



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Shally Rogen, American Angus Auxiliary*

Anticipation

With every change of season comes the anticipation of a new beginning, fresh ideas and excitement. As the Auxiliary plans for its upcoming annual meeting, I'd like to remind everyone to make plans to join us in Indianapolis and find out what's new with the Auxiliary.

Meetings and elections

Meetings for the Auxiliary will be on Saturday, Nov. 5, beginning with the Executive Board Meeting at 2 p.m., followed by the annual meeting, which everyone is invited to attend, at 3 p.m. The election of officers and the results of the mail-in ballots for regional directors for districts 1, 2 and 3 will take place at this time. Auxiliary members from these regions will receive ballots for their respective directors in the fall issue of the Auxiliary newsletter, *The Post*. Another important issue that will be voted

on are the revisions of specific bylaws. There will be a reception following the annual meeting that will allow you to continue visiting with your friends.

Miss American Angus

At 6 p.m. you are encouraged to attend the Miss American Angus contestants' speeches and impromptu question responses. This event is open to the public. You will be impressed by their outstanding speaking abilities and knowledge of the Angus breed.

Shopping

In between the meetings and workshops, please stop by the Angus Gift Barn to do some early Christmas shopping. Manager Christy Perdue has some new and fun items, but don't wait until the last day to shop! It's a great way to buy some unique items and fund our programs, awards and scholarships. Your support is appreciated, and this is a wonderful way to give back.

Full Circle results

Thank you to all of the Full Circle Online Auction consignors, buyers, *AngusLive.com*, and committee members Cortney Cates and Jena Wagner for making this event so

successful. The goal of the committee was to involve more people across the country and encourage awareness of the Auxiliary programs and scholarships that we offer to our juniors and opportunities for our members. We succeeded in doing just that. Proceeds from Full Circle will support the Auxiliary scholarship fund and Angus youth programs. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Achievement Award

I encourage all juniors involved in Angus activities to apply for the Certificate of Achievement Award given by the Auxiliary for outstanding achievements at national, state and district levels. These certificates will be beneficial when applying for the bronze, silver and gold awards through the NJAA, as well as when applying for Auxiliary and Angus Foundation scholarships. The application is available on our website and is due Nov. 1.

Enjoy

As the fall season sets in, take time to enjoy the changing colors and a football game, and plan to spend some time catching up with friends in Indianapolis. See you there!

Enthusiastically,

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American Angus Auxiliary Midyear Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2016, Grand Island, Neb.

The meeting was called to order by President Shally Rogen. There were 75 in attendance.

Welcome and introductions. Following a welcome to all, Shally introduced special guests in attendance that included committee chairs, state presidents, past presidents, Distinguished Women, Angus Media personnel, Miss American Angus (MAA) Jera Pipkin and her mother, JoAnn Pipkin.

Honoring Bette Votaw. Aliesha Dethlefs spoke on behalf of the Nebraska Angus members about their gratitude for Bette Votaw, a past president, honoring her for her long-standing service and support of the state ladies and youth. Bette is a past president of the American Angus Auxiliary and raised two MAA queens, Kerri Votaw

Kliwer of Nebraska and Kathy Votaw Dubs, now of Montana. Bette was presented with flowers.

Minutes of the 2015 Midyear Meeting were provided in the meeting packet. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Mary Greiman and seconded by Emma Collins. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report. Leslie Mindemann presented the financial statement. With no questions a motion to approve the finance report was presented by Julie Thelen and seconded by Barb Ettredge. The motion passed.

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Regional Director and Committee Reports were provided in the meeting packet.

Shally called on several committees to provide oral reports:

Beef Education/Cook-Off. Anne Patton Schubert and Anne Lampe reported that there were 45 cook-off teams in the Steak (18), Roast (15) and Other (12) (CAB Shredded Brisket) categories. There were two junior teams in the Chef's Challenge and four adult entries. Friends of the Black Kettle support additional awards for the teams through donors who contribute \$100 annually to the program. Anyone can join Friends of the Black Kettle. This year the cook-off made Page 1 of the local paper.

Public Relations Committee. Cortney Holshouser reported that Angus Productions Inc. (API) is in the process of rebuilding the Auxiliary website for a new look. We have quite a bit of archived material that is taking time to incorporate. We've just launched an email service called Constant Contact to keep the membership up to date with current activities. The plan is to send two to four emails per month. If you are not receiving these, you can contact the Auxiliary via the email link on our website.

Angus Gift Barn. Christy Perdue explained that she would like everyone to spread the word that the Angus Gift Barn is part of the Auxiliary and our funding tool. Christy attends NJAS, Angus Convention, and the Atlantic Nationals as cash and carry. Please sign up to help in the Gift Barn. Two hours' work will earn you a 10% discount on your purchases. Check out the many new items and don't forget to check the Angus Gift Barn website often for new items when they are added.

Scholarship Committee. Julie Murnin reported that eight boys and 10 girls, representing 15 states, applied for the Auxiliary scholarships. Friday night we will award \$15,500 in scholarships, which is an increase over last year. The five Miss American Angus candidates will also be announced.

Nominating Committee. Lynne Hinrichsen reminded attendees that Aug. 1 is the deadline for Auxiliary Board applications. Nominations are being accepted for secretary-treasurer and regional directors in regions 1, 2 and 3. Nomination forms can be found online. Ballots for regional directors will be in the fall edition of the *Auxiliary Post*. The secretary-treasurer position will be voted on at the Auxiliary annual meeting in November.

Miss American Angus Jera Pipkin spoke on her activities as MAA. If you had an opportunity to read her article in the Spring *Auxiliary Post* you'll find what she's been doing during the first part of her reign. Since then she's attended several spring shows with extensive traveling. She is truly enjoying all her experiences in this position. You can keep up with her activities through her Facebook page. Find her at #2016missamericanangus on Instagram, or connect with her blog at www.missamericanangus.wordpress.com. She also invited everyone to chat with her during the NJAS. Jera expressed her deep thanks to Anne Patton Schubert, who commissioned a portrait of her from C.J. Brown. What a wonderful keepsake of all her memories as Miss American Angus.

Membership Concerns. Leslie Mindemann reported that they have been working diligently on bringing the membership list up to date the past few years by asking state presidents to review their respective lists, contacting annual members, and at this meeting asking each of you to verify and update your information. With the advent of our email communications, it's even more important to maintain accurate information. Contact our membership chair, Jamie Rutledge, with personal updates as they occur.

New Business

Bylaw Revisions. Per our governing bylaws, any revision is to be presented and discussed at the Midyear Meeting. Following a suggestion to make an update, the Board thoroughly reviewed all areas and recommends several changes in light of our additional funds and newer technology. Recommended revisions were in the meeting packet. Shally read and reviewed each change recommended.

Mary Greiman asked about section 10.5 that says the Auxiliary would turn over funds to the Angus Association rather than the Foundation. Since the original purpose of the funds is the directive, the Board felt the Association would most likely keep the funds in place so long as the Foundation is still an active entity.

Anne Patton Schubert asked if changes to 4.1 and 8.2 would eliminate voting via USPS. All existing methods stay the same; only electronic options are being added.

Several members commented positively on the bylaw revisions. No further questions or discussion.

Full Circle Online Auction. Brochures were available to each member explaining the new venture. Shally explained the opportunities offered using the online sale venue. This will be a five-year project replacing the other annual fundraising activity.

It is open to any breeder, company or individual who wants national exposure, a return of 50% of sales, and to support the American Angus Auxiliary. It gives Auxiliary supporters a chance to help without a huge financial outlay.

We are looking to expand and create a great revenue stream to support Angus youth, awards and scholarships. Jena Wagner was recognized for her work on the project.

Mentor Program. This new program will match an Auxiliary adult member with a young person aged 18-23 to offer support as they develop a career path. Mentors and mentees will be matched by professional interest and region and will make a one-year commitment. Communication can be through email, phone or both. Following the one-year term the two can determine any continuing support. Sign-up forms are available.

The 2016 Annual Meeting, Auxiliary Breakfast, and Miss American Angus Contest will take place Nov. 5-7 in Indianapolis, in conjunction with the Angus Convention. Register early. Auxiliary events will be at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown and in the adjacent Convention Center. South Dakota will be hosting the breakfast and has great plans under way.

Baby Black, the 1960s book commissioned by the American Angus Auxiliary, is in the works to be published next year in honor of the 65th anniversary of the Auxiliary. The American Angus Association holds the copyright and API has digitized its 1980s edition of the book. Jane Ebert and Leslie Mindemann are working on the project. Plans will be finalized later this year.

Announcements. The Auxiliary is proud to offer \$15,500 in scholarship funds this year. During the Awards Ceremony Friday night, the Auxiliary will hand out awards for the cook-off, speech contest, scholarship and MAA contestants. On Saturday the Auxiliary will present showmanship, Silver Pitcher and Crystal awards. Please plan to attend.

Adjournment. A motion was made by Emma Collins to adjourn, seconded by Julie Thelen. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Leslie Mindemann, secretary, American Angus Auxiliary