

American Angus Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting

July 23, 2020, Via Zoom Tulsa, OK

President Gina Hope called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Gina discussed the Zoom meeting protocol and changes in voting that will occur. She stated that when voting we will be asking for nay's first then ayes.

Gina Hope thanked all Regional Directors, Committee Chairs, Distinguished Women, Past Presidents, Charter Members, State Presidents and American Angus Association Staff that were in attendance via the Zoom meeting.

Minutes: Gina Hope stated that the Minutes from the 2019 Mid-year meeting were online.

Motion: Shally Rogen made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept as presented, seconded by Nancy Thelen, **motion passed.**

Treasurers Report: Deanna L. Hofing presented the Mid-Year Financial Statement that was available online.

Gina Hope presented the Miss American Angus, Eva Hinrichsen, update as she was handing out awards during the 2020 NJAS at the time of the American Angus Auxiliary Zoom meeting.

Regional Directors Reports and Committee Chairman Reports were available online for review.

Oral Committee Reports:

Scholarship – Pam Velisek reported that we had 27 applications turned in (13 Boys and 14 Girls) from 20 states. The judges had no issues with receiving applications digitally. The committee will update a few questions on next year's application. One state chair asked for a fillable PDF version of the application.

Nominating Committee- Cindy Ahearn reported that nominations are currently being accepted for Regional Directors for Region 1, 2, 3 and Secretary/Treasurer. All submissions are due by August 1st. Nomination forms have been distributed via Constant Contact email blasts, Facebook and the Auxiliary Post.

Angus Gift Barn- Gina Hope presented the report on behalf of Melanie Kiani as the booth was open for business during our meeting time. Melanie stated that at the close of the show on July 22nd they had \$6,000 in sales.

Beef Education/Cook-Off – Anne Patton Schubert reported on the cook-off contest. She stated it was completely different this year due to COVID-19. The cook off contest was an at home contest. They had 19 Pre-Entries and 9 teams submitted their videos. She said they were

terrific. Anne Patton Schubert is considering continuing the “at home” contest in future years for the juniors that are unable to attend the NJAS.

Full Circle Online Auction – Shally Rogan reported that the auction would be held on Nov. 12, 2020 through anguslive.com. She currently has 6 items with a goal of 25 items. Mid-August is the deadline for items to be consigned. Our preceding auctions indicate that our audience prefers items that are in the \$300-\$600 range, so we are not chasing \$2,000 consignments. The Full Circle committee is turning to the state auxiliary presidents for item donations. Please contact Shally if you have a donation or any questions.

Finance Committee – Nancy Thelen discussed the smooth transition from a bookkeeper (Leslie Mindeman) to and Accountant (Julie Angelo). Both Nancy Thelen and Barb Ettredge thanked Leslie for all her years of service as well as acknowledged the good job Julie Angelo has done transitioning in.

Old Business:

Angus Gift Barn Contract Renewal – We will renew contract with Melani Kiani for coming year 2020-21. The contract was signed during the 2020 NJAS.

Membership Committee- Jamie Rutledge, Membership Chair, had requested the ability to have mobile deposit for membership dues. However, due to bank guidelines and being uncooperative this will not be possible. As an alternative we have provided Jamie with deposit slips and pre-stamped/addressed envelopes. We will replenish this supply as needed.

Mentoring Program- Although we had 5-6 Mentees, Katelyn Corsetino was unable to coordinate with the mentors due to her work commitments.

New Business:

The reports received have indicated that we continue with digital/web-based meetings and communications. It allows for more membership involvement, attendance and interaction. Two recommendations were made from reports to increase membership involvement or interaction. They are as follows:

- Include a membership highlight section in the Auxiliary post, by email blast, or via Facebook post.
- Set up a Zoom meeting for the State Presidents to talk with the Executive Committee and/or Officers.

Full Circle Online Auction- This is last year for the committee chair and members of the FCOA. They have done an amazing job over the last 5 years. We cannot thank them enough for all their hard work. We are looking for a new committee chair and members for the upcoming year. If you are interested, please reach out to the executive committee.

2020 Convention- The Angus Association has asked the Auxiliary to prioritize our events that happen in case we are not able to meet the COVID-19 guidelines in November. In our Executive Committee meeting on July 17 we prioritized as follows:

1. Miss American Angus
2. Annual Meeting
3. Auxiliary Breakfast
4. Angus Gift Barn (this could change if there is a tradeshow, AGB will move up the list because it's a source of income).

Past Presidents Committee- It was suggested in our Executive Committee to create a Past Presidents Committee. By creating this committee, it would ensure that the current Past President functions continue in the future. This by no means would change what currently is happening in the group. Gina Hope stated she is going to appoint Anne Patton Schubert to Chair this committee. Let Anne know if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Mary Greiman- Presented an idea for showmanship awards. She discussed providing the top 5 winners with an embroidered cooler bag that can hold not only the Silver Bowl box but also the Sullivan Clippers they win. The Thermal bags would have the Auxiliary logo embroidered on the side. Mary Greiman stated she would sponsor the first year. Nancy Thelen mentioned that the executive committee would have to research to see if the award can be self-sustaining as part of our by-laws.

Pam Velisek thanked Shally Rogen and her committee for all her time and dedication to the Full Circle Online Auction.

Motion: Jane Ebert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. and it was seconded by Barb Ettredge. **Motion passed.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Deanna L. Hofing
Secretary/Treasurer, AAAux