

**Michigan Angus Association
Meeting of Board of Directors
March 14, 2010
Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Hall, Jackson, Michigan**

Present: Merle Boehmer, Monte Bordner, Bonnie Canfield, Steve Fitzner, Ken Geuns, Dave Hawkins, Dave Lutchka, Chuck Preston, Chuck Reid, Tim Ruggles, Cody Sankey, Kirk Sterzick, Jonathon Taylor, Nancy Thelen, Steve Thelen

Also Present: Jerry Cassady, Scott Foster, John MacMaster, Rachel Reid, Rob Reid, Clifford Simmons, Pete Sweeney, Sharon Vaassen

President Chuck Reid called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the 1/20/10 meeting were approved as printed with one correction. The word “potential” was added into the following statement under Beef Expo: Pat shared that any breeders who have called about genetic defects have been told that if the animal is a potential carrier it must be tested.

Treasurer’s Report and Budget: The checking account balance is \$1,067.10 and the CD is \$10,840.64 for total assets of \$11,907.74. Monte Bordner moved to approve the report, seconded and passed. Bonnie Canfield presented an estimated budget for 2010-2011 and input was provided. Dave Lutchka moved to accept the budget for informational purposes. Monte Bordner seconded and motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Fall Sale – Discussed having a marketing committee to be the group to oversee the details of both the fall sale and the beef expo. The fall sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd. Volunteers to serve on the committee included Steve Fitzner, John MacMaster, Rob Reid, Monte Bordner, Kirk Sterzick, and Merle Boehmer. The group will need to meet briefly and select someone to convene the group prior to the next meeting so a complete report will be ready for the May meeting. Scott Foster announced that the Angus Connection Sale will be returning to their original consignors which included Michigan breeders Seldom Rest Farms and Michigan State University. It will be held in Niles on October 9th.

Michigan Junior Angus Update – Rachel Reid reported the 2010 NJAS “Rushing for the Gold” will be held in Denver. Chelsea Ruggles and Patti Vaassen will be the voting delegates. The MJAA is discussing fundraisers and the idea of changing the Michigan Winter Beef Classic maximum age to 22.

Michigan Angus Auxiliary Update – President Sharon Vaassen announced that the state/national scholarship applications were due April 1st to Jessica Harfst. During the banquet the 2010 Miss Michigan Angus will be crowned, 16 American Angus Auxiliary certificates of achievement will be presented and there will also be a silent auction. The Auxiliary will be doing the hospitality

(coffee, donuts, tea, hot chocolate, cookies) at the Beef Expo and Joan Lutchka will be chairing this. The Auxiliary is doing membership recruitment and has had three new members join today. Sue Merriman, Auxiliary Historian, will be sending updates from the shows to Rebecca for the web site.

Nominating Committee – Dave Lutchka submitted the following persons for election as 2010 - 2011 MAA officers:

President – Chuck Preston
Vice President – Monte Bordner
Interim Secretary – Nancy Thelen
Treasurer – Bonnie Canfield

There were no other nominations. Merle Boehmer moved to close nominations and elect the slate of officers by acclamation. Motion seconded and passed. Chuck Reid congratulated the new officers.

Old Business:

Preview Show – During the annual meeting Ken Geuns gave a history of the Michigan Beef Showcase. Due to funding cuts from the state, the Saturday junior shows will be discontinued. There will still be a crossbred steer and market heifer show on the Saturday evening and then the breed shows on Sunday, June 13.

New Business:

Field Day – Cliff Simmons volunteered Omega Farms to host the 2010 Michigan Angus Field Day on Saturday, August 21. Merle moved to provide \$500 toward hosting the field day, seconded by Dave Lutchka. Cliff said he would donate the money back, so a vote was not taken.

Dave Lutchka reported that the Michigan Equine Partnership wants to build a Horse Park at a site in Jackson County. They are negotiating to purchase 600 to 1000 acres. It “could” be a future State Fair site also.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 12 at the MSU Turf Center if it is available. Chuck Reid is still checking on the conference call capability at the facility. Dave Lutchka volunteered to review the by-laws to see if they need to be changed to allow for votes over the phone.

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Interim Secretary