

# American Angus Auxiliary midyear meeting minutes

The midyear meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was called to order by President Michelle Rieff, Bentonville, Ark., at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2009, during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Perry, Ga. Copies of the agenda, treasurer's report, and regional/state contact information were available at the registration table. There were 66 members present. Rieff thanked Georgia for their hospitality. She also recognized American Angus Association Board member Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind., who is running for re-election in November and asked the Auxiliary membership for their support; 2009 Miss American Angus Katie Gazda, Athens, Ga.; and Anne Trenholm, Saint Joseph, Mo., from the American Angus Association. Committee chairs introduced themselves, followed by state presidents, and the executive committee members.

## Secretary's report

Secretary-Treasurer Barbara Ettredge, Pilot Point, Texas, announced that the minutes from the 2008 annual meeting had been printed in the February issue of the *Angus Journal*. Rather than reading the minutes, Barbara asked if anyone had questions or corrections. There being none, Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Ark., moved, and Cindy Ahearn, Wills Point, Texas, seconded, that the minutes be approved and filed. The motion carried.

## Treasurer's report

Ettredge presented the financial report that was distributed to all members; it included the balance sheet, profit and loss, and the Angus Foundation funds. She explained that the returns on investments are down, and that the Executive Committee is being frugal with the funds and spending. Sandy Trosper, Hamilton, Mo., moved to accept the financial report; Cathy Watkins, Middletown, Ind., seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## Regional Director reports

**Region 1** — Mary K. Vejraska, Omak, Wash., reported that she had attended the Western National Angus Futurity in Reno, Nev., during April, with a goal to increase Auxiliary membership from the Western states.

**Region 2** — Annie Viator, Franklin, Texas, was unable to be in Perry. Rieff reported that Annie has been working with members from her region to update contact information.

**Region 3** — Lynne Hinrichsen, Westmoreland, Kan., reported that she is working as a liaison from the executive board to inform state memberships.

**Region 4** — Martha Holshouser, Gold Hill, N.C., was unable to attend. Vejraska

reported that Holshouser has contacted state presidents and is working closely with the Atlantic National Angus Auxiliary.

**Region 5** — Leslie Mindemann, Sullivan, Wis., was unable to be in Perry. Rieff reported that Mindemann has worked diligently on the Cook-Off Cookbook.

**Region 6** — Cortney Hill-Dukehart, Sykesville, Md., is working with current state auxiliaries and also with states that do not have organized auxiliaries.

## Committee reports

**Achievement Awards** — Committee co-chairs Kerri Gleason, Midlothian, Texas, and Erica Styles, Brentford, S.D., were unable to attend the meeting. Rieff reported that the application had not changed, but that the state award chair should submit completed applications by the state's name — states that begin with A-L should send applications to Gleason and states that begin with M-W should send applications to Styles. The application is available on the NJAA and Auxiliary web sites. The deadline to submit to committee co-chairs is Nov. 1.

**Beef Education** — Anne Patton Schubert, Cook-Off co-chair, Taylorsville, Ky., reported that the 2009 Auxiliary-sponsored *Certified Angus Beef*® (CAB®) Cook-Off was a great success, with 37 actual entries featuring 166 chefs. Of those 37 entries, 18 were in the steak category, 10 in the roast category, and nine in the other beef category. A total of 40 teams actually entered. Anne Lampe, Scott City, Kan., Cook-Off co-chair, reported that the Friends of the Black Kettle collected approximately \$1,950 for prizes, and that CAB and the Kentucky Angus Association helped with the awards. Ankony Angus sponsored the T-shirts for all participants. Lampe also reported that the 25th Anniversary CAB Cook-Off Cookbook is for sale in the Angus Sale Barn for \$20. The cost of printing was \$3,762; however, \$2,925 was raised through ads sold.

**Historian** — Sheri Tunstill, Fayetteville, Ark., indicated that she would appreciate anything sent from state auxiliaries to be included in the scrapbook.

**Legislative & Bylaws** — Nancy Thelen, Saline, Mich., reported for Pam Bailey, Douglass, Kan., who was unable to be in Perry. Bailey is working to revise the language of the bylaws regarding the election of regional directors; this will be presented for a vote in Louisville in November.

Bailey sent the following draft:

*Article IV, Section 4.5 — Insert the following paragraph after the listing of the states in each region:*

*Regional Directors shall serve a term of two years, but no more than two consecutive terms. In order for terms to be arranged so*

*that no more than three directors' terms shall expire annually and for one term only, the directors from Regions 1, 2 and 3 shall serve a two-year term and the directors from Regions 4, 5 and 6 shall serve a three-year term for those director positions elected in November 2010.*

*Section VIII, Section 8.1c. The Nominating Committee will assist each of the six regions in selecting no more than two director candidates from its region, and nominations for each region shall only come from members in the region.*

Members voiced their concern that regions should elect the director from their own region. Thelen said she will forward their concern to Bailey to explore options for regions to elect the director from their region.

**Nominating** — Committee Chair Thelen stated that the nominating committee will be selecting the Secretary-Treasurer nominee to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Louisville in November. Those interested should contact a committee member for information. The officer application is due Sept. 15.

**Public Relations** — Shirley Williams, Fort Smith, Ark., committee chair, suggested that members check out the Auxiliary's web site for information. Any updates for the web site should be sent to Williams, who will forward to Angus Productions Inc. (API).

**Scholarship** — Scholarship Chair, Kathi Creamer, Montrose, Colo., recognized the 2009 scholarship committee members and presented them with a small token of appreciation. Creamer also shared that 25 high school graduates had submitted applications, 15 girls and 10 boys. \$15,000 in scholarships will be awarded at the NJAS Awards Ceremony Friday evening; scholarship amounts were \$1,700, \$1,600, \$1,500, \$1,400 and \$1,300.

Proposed changes to the scholarship application were presented; these changes were suggested by committee members. Creamer will continue to gather information from state scholarship chairs and present a draft of the revised application in Louisville.

**Angus Sale Barn** — Cathy Miller, Luckey, Ohio, was working in the Angus Sale Barn and was unable to attend the meeting. Renee Driscoll, Williamsburg, Iowa, reminded members that Miller is always looking for volunteers to work during the week.

**Gift that Sizzles** — McGreevy's CAB® Project Chair Jane Ebert, Sparta, N.C., reported that we needed \$1,000 for an information technology (IT) person, as McGreevy's cannot pay for technical support. Ebert suggested that we may need to go back to Smithville/RMH or a different CAB licensee. Ebert will continue to work on this project.

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### Old business

Rieff reported on the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter, with 875 copies printed and mailed at a cost of \$705. This amounts to approximately 80¢ per copy. Several members have indicated that they wish to receive their newsletter electronically, thus saving the Auxiliary money. In an effort to help defray the cost of printing and mailing, we are offering business-card-size ads for \$25. Pick up a form or visit with an officer or regional director if you would like to advertise or recognize someone in the Oct. 1, 2009, newsletter. The print deadline is Sept. 15.

### New business

Rieff announced the Crowne Plaza Room Raffle for three nights free lodging. The Crowne Plaza is the former Executive Inn West Hotel, the headquarters hotel for the American Angus Association Annual Meeting and activities. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. The drawing will take place Sept. 30.

### Announcements

The Auxiliary Relaxation Station will be Thursday, July 23, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the McGill Center at the NJAS. Free chair massages, peach smoothies and relaxing music are available for all adult women in

attendance at the NJAS. Come and bring a friend.

Information on how to organize a state or regional auxiliary has been updated. Copies of the handbook are available on the sign-in table and regional directors also have this information.

The Auxiliary Annual Meeting will be Nov. 14 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville.

The Auxiliary Breakfast will be Nov. 15 at 8 a.m., at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville.

The Auxiliary President's Reception will take place in the President's Suite at the Crowne Plaza; date and time to be announced.

Rathey sculptures make wonderful gifts and awards. Since the Auxiliary receives a percentage of sales, encourage state and junior associations to use these for recognitions.

The Angus Sale Barn is always in need of your help. Stop by and visit with Miller about helping her during this week's show and receive a 10% discount on purchases for volunteering in the booth.

The Auxiliary is trying to update our membership mailing and e-mail list. Look over the master list at the sign-in table to see if you can help with corrections from your state or region.

The Auxiliary Archives outline the history

of the American Angus Auxiliary. Once the data gathering is completed, this rich history will be posted to our web site. There is a copy of what we have so far at the sign-in table.

We have compiled a list of American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship winners and amounts. As soon as this data has been reviewed for corrections, we will be posting this to the web site. Check it out at the sign-in table.

A brief discussion about the Christmas wreath fundraiser was held. Ebert indicated that this is a "no-brainer" of a fundraiser, as we simply receive a percentage of the sales. Nancy Frey, Quarryville, Pa., moved and Shally Rogen, Brandon, S.D., seconded, that we should continue the Christmas wreath fundraiser. All in attendance agreed and the motion passed.

Rieff thanked all for attending the meeting and encouraged everyone to attend the Auxiliary Annual Meeting in Louisville in November.

There being no further business, Melanie Kiani, Morton, Miss., moved to adjourn, with Nancy Croker, Cherryville, N.C., seconding. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

