

**Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors Annual Meeting**  
**March 8, 2015 10:00am Gene Davis & Sons,**  
**Jackson, Michigan**

Present: Grace Boehmer, Chuck Preston, Scott Foster, Monte Bordner, Steve Thelen, David and Gail Berry, Kent, Cody, Katie Nickolaus, Merle Boehmer, Evan Boehmer, Chris Pranger, Lisa Bohlen, Bob Zellmer, Dave Luchka, Dan Vaassen, Kevin Beckington, Nancy Thelen, Ed Dawson, Ken Geuns, Casey Jentz.

Call to Order by President Merle Boehmer at 10:15 am

Approval of Agenda and Secretary's Report and Approval of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes, motion made by Monte Bordner, seconded by Dan Vaassen, All I.

Treasurer's Report given by Lisa Bohlen. No fall sale and balances are affected because of the reduction in balances. Unclaimed property of \$371.00 is accounted for from 2002. Our non-profit status is in the works, and all financial info is complete. MCA invoices for group ad. Steve Thelen will audit everything. Steve Thelen later found everything works out and the audit was done, and complete. Chuck Preston made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, Dave Lutchka seconded the motion. All I.

American Angus Association Report given by Casey Jentz. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter results will be presented during the banquet portion. Foot scoring is out, see the website. New junior stockman program, aimed towards the commercial group. 50% of membership come from the commercial side of the industry, this program is intertwined with the beef leaders institute. College age 17-23. Info available at the beef expo, and bull sale/test. Scott Foster stated that 2 weeks ago they had a board meeting in St. Joe, and there was a presentation from the Genomics division. Questions were where do we go from here, and the next steps to compete in the industry. There is a push to get more phenotypic data.

Committee and Other Reports (most committees are listed, report only if new information)

Annual Banquet and Annual Meeting- Day/Date/Format Change of Annual Banquet. Monte Bordner presented the group with a calendar and for members to choose the time of year/date/time they would like to see future Annual Meeting and Banquets. Nancy Thelen gave a history of the venue and format from years past. Discussion ensued on different options for the Annual Meeting and Banquet, some of those suggestions were; partnering it with the field day, having it on a Saturday, food must be good. Kevin Beckington made a motion to choose a Saturday, Chuck Preston seconded the motion. 9 for, 4 opposed, 1 abstained to move the event to a Saturday. Monte Bordner made a motion for the banquet date to be changed to a Saturday. 6 for, 6 opposed. It was decided because of the lack of clarity on the issue that we would decide at the April meeting how to move forward with this issue. A committee of Chuck, Monte, Nancy, Evan was formed to head-up the banquet date/day/time change issue.

-Directory Dedication was not decided at this meeting.

Auxiliary, Kris Boehmer gave the Auxiliary report stating they will be doing hospitality for the Futurity this year. They are forming a task force to encouraging family involvement, Bob Zellmer, Evan Boehmer, Nancy Thelen will serve on that task force from the board of directors. They received no scholarship applications this year, and there are no high school seniors so she asked, can we continue assistance to junior/past junior members? \$500 sponsorship for continuing education. Will look into doing this further, update at next meeting.

Bull Test- Monte Bordner gave the update stating there were 40 Angus bulls. Open House was well attended. Meal will be 11:00 am on the 21<sup>st</sup>, great event.

Beef Expo- Ken Geuns reminded everyone that technically the Beef Expo is a week later than usual. He made copies of the catalog to pass out. 31 live cattle, 2 embryo lots, sign-up sheet going around for awards for heifer, bulls, exhibitor awards. All sales will be in the auditorium. Junior cattle stalls can be held. Will get ear tags to consignors.

Commercial Opportunities- Bob Zellmer reported that commercial buyers are looking for more information on EPD's, beef improvement, etc. We need to provide these items to them and get them informed on Angus cattle.

Directory- Full page ads cost \$225, half-page ads \$150. The 7 prime ad locations auctioned off at the banquet. April 18<sup>th</sup> Ad due date to Rebecca Vandenberg. Update –Due Date April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fall Sale- Discussion on forgoing Fall Sale and combining with Simmental Association, they asked us to join them to have a strong showing together.

Field Day- Single Tree Farms, hosted by Evan and Grace Boehmer August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Charlotte, MI. Merle Boehmer thanked Monte and Robin Bordner for hosting such a great field day last year.

Junior Members- Rob Reid reported that Tulsa, OK will be the location for Jr. Nationals, invites everyone to come experience it. Rob stated that any animal bought by a Michigan junior in a Michigan Angus Sale, the junior association will pay junior membership dues for that person. Asks everyone to participate in the Michigan State Fair Labor Day Weekend in Novi, MI. Numbers were up 50% last year and Kendra Merriman and Jaycie Brown won scholarships at the event. Juniors will work on the Field Trip/Farm Tour suggestion the adult board made for Juniors. The Juniors like the banquet being in the Spring due to school schedules. Kendra Merriman announced that she will be running for the national board again this year and asks for our support, she will be going for her Gold Award also.

Newsletter- Will be assigned via email.

Preview Show- June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Will continue with the same format as last year. We need junior involvement. Hy-View Farm will donate \$100 for Michigan Juniors, Dawson Farms will match those funds. Juniors will host their annual meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Communications/Website- No Report

Centennial Committee- Nancy Thelen, Kevin Beckington, Julie French, Dr. Dave Hawkins, Rebecca Vandenburg.

20:20 Vision-

Any Other Committee- Nominating Committee for Board of Director positions: Monte Bordner, Kevin Beckington, Adam Conover, Paul Dawson and floor open for open write-in of directors. Dave Lutchka made a motion to accept the four listed board of director nominations, Bob Zellmer seconded the motion. All I.

Old Business

New Business- \*\* Went through bullet points and notes from last meeting & work day.

-MCA Summer Round Up June 26-27 in Jackson- Bob & Becky Zellmer will attend for 2015.

-Reducing Board Members-By-Law Change

-Review 20/20 Vision

-Future of the Fall Sale

-Finances

-Greater Membership Value and Services

-Junior Association-given in above report.

-Vaccination Recommendations- Ken Geuns made a motion to accept the MCA protocol for vaccinations, Ed Dawson seconded the motion, All I.

\*Next Board Meeting- Next Year 2016.

Respectfully Submitted By, Grace Boehmer, Michigan Angus Secretary.

