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Auxiliary Midyear Meeting Minutes

The midyear meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was preceded at 3:45 p.m. with a workshop on the *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) brand followed by the annual social with refreshments. Attendees had the opportunity to purchase tickets for the Chinese auction.

The meeting was hosted in conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in the Wagstaff Room at the American Royal Complex in Kansas City, Mo., July 8, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by President Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates. She welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and introduced special guests. She recognized American Angus Association and *Angus Journal* staff members, American Angus Auxiliary committee chairwomen, state presidents, Distinguished Women and past Auxiliary presidents. She also thanked Michelle Rieff, Hospitality Committee chairwoman, for organizing the workshop and refreshments.

Cortney introduced Miss American Angus Esther McCabe and asked her to say a few words about the events she has attended over the past few months. Esther told the group how she had spent a day participating in Ag in the Classroom. She discussed with the children the uses of animal byproducts and ended the day with an ice cream treat in the class. She is planning another Ag in the Classroom event

utilizing Flat Andy. Esther said one of the things she has learned through her reign is that she is grateful for the influence of the many people who have helped her along the way.

Minutes. Attending members of the meeting were given a copy of the 2012 minutes in their information packets. Rachel Frost moved to dispense with the reading of the presented minutes and accept them as presented. Mary Greiman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's report. For the treasurer's report, Lynne Hinrichsen deferred to Leslie Mindemann, bookkeeper. Leslie discussed the year-to-date financial report that was in the packet. Anne Patton Schubert moved to accept the report, and Kathi Creamer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next, Cortney reported on the endowment heifer sold at The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity in Louisville, Ky., this past June. The heifer was donated by Express Ranches and purchased by Heritage Farms for \$5,500. Heritage Farms is also this year's sponsor for the T-shirts given at the Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef* Cook-Off during the National Junior Angus Show. She thanked all involved in the sale of the heifer and explained how the proceeds would be placed in the Auxiliary funds to

further the support of our juniors. She also thanked all involved in the support of the Auxiliary and this project.

Regional director reports. Cortney called upon the regional directors to give a brief report of their regions.

Region 1: Kathy Dubs was not in attendance, so no report was given.

Region 2: Cindy Ahearn explained that she is working to restart some state auxiliaries and encourage all within her region to be a member on the national level. Her other focus will be on open communications between her states and the Auxiliary.

Region 3: Shally Rogen explained it was her goal to encourage all states to increase membership on the state and national level. She also wants to try and attend the annual state meetings within her region.

Region 4: Martha Holshouser said her states are doing well. She had a message from Historian Emma Collins. Emma needs photos and information from all state auxiliaries for the Auxiliary scrapbook. Please send all items to her as soon as possible so she can assemble the scrapbook.

Region 5: Leslie Mindemann reported her states have strong auxiliaries. All of them have fundraisers and scholarship programs, and most have a royalty contest.

Region 6: Marlene Dukehart attended the Queen's reception in Maryland at the Atlantic National show and the Eastern Regional show in Virginia. She wants to contact the states that don't have auxiliaries but do have a royalty program. She is going to share the revamped dress code guidelines for royalty representatives and especially ensure the guidelines are enforced at Roll of Victory



Auxiliary activities at NJAS



► **Above:** An exercise that matched the various cuts of beef to their primal cuts helped Auxiliary Midyear Meeting attendees understand the many decisions consumers face at the grocery store.



► The CAB "Meet Your Meat" program gave participants an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a USDA grader and find out where on the steer the different meat cuts are located.

(ROV) shows or when appearing with Miss American Angus.

Names were drawn for the Chinese auction prizes.

Committee reports. Cortney then called upon certain committee chairs in attendance for reports. These and other reports were in the meeting packets.

Anne Patton Schubert, Beef Education chair, announced this was the 30th anniversary of the All-American CAB Cook-Off at the 2013 National Junior Angus Show. She said altogether there were 32 teams with 131 individuals entered.

Annie Ruyle Chaffin, Silver Pitcher chairwoman, reported that the silver pitchers had always been ordered through the American Angus Association, but we were now looking into doing this ourselves. She has found a few websites with various pitchers and prices. Cortney added that this was the 60th anniversary of the award, and Anne Lampe has contacted several past winners. Anne wants to get a group photo at the show before the champion owned female is selected.

Anne Lampe, Nominating Committee chairwoman, is taking nominations for the position of secretary-treasurer and for regional directors for regions 4, 5 and 6. All information was in the spring newsletter, and the deadline was Aug. 1.

Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates gave a report on behalf of the Achievement Awards Committee. She told the group that the award application is on the website and due in the fall.

Christy Perdue, Angus Gift Barn manager, had several of the new items on display. She

encouraged the group to stop by to shop the Gift Barn during the show. She encouraged members to help in the Gift Barn, and they would receive a 10% discount on purchases. She also told about the new website and the enhancements on it.

Old business. There was no old business to discuss.

New business. In new business, Cortney announced that the American Angus Association had decided to move its annual meeting in 2014 from Louisville, Ky., to Kansas City, Mo. As per Auxiliary bylaws, we are to hold our annual meeting in conjunction with the Association's annual meeting. Therefore, we will have our 2014 annual meeting in Kansas City. She said we are still working on the details of the meeting, breakfast and Miss American Angus contest.

Announcements. It was announced that we will be giving more than \$12,000 in scholarships this year. The Auxiliary will also support the juniors through the Cook-Off, Crystal Awards and the Silver Pitchers. Cortney reiterated photos and information from state auxiliaries need to be sent to Historian Emma Collins for the annual scrapbook. She also asked the attendees to go to the Angus Gift Barn and invited all to attend the annual meeting in Louisville this coming November.

Adjournment. Rachel Frost moved to adjourn the meeting, and Melanie Kiani seconded. The motion passed.

— submitted by Lynne Hinrichsen



► **Above:** Participants match beef cuts to primals during one of the exercises at the CAB "Meet Your Meat" workshop presented by Kara Lee, CAB supply programs manager.

► **Right:** Scenarios were passed out to several groups who had to review an animal's harvest statistics and decide if the animal qualified for CAB.



► At the end of the program, participants received steak seasoning and one lucky person won a CAB Gifts that Sizzle holiday package.

