stated that the application deadline of June 15 had passed and there were three applications for the office of secretary-treasurer. The committee would proceed from there.

**Program & Hospitality** — No report was presented.

**Public Relations** — Darla Eggers, Mexico, Mo., spoke to the membership about the 6½ pages of advertising the Auxiliary has in the *Angus Journal* yearly.

**Scholarship** — Shirley Williams, Van Buren, Ark., chairwoman of the Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, reported that 26 scholarship applications from 20 states were submitted to the committee. Scholarships were given to the top five boys and top five girls. The amounts given are to be as follows: first, \$1,200; second, \$1,050; third, \$950; fourth, \$850; and fifth, \$800. The winners were to be named at the awards ceremony Friday night.

Williams announced to the group that Harvey Lemmon of Lemmon Cattle Co. has offered a donation heifer to the Auxiliary. Different avenues are being looked at to sell

this female for the scholarship program. A meeting between Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation director of development, and the Executive Committee was scheduled later that day to discuss the donation heifer.

**Ways & Means** — “Angus Sale Barn” Ways & Means chairwoman Revonda Ratledge, East Bend, N.C., gave an overview of new items selling. She said that if a state wanted to buy Auxiliary merchandise to resell, they would receive a 10% discount to sell those items in their states. She also stated that she thought it would be better if the Auxiliary booth at the NJAS were located closer to the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) and Angus Foundation Silent Auction booths.

### **Old business**

With no other committee reports given, President Bellis moved on to old business. Ambassador Committee co-chairwoman Merridee Wells, Hamilton, Texas, presented the membership with a handout looking at program basics, other options and work to be done with the committee. Some

committee considerations for the program will include whether the junior has to be on the NJAA Board. The committee feels that this program will be an extension between the junior membership and the NJAA Board. This is a one-time opportunity only lasting a year. The committee would also like to see an additional question on the NJAS survey that would pertain to whether there is a need for an ambassador. An option to help with travel expenses for the ambassador is to go outside the breed with a possible endorsement. The Ambassador Committee will continue working on this program as an outlet for higher achievement for junior Angus members.

### **New business**

In new business, a report from Sullivan was given on the Excellence, No Exception II Conference scheduled for May 20-21, 2005, in Saint Joseph, Mo. Shelia Stannard from the American Angus Association will be helping the committee with this conference.

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President Bellis talked to the membership about the opening of the membership chair position. The chairman of this committee will need to be familiar with Microsoft® Access. If anyone is interested in chairing the committee, please contact her.

Sullivan reported on the Grote Award and Grote Nut Machine. The family of the late Pat Grote would like to award a "LEAD Scholarship" to a deserving junior Angus member wanting to attend the Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference. This would be a scholarship awarded yearly. Airline tickets were discussed, with the possibility of Jackie Witte, Kansas City, Mo., having connections for Southwest Airlines tickets. During discussion of the "Grote Nut Machine," which is a fund-raiser for the scholarship, it was mentioned that a new member of the Auxiliary will be taking on this project.

President Bellis announced to the membership that a "Certificate of Congratulations" will be presented to Tom Burke, Smithville, Mo., and the American

Angus Hall of Fame on Thursday evening. The certificate will be congratulating them on 65 years of the American Angus Hall of Fame.

Williams reviewed the scholarship proposal being presented by the Scholarship Committee. Considerable research and time has gone into the committee's report. Discussion on the proposal was quite lengthy by the membership present.

The scholarship committee chairwoman will mail the Proposed Scholarship Process Change Survey Ballot to all state auxiliary presidents or persons appointed by the national president for ballot voting. A motion was made by Eggers to mail the return ballots to Cheryl Oxley at the *Angus Journal* in Saint Joseph, Mo. A second was made by Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich. The motion passed. State representatives are to return ballot surveys by Oct. 1, 2004. Oxley will tally the ballots, and the results will be presented at the Nov. 13, 2004, Executive Board Meeting in Louisville, Ky. The Executive Board will then vote on the 2005 scholarship process.

**Announcements and updates**

President Bellis brought before the group the schedule changes for the annual meeting in Louisville in November. This was due to the Foundation event on Saturday evening.

Sullivan gave the membership an update on the executive secretary position that has been discussed.

A list of state presidents was circulated for any updates or changes.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eggers, with the second from Pipkin. The meeting was adjourned for a program from the Missouri Beef Industry Council dietitian.

— **Respectfully submitted, Sharee Sankey,  
2004 secretary-treasurer**