



Auxiliary Notes

► by *Julie Murnin, American Angus Auxiliary*

An attitude of gratitude

So often during the holiday season we are frequently reminded about giving and being thankful. Wouldn't it be great if we had those same sentiments throughout the year?

Seasonal thanks

This past week we had a brutal cold snap move through Montana. Low temperatures, lots of snow and high winds. It was cold. I was thankful. Thankful we had straw to bed down the barn. Thankful that the livestock are so resilient, and created to be able to withstand the temperatures, while I can

bundle up to protect myself. I am thankful for the moisture.

Gratitude comes in many forms: baking cookies for a friend, volunteering at the school or church, a handwritten note, or a simple phone call. The Auxiliary receives many thank-you notes throughout the year from junior members showing their appreciation for an award or scholarship they receive that impacts their future and education.

Thankful for support

The Auxiliary is also very thankful for all of those who support our programs that allow such awards and scholarships. Through the years, countless donors and industry partners have given so that we could give to the junior programs.

Additionally, to the Angus team, "thanks" doesn't even seem to be enough. The American Angus Association, Angus Foundation, Angus Media, National Junior Angus Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC have given countless resources and time

to the Auxiliary to further our goals. The Auxiliary is also thankful for the numerous volunteers who serve our organization as committee chairs and members, state leadership and our members. We are appreciative of the ladies who have led our organization and given of themselves for decades. We have an attitude of gratitude to be a part of the Angus team.

Personal thanks

Personally, I am thankful. Thankful for my faith, husband, kids, career, friendship and the Angus breed. Thankful to be a part of the Angus community that raises cattle that benefit all segments of the beef industry and raises young leaders for the future.

Not just an attitude

An attitude of gratitude doesn't have to be a big gesture or a long speech. We can show our appreciation at the simplest of things around us. Gratitude is a behavior. I hope to have an attitude of gratitude and share my joy.

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American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, Indianapolis, Ind.

President Shally Rogen called the meeting to order. There were 74 in attendance.

Following a welcome to all, Shally introduced members of the Executive Committee and special guests in attendance, including committee chairs; state presidents; past presidents; Distinguished Women; Angus Media representatives; and 2016 Miss American Angus Jera Pipkin and her mother, Joann Pipkin.

Whitney Renfro, Miss American Angus (MAA) Committee chair, stopped in to invite all members to the MAA contestant speeches on Sunday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Minutes of the 2015 annual meeting were provided in the meeting packet. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Vivian Wolf and seconded by Emma Collins. The motion passed.

Leslie Mindemann presented the financial statement. With no questions, a motion to approve the finance report was presented by Sharee Sankey and seconded by Anne Patton Schubert. The motion passed.

Regional director and committee reports were provided in the meeting packet. Shally offered gifts in recognition of the dedication of the committee chairs. She announced the retirement of Christy Perdue, Angus Gift Barn chair, and the need to find a person to fill her shoes.

Old Business

Chelsea Duis reported on the success of the Mentor Program, which had more than 20 matches. While explaining the program, she invited anyone interested in participating to contact her. They are working on tweaking guidelines. Our email list is more than 500 strong for monthly contacts. Make sure you have Americanangusauxiliary@gmail.com on your contact list to ensure you will receive the emails.

Full Circle Online Auction. Shally gave an overview of this fundraising program and the successful inaugural event in September. In addition to a net return of \$10,250 to the Auxiliary, we received substantial hits on our Facebook page and Auxiliary website. We will be looking for 2017 donors beginning in January. All consignments prior to June 1 will be advertised in the *Angus Journal* and the sale flyer handed out at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS).

New Business

Endowments and presentation of the 2017 budget. Nancy Thelen, chairperson, reviewed the three endowment funds held at the Angus Foundation. Reports for each fund are in the packet.

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Moving on to the 2016-2017 budget, she reviewed each line item. The line item name of our fundraising activity is changed to featured fundraiser to better express the varied programs initiated in the past several years. A motion to approve the budget was presented by Renee Driscoll and seconded by Kathi Creamer. The motion passed.

Bylaw revisions. Shally announced that per our bylaws, changes were presented at the mid-year meeting to be voted on at the annual meeting. Revisions can be found in the meeting packet. Each section was read, opened for discussion and followed by a vote. Results:

- Section 4.1 Approved unanimously.
- Section 7.9 Approved unanimously.
- Section 8.1 Approved unanimously.
- Section 8.2 Approved unanimously.
- Section 10.4 Approved unanimously.
- Section 10.5 Approved unanimously.

Baby Black. Jane Ebert and Leslie Mindemann are working on reproducing *Baby Black*, receiving approval from the committee to

dedicate the reprint to the 65th anniversary of the Auxiliary. The Association holds the copyright and had digitized the 1980s version. The Executive Committee will finalize approval at the spring meeting once financial information is secured. Initial sales would be at the 2017 NJAS.

Appointment of 2017 Nominating Committee. Kathi Creamer and Anne Patton Schubert will continue working on the committee. Two positions are open. Kathi Creamer nominated Sharee Sankey, who accepted. Cindy Ahearn nominated Michelle Rieff, who accepted the position. Cortney Holshouser was appointed election teller.

Lynne Hinrichsen presented the Nominating Committee recommendations/officer slate.

- President — Julie Murnin
- President-elect — Leslie Mindemann
- Secretary-treasurer — Cindy Ahearn
- Advisor — Shally Rogen
- Receiving no nominations from the floor, Renee Driscoll presented

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a motion to close nominations, accept the slate and cast a unanimous vote.

The motion was seconded by Michelle Rieff. The motion passed.

Directors in regions 1, 2 and 3 were elected by regional ballot placed in the *Auxiliary Post* fall newsletter.

Region 1 — Cara Ayres, Ore.
Region 2 — Vivian Wolf, Texas
Region 3 — Karla Knapp, Iowa

Passing of the gavel. Shally Rogen introduced 2017 Auxiliary President Julie Murnin.

Membership concerns

Historian Emma Collins presented to Shally Rogen a scrapbook of her year as president. She reminded everyone to submit photos, articles and event information from state activities and anything they

may have from Auxiliary events.

Michelle Rieff expressed interest in switching the mid-year meeting and annual meeting venues, flipping them due to the large attendance during NJAS. Discussion was held with several pros and cons brought forth by members. The Executive Committee shall take it under advisement.

Other announcements and important dates are listed on the meeting agenda.

All in attendance were invited to stay following the meeting for refreshments and visiting. Members and guests were invited to look at the scrapbook as Emma always does an impressive job.

Adjournment. A motion was made by Barb Ettredge to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Bloom. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
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