

Michigan Angus Association Annual Meeting
March 10, 2013
Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Hall, Jackson, Michigan

President Monte Bordner called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with 30 members and guests present. Following introductions, Chuck Preston moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Merle Boehmer and passed.

Minutes: Chuck Preston moved to approve the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ed Dawson and passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lisa Bohlen reported a balance of \$20,628.27 in the checking account and \$5,959.59 in the CD, for total assets of \$26,587.86. This balance is a \$3,656.30 increase from 2012. Steve Thelen moved to approve the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Dave Lutchka and passed.

American Angus Association Report – Scott Foster reported that his report will be given at the annual meeting.

Committee and Other Reports:

Annual Banquet and Annual Meeting: Everything is ready, thanks to Dave and Joan Lutchka for handling the reservations and to John MacMaster for getting donations for the semen auction.

Beef Expo Futurity: There are 32 entries and the catalogs are available today. Ken thanked everyone who had volunteered to help. He reviewed the consignor information and is still looking for award sponsors.

Bull Test: Monte Bordner reported the sale will be held on March 16 at the Bull Test Station near Crystal, Michigan. There are 48 Angus selling and catalogs are available. There was a statement printed in the catalog explaining that the EPD accuracy is as of the printing of the catalog. The open house was well attended. Breeders who have been involved with the Bull Test for 25 years will be recognized at the auction.

Commercial Opportunities: Bob Zellmer shared that there have been excellent results with the Angus Source and Gateway programs and an article in the Angus Bulletin in mid-March will feature our work with breeders in Northeast Michigan. He sent out 125 calving books to past buyers and has a few books left if interested. If any commercial breeders are interested in Angus Source or Gateway have them contact Bob or Monte Bordner. Scott Foster shared there will be some changes in Angus Source to make it easier for breeders to use.

2013-14 Directory: There will be an auction for prime ad pages today at the banquet. Rebecca VanDenBerg will collect ads from March 11 to April 15. She will be contacting all past advertisers to reserve an ad space, as well as new advertisers. Be sure your membership is paid so you will be included in the directory of members.

Fall Sale: Merle Boehmer shared that we need about 70 head to make a sale work. Clifford Simmons has been talking with some sale managers and will have more information by Expo time. The fall sale date is October 5th at Omega Farms.

Field Day: The MacMaster family, Apple Hill Angus, near Harrisville will host the field day on Saturday, July 20th. John and his family is working on providing a great program.

Newsletter: We are currently doing 3 to 4 newsletters a year. The majority are still mailed out, with about 25% being sent by email. Nancy Thelen thanked Julie French for all of her assistance in setting up the newsletters. Let Nancy know if you have articles for any of the letters.

Preview Show: The Michigan Beef Showcase will be held June 7-8 at MSU. Nancy will attend a meeting during Expo to help plan for this event. Thanks to Carla McLachlan for providing leadership for this show.

Communications/Website: Rebecca VanDenBerg is doing a makeover on our website and plans to have it completed by Beef Expo time. The changes will make it easier to access on tablets and smart phones.

20:20 Vision: We are continuing to work on this.

The Auxiliary and Juniors were still meeting during the time of our meeting, so they will be reporting at our board meeting.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

2013 Committees: Sign-up sheets for the various committees were circulated. Please consider signing up for one or more committees.

Show Updates: The Great Lakes State Fair held at the Suburban Showcase in Novi was very successful and the fairgoers were extremely interested in learning more about beef cattle and where their food comes from. The event has been renamed for 2013 as The Michigan State Fair, LLC, a private equity corporation. The dates are August 30 – September 2 and Tom Klink will continue to serve as the beef superintendent.

Report of Nominating Committee: Steve Thelen and Jon Taylor will be retiring off the board. The following slate of potential directors were nominated for the term ending 2016: Kirk Sterzick (2nd term), Steve Fitzner (2nd term), Dan Vaassen (1st term), Tammy Frankovich (1st term), Chuck Preston (1st term), and Chris Pranger (1st term). Tim Ruggles is resigning from the board due to not being able to attend the meetings – leaving an open position for a term expiring in 2014. Cody Sankey has also resigned from the board due to his moving out of state – leaving an open position for a term expiring in 2014. Steve Thelen moved to accept the slate of nominations and close nominations. Motion seconded and passed. Dave Lutchka moved to have the four receiving the most votes serve a three year term and then the next two to each serve a one year term which will expire in 2014. Ken Geuns seconded the motion and it passed. The four elected to director positions ending in 2016 were Kirk Sterzick, Steve Fitzner, Dan Vaassen and Chris Pranger. Tammy Frankovich and Chuck Preston will serve one year terms which will end in 2014.

Directors for term expiring 2014: Clifford Simmons, Julie French, Tammy Frankovich, Chuck Preston

Directors for term expiring 2015: Ken Geuns, Kevin Beckington, Ed Dawson, Bob Zellmer

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Secretary