

# American Angus Auxiliary Annual Meeting Minutes

## – November 6, 2021



The meeting was called to order at 2:19 pm cst on Saturday, November 6, 2021 by President Pam Velisek in Fort Worth, TX.

Pam welcomed everyone to the meeting with introductions including chair people, past presidents and distinguished women. As a reminder, with the ability to have an Auxiliary Breakfast tomorrow, all past presidents and distinguished women are asked to stay after the breakfast for photos.

Anne Lampe moved to accept the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes. Barb Ettredge seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Julie Conover reported that there is \$57,823.68 in current assets along with two CDs to make our total assets \$68,853.10.

Anne Patton Schubert reported on the continued success of the Certified Angus Beef Cook-Off contest and thanked Certified Angus Beef for their great support. 2022 will be the 39<sup>th</sup> year of the contest and the Beef Education Committee looks forward to hosting the contest again in-person.

Yvonne Hinman reported on the Rattey Sculpture and the push that will take place this fiscal year. If you are interested in purchasing a Rattey, please reach out to Yvonne to aid in purchasing. As a reminder, you need to purchase the Rattey through the Auxiliary to receive the donation.

Anne Lampe reported that the fifth Angus Women Connected Conference will take place March 23-25, 2022 in Excelsior Spring, MO. Twenty applicants will be invited to join the ten Executive Committee members and conference committee for a total of approximately 35 attendees. To be considered for the conference, the applications will open by December 15<sup>th</sup> and must be submitted to Anne Lampe by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Applicants will be notified by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Anne announced that former NJAA member Courtney DeHoff will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Cortney Cates introduced the five contestants for Miss American Angus. These contestants have completed 2/3 of the contest with the final portion being their speeches tomorrow. Ellie Kidwell thanked the Auxiliary for their support and shared some of her great experiences serving as Miss American Angus. Thank you to Ellie, Cortney and Paige for their efforts this week and good luck to all five contestants.

Cortney Holshouser announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Full Circle Online Auction will take place on November 11<sup>th</sup> on AngusLive.com. The registration process is a little different this year, so please reach out to Cortney if you have any questions. There are 32 great items so make sure to review the auction and bid often.

Deanna Hofing reported for the Scholarship Committee with 9 girl and 7 boy applicants. The awards were presented at the National Junior Angus Show. The committee has recommended to update one of the questions which has been approved by the Executive Committee earlier today. The updated application will be posted online before the first for the Year. Thank you to Kathy Wilson and Elaine Scarlett for their service this year as outgoing committee members.

The Angus Gift Barn (AGB) is now open in the trade show. Melanie Kiani is retiring after convention and we thank her for her service. Lauren Patteson will be taking over as the new AGB manager.

In Old Business, Gina Hope presented the By-Laws changes that were presented at the Mid-Year meeting and mailed out in the Fall Post. Nancy Thelen moved to approve the By-Law changes as presented. Annie Viator seconded the motion. Motion carried.

For New Business, Finance Chair Nancy Thelen presented the October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 American Angus Auxiliary Budget. A few large changes to the budget include:

- Hosting the 2022 Women Connected Conference with a \$20,000 increase from the budget in an even year.
- Accounting for the \$2,500 increase in funding from the American Angus Association which is accounted for \$2,000 for travel for Angus Convention for AGB and \$500 for Miss American Angus travel expenses.
- The Beef Education and Friends of the Black Kettle line items have been combined.
- With the 70th anniversary, the budget items were increased to account for the new potential revenue as well as expenses.

Lynne Henrichsen moved to accept the October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 American Angus Auxiliary Budget. Cindy Ahern seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A question was asked about the endowment funds. Nancy Thelen reported that there \$545,030.20 in the scholarship fund, \$89,904.11 in the awards fund, and \$39,214.47 in Pat Grote fund.

It was also announced that there will be a new award for the overall junior division cook-off winner, the Ardyce (O'Neill) Apron award.

For the Nominating Committee, there are a total people added annually. Deanna would like to nominate two new committee members. Deanna presented Emma Collins Powell of Mississippi and Carolyn Gazda of Georgia to serve on the nominating committee. Mary McCurry moved and Lynne Henrichsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There was confusion that those were the nominations from the executive committee. Mary McCurry moved to reconsider the motion that was made previous. Lynne Henrichsen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Nancy Thelen moved to nominate Carolyn Gazada. Lynne Henrichsen moved to nominate Emma Collins Powell. Mary McCurry moved to close nominations. Anne Lampe seconded the motion. Motion passed. Anne Lampe recommended adjusting the guidelines to match the by-laws 8.1.1. to avoid future confusion.

Pam announced that the election tellers would be Tonya Theis and Lynne Henrichsen.

Nominating chair Gina Hope announced the results of the regional election with the following being re-elected:

- Region 2: Rebecca Knott
- Region 4: Christy Perdue
- Region 6: Valorie Trowbridge

Gina Hope presented the slate of officers for 2021-2022 including:

- President: Deanna Hofing
- President-Elect: Julie Conover
- Secretary/Treasurer: Karla Knapp

Barb Ettredge moved to accept the slate as presented by the nomination committee. Cindy Ahearn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Anne Lampe presented the American Angus Auxiliary Scrapbook on behalf of Emma Collins Powell to our outgoing president, Pam Velisek.

Pam officially passed the gavel to the newly elected president, Deanna Hofing. Deanna thanked Pam again for her service.

As her first item of business, Deanna announced that per the By-laws 4.2.7, she would be appointing the new Region 3 Director, Stacy Erdmann from North Dakota. With the By-laws, Deanna asked that Executive Board (now Council) to vote. Shally Rogan moved to appoint Stacy Erdmann as Region 3 Director. Annie Viator seconded the motion. Motion carried. Stacey was introduced as our new director.

In reference to the 70<sup>th</sup> celebration, a special thanks to committee members Mary McCurry, Jane Ebert, Shally Rogan, Cindy Worthington, Amy Griffin, Pam Velisek, and Deanna Hofing. A thank you Kari as well who made the necklace and is attendance for the meeting as well.

For the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, there will be busses beginning at 6 pm that will run throughout the meeting.

The Auxiliary Breakfast will take place tomorrow morning beginning at 7 am with the Miss American Angus speeches held yet that morning.

Don't forget about the Full Circle Online Auction and Women Connected Conference discussed previously in the meeting.

In regards to planning, the National Junior Angus Show will be held July 3-9, 2022 in Kansas City, MO and the American Angus Convention will take place November 5-7, 2022 in Salt Lake City, UT.

Deanna thanked the attendees for their membership and asked if they have questions or would like to get more involved, please reach out to any of the officers or executive committee (now board).

Lynne Henrichsen moved to the adjourn the meeting. Mary McCurry seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.

As a note, there was \$260 collected in dues on November 6, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Conover

American Angus Auxiliary Secretary/Treasurer