

**Michigan Angus Association Annual Meeting**  
**March 9, 2014**  
**Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Hall, Jackson, Michigan**

President Merle Boehmer called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. with 22 members and guests present. Following introductions, it was moved to add the by-law amendment and correspondence to the printed agenda. Motion seconded and passed.

Minutes: Chuck Preston moved to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dave Lutchka and passed.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Lisa Bohlen reported a balance of \$31,067.45 in the checking account and \$5,968.54 in the CD, for total assets of \$37,035.99. This balance is a \$10,448.13 increase from 2013, with some of the increase being the timing of when income was received and expenses paid. Lisa is working on reinstating our tax-exempt status and the paperwork will be submitted after the end of our fiscal year. She is also working on claiming \$371 in unclaimed property from an old savings account at Eaton Federal Savings and Loan. Dan Vaassen moved to approve the treasurer's report, motion seconded by Ed Dawson and passed. Steve Thelen reported on the audit of the books – all books were found in good order and everything reconciled. Chuck Preston moved to accept the audit report. Seconded by Bob Zellmer and passed.

American Angus Association Report – Scott Foster reported on several items from the AAA. The Public Relations Department has moved to the Angus Production Inc. Department, the Gene Max Advantage program will be starting and the AAA annual meeting will be in Kansas City in November with many educational programs and a large trade show planned.

Committee and Other Reports:

*Annual Banquet and Annual Meeting:* Thanks to Evan and Grace Boehmer for handling the reservations. Ken Geuns shared that he was given a set of china from Harold and Ruth Schroeder. It has a Scottish plaid design on it and will be sold today with proceeds to go to the Auxiliary to benefit the juniors.

*Beef Expo Futurity:* There are 30 entries and the catalogs will be shipped on Monday. Ken distributed copies of the Angus section and the catalog is also on the Michigan Angus website. A letter has been sent to all consignors and Ken is looking for award sponsors.

*Bull Test:* Bob Zellmer shared that there are approximately 60 Angus bulls. The bulls look good and the catalogs have been mailed.

*Commercial Opportunities:* Bob Zellmer passed around a list of the fall feeder sale and encouraged breeders to sign up to set up an Angus booth or table at the sales. Bob was thanked for handling the mailing of the calving books and holiday cards to past buyers.

*Fall Sale:* Merle Boehmer shared that Omega Farms will be moving to Georgia. Some suggestions he has received regarding the sale include limiting the number of lots, focus on bred heifers and cows, limit the number of young heifers, and moving the sale to later in October. A committee will be formed to further work on this. Tentative sale date is October 25. Single Tree Farms may be interested in hosting the sale.

*Field Day:* The Bordner family, near Sturgis will host the field day on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The program will begin in the afternoon at Great Lakes Sire Service and then move to Bordner Angus for additional educational programs, fun and great food. The Bordner's are also celebrating 50 years in the Angus business this year.

*Newsletter:* We are currently doing 3 to 4 newsletters a year. If you are receiving the newsletter by email be sure to submit any email address changes. Nancy Thelen thanked Julie French for all of her assistance in setting up the newsletters.

*Preview Show:* The Michigan Beef Showcase will be held June 7-8 at MSU. Assistance is needed to help with the educational contests and show. Nancy Thelen will be the Angus representative.

*Communications/Website:* Rebecca VanDenBerg continues to manage our website. Send updated information to Rebecca so it can be kept up to date.

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

*Association Centennial:* Many activities are being planned to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary throughout the year, including posters, stockyard events, trivia today at the banquet and at the Futurity, a House of Representatives resolution from Joel Johnson declaring April 5, 2014 as Angus Day in Michigan and to be presented at the Futurity,

and the finale will be a trip to Certified Angus Beef in Wooster, Ohio, tentatively planned for September or October. There will be a special centennial raffle today to help fund the bus trip. Updating the Michigan Angus history is also planned to be done in future years.

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

Old Business:

Dr. Hawkins' Induction into Saddle and Sirloin Club: Julie French thanked everyone for their support, the MAA donation and hosting the reception held at the Winter Beef Classic at the Pavilion in December. It was all deeply appreciated. As a result of donations, the Dave and Kathleen Hawkins endowment has also been started to fund travel scholarships for MSU judging teams. Julie announced that Minnie Lou Bradley, Angus breeder from Texas and a past president of the American Angus Association, will be inducted into the club in 2014. Monte Bordner shared that the portraits of MSU faculty members inducted into the Saddle and Sirloin Club will be moved from Anthony Hall to the Pavilion so more people can view them and learn more about this honor.

New Business:

Correspondence: It was announced that Fred and Judy Good from Charlotte has made a generous donation to the Michigan Angus Association. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Fred and Judy for their outstanding support over the years.

By-law Amendment: Discussion followed on the proposed by-law change to Article V: Section 5 – Conference telephone - deleting “Members participating in this manner will not be counted towards the quorum” and adding in “Board of Directors meetings may also be held by this method and must follow Article V, Section 3”. Ken Geuns suggested that if the amendment passed that only 1 or 2 of the meetings be held by conference call as there is still a need for some face to face meetings. Ken moved to accept the by-law changes, seconded by Dave Lutchka and passed.

2014 Committees: Sign-up sheets for the various committees were circulated. Please consider signing up for one or more committees.

Michigan Cattleman's Association Update: The recent National Cattleman's Convention in Nashville was a record breaking event. CAB provided many of the entrees. The Michigan Bull Test Sale is March 15 and then the Beef Expo is April 4-5<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Roundup will be in the Cadillac area June 27-28 and MAA receives two free registrations with their booth reservation.

Report of Nominating Committee: Kevin Beckington and Ed Dawson reported there are four open positions. The following slate of potential directors were nominated for the term ending 2017: Nancy Thelen (1<sup>st</sup> term), Evan Boehmer (1<sup>st</sup> term), Jimmy Redmond (1<sup>st</sup> term), and Chuck Preston (1<sup>st</sup> term). Dave Lutchka moved to close the nominations. Ed Dawson seconded and motion passed. Monte Bordner moved to cast an unanimous ballot, motion seconded by Julie French and passed.

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

Directors for term expiring 2016: Kirk Sterzick, Chris Pranger, Steve Fitzner, Dan Vaassen

Announcements: Angus posters are available, members shared information on health status of herds, and Dave Lutchka encouraged breeders to consider becoming MAEAP verified if not already verified.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Secretary