

# Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

by Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates, 2011 American Angus Auxiliary secretary-treasurer

The 60th annual meeting of the American Angus Auxiliary was called to order by President Barbara Ettredge Nov. 12, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza, Louisville, Ky. Roll was taken by those present completing a membership form; 41 were in attendance. President Ettredge introduced special guests Eric Grant, director of communications and public relations, and Crystal Albers, assistant director of communications and web editor, of the American Angus Association. The officers, regional directors and executive committee introduced themselves. All committee chairs, past presidents, state presidents or contacts, and distinguished women were asked to introduce themselves.

Emma Collins moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve them as presented and printed in the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter. The motion was seconded by Cindy Ahearn, and passed unanimously.

Secretary-treasurer Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates stated that the available printed financial report included both the Auxiliary balance sheet and profit/loss statement for the fiscal year (FY) ending Sept. 30, 2011. Cates asked bookkeeper Leslie Mindemann to discuss the report and take questions. Current assets, including checking, savings, certificates of deposit and equipment, are \$43,094.48. Total expenses for FY 2011 were \$61,210.51; total income was \$65,383.64, with a net ordinary income of \$4,173.13. Carol Bloom moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed and presented. The motion was seconded by Jane Ebert and passed unanimously.

## Committee reports

Committee chairwomen submitted written reports to the president prior to the annual meeting, and these reports were printed and distributed. The following committees submitted reports. A concise report is included, and complete reports will be filed.

**Certificate of Achievement.** Erica Styles and Kerri Gleason are in the process of getting the application on the Auxiliary website in a word document. Applicants will be able to fill in the application online and submit it by email.

**Janet Castle Crystal Award.** Cathy Watkins presented the award to Hannah McCabe from Kansas and to the tied boy winners, Will Pohlmann from Arkansas and Chris Kahlenbeck from Missouri.

**Beef Education.** Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe coordinated the 28th Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> Cook-Off in Harrisburg, Pa.,

during the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). In addition to the traditional contest, the Chef's Challenge gave adults and senior National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members an outlet for their creativity, using a mystery cut of meat. Two NJAA entries and eight adult teams competed in the Chef's Challenge, while 25 teams composed of 123 juniors competed in the traditional contest.

**Distinguished Woman.** Kathi Creamer reported that the committee did not receive any nominations for Distinguished Woman or Honorary Membership this year. The guidelines have been updated to reflect the prestige of the "Distinguished Woman" award.

**Finance.** Nancy Thelen, with the help of her committee, provided the 2011-2012 budget and updated a few items under income and expenses to reflect the budget clarifications made in 2010. The committee plans to work closely with the Executive Committee on insurance coverage needs. The 2012 budget was approved in the Executive Committee meeting and will be presented under new business.

**Bylaws.** Pam Bailey reported no bylaw revisions were made this year.

**Liaison.** Sharee Sankey reported that she is working closely with the Association, and plans to have information regarding American Agriwomen and American National CattleWomen (ANCW) available to our members.

**Miss American Angus.** Lindsey Trosper Dewitte and Whitney Trosper Renfro reported that the current Miss American Angus, Paige Wallace, represented the Auxiliary and the Angus breed with enthusiasm. Five girls are competing for the 2012 title, and the committee continues to work hard to secure sponsorship to make the program financially self-sustaining.

**Nominating.** Kathi Creamer organized solicitation of regional director nominees from regions 4, 5 and 6. Ballots were distributed to the members of those regions through the fall edition of the *Auxiliary Post* newsletter. Signed ballots were returned to the chair by Nov. 1, 2011. Applications for secretary-treasurer were taken and Cortney Holshouser from North Carolina has been nominated.

**Programs & Hospitality.** Michelle Rieff and her committee hosted a "Meat Chef Malcom" event promoting the *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) brand and the Auxiliary at the NJAS in Harrisburg. The Auxiliary Breakfast has been relocated to the Kentucky Exposition Center in an effort to decrease cost and increase participation. The committee also

submitted detailed budget needs/projections for 2012.

**Scholarship.** Anne Lampe, chairwoman, received 25 applications, including 11 boys and 14 girls from 18 states. Scholarships totaling \$12,000 were awarded to five girls and five boys. Scholarship amounts in both the boy and girl divisions were first place, \$1,400; second place, \$1,300; third, \$1,200; fourth, \$1,100; and fifth, \$1,000.

2011 winners were:

- 1st — Lindsay Upperman, Pennsylvania; and Daniel McFarland, Louisiana
- 2nd — Brooke Harward, North Carolina; and Austin Thummel, Missouri
- 3rd — Maggie Jasper, Kentucky; and Judson Hoffschneider, Nebraska
- 4th — Katelyn Wilson, Indiana; and Miles Pearson, Kansas
- 5th — Jessica Radcliffe, Wisconsin; and Cole Greiman, Iowa

**Ways and Means.** Carol Wojciechowski had a successful NJAS featuring new merchandise and will be introducing additional new items in Louisville.

**Gifts that Sizzle.** Jane Ebert raised approximately \$1,000 and launched a great website.

**Rathey Bronzes.** Yvonne Hinman, committee chair, reports that bronzes were sold through the website contacts and made approximately \$310.

**Historian.** Sheri Tunstill, chairwoman, will be retiring, but will be working with the new chairperson, Emma Collins.

Both Georgia and Michigan submitted written state auxiliary reports. Mary McCurry reported that the Kansas Angus Auxiliary is raising funds for the Auxiliary Breakfast and is selling two different kinds of Angus platters. Emma Collins from Mississippi reported that they have Angus royalty in each of the regions in Mississippi.

All six regional directors submitted a written report.

Paige Wallace, 2011 Miss American Angus, described her year and her experience co-hosting *The Angus Report*. Paige thanked the officers and membership for all of their support during the past year.

The 2012 Miss American Angus contestants were introduced: Lindsay Upperman, Brooke Harward, Maggie Jasper, Katelyn Wilson and Jessica Radcliffe. The contestants have completed the interview and written test portion of the contest. The speech competition is Sunday afternoon and is open to the public. The 2012 Miss American Angus will be crowned Monday, Nov. 14.

## Old business

President Barbara Ettredge thanked Jim and Ardyce O'Neill for donating the heifer that was auctioned at the Angus Futurity with the resulting funds to be used for our scholarship program.

## New business

Nancy Thelen, finance chair, was unable to be present. Bookkeeper Leslie Mindemann presented the 2012 budget, which was approved in the Executive Board meeting prior to the annual meeting.

### American Angus Auxiliary 2012 Budget

(Oct. 1, 2011-Sept. 30, 2012)

#### Income:

Annual Meeting/Mid-Year Meeting	\$7,500
Awards	\$1,425
Beef Education	\$4,800
Friends Of Black Kettle	\$1,500
Membership	\$2,700
Miscellaneous	\$700
MAA Program	\$9,000
Ways & Means	\$38,500
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$66,125</i>

#### Expenses:

Annual Meeting/Mid-Year Meeting	\$7,500
Awards	\$1,575
Beef Education	\$5,800
Friends Of Black Kettle	\$1,500
Insurance	\$1,200
Miscellaneous	\$1,000
MAA Program Expense & Travel	\$9,000
Newsletter	\$2,300
Officer Expense	\$4,600
Expenses Of Other Committees	\$1,500
Phone	\$400
Professional	\$1,100
Ways & Means	\$28,500
Website	\$150
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$66,125</i>

President Barbara Ettredge reminded everyone that there would be a room drawing for a three-night stay at the Crowne Plaza and it would not expire until July 2012. President-elect Anne Lampe discussed the 60th Anniversary C.J. Brown print; the original print will be auctioned off at the Auxiliary Breakfast, Sunday, Nov. 13. The American Angus Auxiliary 60th print or proof would be available for purchase. Lampe is working on a Spring Leadership Conference and availability will be limited. Ettredge asked new members in attendance to introduce themselves.

Kathi Creamer, Nominating Committee chair, presented the committee's proposed slate of officers: president, Anne Lampe; president-elect, Cortney Hill-Dukehart Cates; secretary-treasurer Cortney Holshouser; past president/advisor, Barbara Ettredge. Jane

Ebert moved to accept the nominations as presented. The motion was seconded by Michelle Rieff and passed unanimously.

Through mail-in regional director ballots Martha Holshouser, North Carolina, was re-elected as Region 4 director; Leslie Mindemann, Wisconsin, was re-elected as Region 5 director; and Marlene Dukehart, Maryland, was re-elected as Region 6 director.

President Ettredge appointed Mary McCurry and Anne Patton Schubert to the 2012 Nominating Committee. In accordance with the bylaws, she asked for nominations from the floor for two additional committee members. Nancy Frey nominated Marlene

Dukehart, and Jane Ebert nominated Emily Tennant. Julie Murnin moved to close nominations. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President Ettredge passed the gavel and pin to the newly elected president, Anne Lampe. She asked the membership to let the officer team know if they were not receiving a newsletter and that volunteers were needed in the Holiday Room for the Angus Gift Barn.

Sandra Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nancy Frey and the meeting was adjourned.

