

# AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY

## Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015 — Sheraton Overland Park, Overland Park, Kan.

**Call to order:** Lynne Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 3:19 p.m. A total of 27 people were in attendance. It was noted by Lynne that the agenda distributed should be updated to reflect a year of 2015, instead of 2014, and that the minutes to be read would be from the 2014 Annual Meeting, not 2013.

**Welcome and introductions:** Lynne Hinrichsen introduced the following in attendance:

- Executive committee;
- Committee chairs;
- State Auxiliary presidents;
- Charter members;
- Distinguished Women;
- Past Auxiliary presidents; and
- American Angus Association staff.

Lynne then presented the committee chairs with a token of her appreciation for their service.

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting:** The minutes were presented for review at the check-in table. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Meg Shelton and seconded by Sara Stevenson. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Bookkeeper Leslie Mindemann read the treasurer's report. She reminded all committee chairs to present their expenses to her for reimbursement throughout the year.

On the profit-and-loss statement, income was \$85,795.93, an increase of \$10,883.52, mostly due to the Ways and Means Committee through the Angus Gift Barn. Expenses were \$82,295.97. Net income was \$5,056.93. The balance sheet was presented. The endowment funds were reported. Money is added to the award and scholarship accounts each year. The Finance and Executive committees will decide the final scholarship amounts to be awarded in the spring. Scholarship amounts have increased during the last six years due to the financial health of the Auxiliary and the endowment funds.

The goal is to make sure that the funds continue to grow. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, the deposit was made into the awards account instead of the scholarship account. The balances have been corrected. Twenty-five percent of the net income each year is transferred to the awards account. The Pat Grote account is healthy and growing. In summary, the financial status of the Auxiliary is good because of the prudent spending of the board.

A motion was made by Joan Lutchka to accept the treasurer's report as read. The motion was seconded by Sharee Sankey. The motion carried.

### Regional director reports, committee reports and state

**president reports:** Lynne Hinrichsen announced that the reports were in the packet at the check-in table and all were encouraged to read the reports.

Sara Stevenson, president from Montana, gave a quick summary as her report was not printed and included with the others. Montana is 60 members strong and is a busy group.

**Thank you and recognition:** Lynne expressed her appreciation to all who helped out during her term as president, including the board. She thanked Christy Perdue for all of her hard work on the

Angus Gift Barn. She also recognized Carla Malson for her service to the Auxiliary and announced Carla's resignation as president-elect. Lynne introduced the new ladies joining the board: Shally Rogen, president-elect; Gina Hope, Region 6 director; and Karla Knapp, Region 3 director. Lynne also introduced Historian Emma Collins and thanked her for her work on the scrapbook and for preserving the history of the Auxiliary. Emma presented Lynne with the 2015 President's Scrapbook.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Women Connected:** Anne Lampe announced that applications will be accepted in the spring for the third Women Connected Conference, April 2-4, 2016, in Wooster, Ohio, at the CAB Culinary Center. A wide range of presenters and activities are on the agenda. The Angus Foundation sponsors 100% of the expenses of the conference.

The only cost to attendees is their personal travel expense to get to Wooster and back to their homes. The deadline to apply is Feb. 15, 2016. Those interested in applying can email Anne for an application. Applications will also be available on the Auxiliary website. Topics will include hands-on cooking demonstrations and getting to know the CAB product and specifications.

**2016 Budget:** Finance Committee Chair Nancy Thelen presented the 2016 budget. The proposed budget shows a \$30,000 increase in the projected income with the addition of the Women Connected funds from the Foundation and the expected increase in Gift Barn revenue. Nancy thanked the committee.

**Nomination Committee:** Chair Cortney Holshouser announced the appointment of two new members to the committee: Kathi Creamer, Colorado; and Michelle Rieff, Arkansas. Michelle Rieff moved to nominate Anne Patton Schubert, Kentucky, to the nomination committee. The motion was seconded by Ardyce O'Neill. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. Anne Patton Schubert moved to nominate Barbara Ettredge, Texas, to the nomination committee. The motion was seconded by Anne Lampe. A vote was taken and the motion carried. Emma Collins moved to cease nominations, which was seconded by Anne Lampe. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Cortney then read the slate of officers for 2016: Shally Rogen, president; Julie Murnin, president-elect; Leslie Mindemann, secretary-treasurer; and Lynne Hinrichsen, advisor. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Seeing none, nominations ceased. Emma Collins moved to accept the slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Meg Shelton. A vote was taken, and the motion carried. The results of the regional officer election were announced: Region 4 — Melanie Kiani; Region 5 — Deanna Hofing; Region 6 — Gina Hope.

**Passing of the Gavel:** Lynne introduced her friend and new Auxiliary President Shally Rogen. Shally said she is excited to serve and looks forward to the coming year. She hopes to increase communication. She presented Lynne a token of appreciation for her year of service.

**Announcements:** Shally reminded everyone of the breakfast on Wednesday morning.

Joan Lutchka stated there is concern over the election process

and that it should be addressed. She said a number of people voted by email, there was an extension and some did not have the opportunity to vote. Shally reported that the Executive Committee had voted on Monday to make improvements to the process, including the fall issue of *The Post* will mail Sept. 1 and will possibly be mailed First Class, if funds allow. Ardyce O'Neill added that we need not rely solely on email as some still did not use it as much.

Michelle Rieff announced there were still breakfast tickets available. The Auxiliary Breakfast is Wednesday in the Leatherwood Room at 7:30 a.m. So far, 275 tickets have been sold. The schedule is to be finished by 8:25 a.m. so everyone can get to the Candidate

Forum. She thanked API for their work on the Breakfast Program and also announced the jewelry fundraiser drawing would occur at the Breakfast.

Shally announced that the Miss American Angus speeches would be downstairs in Room 2 at the Convention Center on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Emma Collins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Leslie Mindemann. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted by Julie Murnin, secretary.***

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