

**Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 13, 2011**  
**Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Hall, Jackson, Michigan**

Present: Monte Bordner, Bonnie Canfield, Steve Fitzner, Julie French, Ken Geuns, Dave Hawkins, Dave Lutchka, John MacMaster, Chuck Preston, Tim Ruggles, Kirk Sterzick, Jonathon Taylor, Nancy Thelen, Steve Thelen

Also Present: Bonnie Canfield, Scott Foster, Derek Lutchka., Rachel Reid, Chuck Reid, Pete Sweeney, Sharon Vaassen, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Bob Zellmer

President Chuck Preston called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Monte Bordner moved to approve the agenda. Seconded and passed.

Minutes: Monte Bordner moved and Dave Lutchka seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/29/11 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: The checking account balance is \$330.38 and the CD is \$5,931.18 for total assets of \$6,261.56. Motion made to approve the report, seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Committee sign-up sheets were passed around.

Fall Sale – During the annual meeting Pete Sweeney presented the report for Merle Boehmer and Clifford Simmons. A special open meeting on the fall sale was held in January. Clifford offered to host the sale October 1<sup>st</sup> at Omega Farms. Cliff will provide the facility and the sale will be presented as a production sale for everyone. The presentation of the cattle will be very important and breeders need to be planning now for photos in the catalog. A picture pen will be built at Omega for photos to be taken in in July and a crew will be hired to prep the cattle for the sale. The consignors will be able to spend time calling prospective buyers. Ron Price from Ohio will be the auctioneer, Larry Cotton will manage the sale, there will be three ringmen, and the sale will begin at 6 p.m. They are planning to have a display at Expo to promote the Fall Sale. There will be business cards to promote the sale. Cliff may have a barn dance the evening before the sale, in the show barn which won an award for Barn Restoration. It was moved by Dave Lutchka and seconded by John MacMaster to accept the report and offer. Motion passed.

Michigan Junior Angus Update – Rachel Reid thanked the association for the dollars they will be receiving through the semen package sales. The juniors will be sponsoring four classes at the 2011 National Jr. Angus Show in Pennsylvania.

Michigan Angus Auxiliary Update – President Sharon Vaassen announced that the Auxiliary will be doing the hospitality (coffee, donuts, tea, hot chocolate, cookies) at the Beef Expo. The Auxiliary is doing membership recruitment and will also be sponsoring an award application workshop this summer, possibly during the Preview Show.

Nominating Committee – Dave Lutchka submitted the following persons for election as 2011 - 2012 MAA officers:

President – Monte Bordner

Vice President – Merle Boehmer

Secretary – Nancy Thelen (they are still looking for a secretary, Nancy has agreed to continue)

Treasurer – Lisa Bohlen

There were no other nominations. John MacMaster moved to close nominations and elect the slate of officers by unanimous ballot. Steve Fitzner seconded and motion passed. Chuck Preston congratulated the new officers.

#### Old Business:

Committee to combine Secretary and Treasurer Position – Now that the by-laws have been passed to allow this, Dave Lutchka reported that the committee would look at this in more detail. Chuck Preston is willing to cash the Expo sale and it is very important to continue with having Chuck do this. Monte Bordner moved to appoint Chuck Preston to handle the financials of the Expo Sale. Motion seconded by Ken Geuns and passed. Monte said we need to look at the 20:20 plan to address the issue of the secretary and treasurer responsibilities.

Angus Reception at the Beef Expo – Is still being worked on and may follow the Angus Source presentation by Sara Snider, which is scheduled for 3 p.m. on the Friday of Beef Expo. The commission for the Association was also discussed. In the past the commission from Expo was 1%. Following discussion, John MacMaster moved to charge a 1.5% commission for the association. Dave Lutchka seconded the motion. Ken Geuns amended the motion to charge a 2% commission for the association; Dave Lutchka seconded the motion, John MacMaster accepted the change and the motion passed as amended.

Audit Report – Dave Lutchka presented an audit report for calendar year 2010 based on the information he had received to date. The association's fiscal year starts June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other Old Business – There was a question on whether the webmaster had been paid, and if we had overpaid EDJE based on when their invoices came. Bonnie reported it had been corrected.

#### New Business:

Field Day – Jim and Melissa Reichenbach were potentially willing to host the 2011 Michigan Angus Field Day at Sterling-Hunter. Monte or Nancy will check with others who had also indicated an interest and follow-up on it.

NJAS Request – The association received a request for a donation towards the 2011 National Jr. Angus Show. John MacMaster moved to donate \$100 to the National Jr. Angus Show. Motion seconded and passed.

Other New Business – Due to surgery Nancy will not be at the Expo. Monte will bring the directories and other promotional items for the Angus display.

Dave Lutchka announced that applications for the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship are available on the MDA website. Graduating seniors and college students who have exhibited for at least 3 years at either the Michigan State Fair or the Michigan Livestock Expo are eligible to apply. Applications are due in June. There is also a scholarship for youth who have shown at their county fairs.

John MacMaster volunteered to chair the 2012 annual banquet. There was discussion on holding the banquet and meetings on a Saturday or at another time of the year. Many years ago the banquet was held the Friday evening of the Futurity, but it was only a banquet, there was not time for any meetings. John MacMaster moved to hold the annual meetings and banquet on a Saturday, seconded by Tim Ruggles. Monte Bordner moved to table the motion and refer it to a committee and have them report back. Motion seconded and passed. There will be a special meeting at Beef Expo and Monte will appoint a committee.

Monte Bordner moved to have Chuck Preston act as treasurer and handle finances in this interim period. Motion seconded and passed.

John MacMaster made a motion to have the chairman of the board, the president and treasurer of the association on all Michigan Angus Association bank accounts and certificate of deposit signature cards. This would authorize Chuck Preston, Monte Bordner and Lisa Bohlen to be on the accounts. Motion seconded and passed.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 1 at the Michigan Beef Expo, following the presentation by Sara Snider.

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the Board, Steve Thelen moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Secretary