

# Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

by **Anne Lampe**, 2010 American Angus Auxiliary secretary-treasurer

The 59th annual meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was Nov. 13, 2010, at 3 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza, Louisville Ky.

President Kathi Creamer presided and called the meeting to order. Roll was taken through those present completing membership information cards. Forty-four members were present. President Creamer introduced guests Shauna Hermel, *Angus Journal* editor; Robin Ruff, director of junior activities; and Crystal Young, assistant director of public relations, American Angus Association. Executive Committee members introduced themselves. Four officers and six regional directors were present. All committee chairwomen, past presidents and distinguished women in attendance were asked to introduce themselves.

Mary McCurry moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve as presented and printed in the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter. The motion was seconded by Julie Thelen, and passed unanimously.

Treasurer Anne Lampe stated that the financial report was printed and included a balance sheet and a profit/loss statement for the fiscal year (FY) ending Sept. 30, 2010. Lampe noted that the Executive Committee has worked hard this year to trim administrative expenses and increase income so that the Auxiliary may use income to continue and enhance programs. Lampe asked bookkeeper Leslie Mindemann to discuss the report and take questions. Current assets, including checking, savings, certificates of deposit and equipment, are \$40,873.00. Total expense for FY 2010 was \$66,218.11; total income was \$81,048.81, with a net ordinary income of \$14,830.70.

Jane Ebert moved to accept the financial report as printed and presented. The motion was seconded by Wendy Pettitway and passed unanimously.

## Committee reports

Committee chairwomen submitted reports to the president prior to the meeting. Reports were printed and distributed. The following committees submitted reports. A brief description of the report is included. Complete committee reports will be filed.

**Beef Education.** Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe, co-chairwomen, coordinated the 27th annual Cook-Off at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Denver, Colo. The Chef Challenge was added to the traditional Cook-Off this year, and nine entries participated. Competing were 34 teams comprised of 156 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members.

**Historian.** Sheri Tunstill, chairwoman, completed the 2010 scrapbook and presented it to President Creamer. Creamer keeps the scrapbook for one year, and then the book is to be placed in the Auxiliary archives housed at the American Angus Association, Saint Joseph, Mo.

**Achievement Awards.** Kerri Gleason and Erica Styles, co-chairwomen, reported that NJAA members from 22 states received awards in 2010.

**Crystal Award.** Cathy Watkins, chairwoman, reported that Hannah McCabe and Ransom Gardiner, both from Kansas, received the 2010 awards at the NJAS.

**Distinguished Woman.** Michelle Rieff, chairwoman, reported that Lois Foster and Anne Patton Schubert served on the

committee. An award recipient was selected, and the award will be presented at the breakfast Sunday morning.

**Finance.** Nancy Thelen, chairwoman, reported that Leslie Mindemann became bookkeeper in April. The line items in the accounting list have been expanded to better track individual committee and project income and expenses. The 2011 budget was approved in the Executive Committee meeting and will be presented in new business.

**Gifts that Sizzle.** Jane Ebert, chairwoman, reported that promotional cards were printed and distributed. Jane would like to form an advisory panel to promote Gifts that Sizzle.

**Membership.** Pam Patterson, chairwoman, reported that the Auxiliary had 867 members in 2010, including 150 annual members, 31 charter members, 42 honorary members and 644 lifetime members.

**Newsletter.** Kathi Creamer, president, reported that the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter was printed and mailed in April and October. The fall newsletter included ballots for regional director elections.

**Nominating.** Michelle Rieff, chairwoman, reported that nominations for regional directors from districts 1, 2 and 3 were solicited from members within those regions. Ballots were sent to members in those regions via the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter in October. Ballots were returned to the committee chairwoman by Nov. 1, 2010. Applications for secretary-treasurer were taken. Cortney Hill-Dukehart-Cates has been nominated for secretary-treasurer.

**Rathey/Bridger Bronzes.** Yvonne Hinman, chairwoman, reported that the

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► Whitney Renfro introduced the five young ladies competing for Miss American Angus.



► Yvonne Hinman reported on the status of the Rathey/Bridger bronzes during the American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Nov. 13, 2010, in Louisville, Ky.

Ratteys were given booth space at the NJAS in Denver. Income for the project in 2010 was \$528.54.

**Miss American Angus.** Lindsey DeWitte and Whitney Renfro, co-chairwomen, reported that the current Miss American Angus is Sally Yon. Five girls are competing for the 2011 title. The committee worked so that the contest is financially self-sustaining.

**Ways & Means.** As of October 2010, Carol Wojciechowski is the new chairwoman. She urges everyone to stop by the Holiday Room to see new items, including ladies' shirts, wine glasses, plush Angus toys and custom decanters.

**Scholarship.** Barbara Ettredge, chairwoman, reports that 27 outstanding high school graduates from 19 states competed this year for the American Angus Auxiliary scholarships. The scholarships went to five females and five males and totaled \$12,000. The first-place scholarship in both the male and female division was in the amount of \$1,400; second place, \$1,300; third, \$1,200; fourth, \$1,100; and fifth, \$1,000.

2010 winners were:

- 1st — Paige Wallace, Missouri, and Thomas "Drake" Yon, South Carolina
- 2nd — Hannah Wright, Tennessee, and Tanner Rayl, Kansas
- 3rd — Jessica Clarke, Maryland, and Ty Bayer, Wisconsin
- 4th — Mollie Lastovica, Texas, and Colby Myers, Kentucky
- 5th — Kassandra Pfeiffer, Oklahoma, and Colton Kreager, Ohio

**Public Relations.** Shirley Williams, chairwoman, reported that the Auxiliary website got a new look and frequent updates. The Auxiliary started a Facebook fan page in February 2010.

The following state auxiliaries submitted reports: Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio and Texas. Congratulations were expressed to the Montana Auxiliary, which celebrated its 50th year. Montana is selling a 50th anniversary book.

The following regional directors submitted written reports: Region 1, Mary K. Vejraska; Region 4, Martha Holshouser; and Region 5, Leslie Mindemann (see page 44).

Annie Viator suggested that state Auxiliary representatives attend junior meetings in their state to encourage Auxiliary membership.

Sally Yon, Miss American Angus 2010, addressed the membership. She thanked the officers and members for their support and gave a brief report of her year as Miss American Angus.

The 2011 Miss American Angus contestants were introduced: Allison Dubbs, Montana; Mollie Lastovica, Texas; Kassandra Pfeiffer, Oklahoma; Paige Wallace, Missouri; and Hannah Wright, Tennessee. The contestants have completed interviews and a written test; the speech competition is Sunday afternoon and open to the public. The 2011 Miss American Angus will be crowned Monday, Nov. 14.

**New business**

Nancy Thelen, finance chairwoman, presented the 2011 budget, which was approved in the Executive Board meeting prior to the annual meeting.

**American Angus Auxiliary  
2011 Budget**

(Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30, 2011)

**Income:**

Annual Meeting/Midyear Meeting	\$7,000
Awards	\$1,000
Beef Education	\$4,800
Friends of the Black Kettle	\$1,700
Membership	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
MAA Program	\$9,000
Ways & Means	\$35,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$62,500</i>

**Expenses:**

Annual Meeting/Midyear Meeting	\$7,500
Awards	\$1,300
Beef Education	\$4,800
Friends of the Black Kettle	\$1,700
Miscellaneous	\$2,100
MAA Program Expense & Travel	\$9,000
Newsletter	\$2,200
Officer Expense	\$4,500
Expenses of Other Committees	\$1,950
Phone	\$600
Professional	\$1,700
Ways & Means	\$25,000
Website	\$150
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$62,500</i>

Michelle Rieff, nominating committee chairwoman, presented the committee's proposed slate of officers and distributed the ballot. For president, Barbara Ettredge; president-elect, Anne Lampe; secretary-treasurer, Cortney Hill-Dukehart-Case; past president/advisor, Kathi Creamer. Nancy Thelen moved to accept the nominations and ballot. The motion was seconded by Sheri Tunstill and passed unanimously.

The election of Cortney Hill-Dukehart-Case as secretary-treasurer left a vacancy for Region 6 director. Rieff nominated Marlene

Dukehart to complete the vacated term. Anne Patton Schubert moved to accept Marlene Dukehart as the Region 6 director. The motion was seconded by Annie Viator and passed unanimously.

Through mail-in regional director ballots, Lynne Hinrichsen, Kansas, was re-elected to Region 3 director; Mary K. Vejraska, Washington, was re-elected to Region 1 director; and Julie Murnin, Texas, was elected Region 2 director.

President Creamer stated that she has appointed Julie Thelen and Nikolyn Williams to the 2011 Nominating Committee. In accordance with the bylaws, she asked for nominations from the floor for two additional committee members. Courtney Holshouser and Annie Viator were nominated. Jane Ebert moved that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. The motion was seconded by Michelle Rieff and passed unanimously.

President Creamer passed the pin and gavel to the newly elected president, Barbara Ettredge. The Auxiliary schedule for the remainder of the day and Sunday was announced.

Mary Greiman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Annie Viator and the meeting was adjourned.

