

**MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2002**

Board Members Present: Dave Hawkins, Chris Jeffrey, Bruce Foster, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Steve Thelen, Amanda Powell, Steve Fitzner, Phil Tuggle, Dave Lutchka, Earl Boehmer, Chuck Preston and Joe Merriman. Guests: John , Stockbridge

The meeting was called to order at 7:45pm in room B of the MSU Pavilion by President Hawkins.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Hawkins distributed minute from the June 15, 2002 meeting. Tuggle moved to approve the minutes as presented. Foster supported. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – Boehmer distributed financial reports. Tuggle moved to accept the treasurer's report. Foster supported. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

State Fair Report – Lutchka reported there were 265 head of cattle exhibited at the 2002 Michigan State Fair, 25 being Angus. Exhibitors reported they liked the schedule changes made this year and discussed options for next year. Lutchka asked the board of directors to consider supporting the Champion and Reserve Champion Angus Steer awards. Currently the Southeast Angus Association and Lutchka Angus award the Champion Angus Steer Exhibitor a \$100 savings bond and the Reserve Angus Steer Exhibitor a \$50 savings bond. Jeffrey moved that the Michigan Angus Association should also award the Champion Angus Steer Exhibitor a \$100 savings bond at the 2003 Michigan State Fair. Lutchka supported. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Position – Hawkins reported that Doug Meiburg has resigned as secretary. Preston moved to appoint Rebecca VanDenBerg as Secretary. Foster supported. Motion passed.

Fall Sale Report – Fitzner reported on current plans. Sale catalogs would be printed and mailed by September 20th. Powell sent out consignment letters and coordinated advertising. Plans included an educational program sponsored by Merial. A complimentary lunch of CAB Frankfurters would be provided on sale day and sponsored by Merial, Thisledew Farms, HighPoint Livestock, and Fitzner Farm with no additional sale expense. Wayne Davis bedding would also donate shavings. Additional sale expenses included an extra charge for the gate configuration and insurance to cover both days. Tuggle has viewed 1/3 – 1/2 of the cattle and they look good. The committee looks forward to having a great sale.

MCA Bull Test Station – Hawkins reported that Planks have the new barn and facility ready. As of 9/11/02 - 62 bulls have been consigned (53 Angus, 23 Simmental, 4 Hereford and 2 Limousin) which is up from last year. The bulls will be delivered to Planks in Mid-October and the Sale is scheduled for March in St. Louis, MI.

MAA Newsletter - The next MAA newsletter will be mailed September 20th and will contain show reports from the MI State Fair and National Jr. Angus show, fall sale schedules and other calendar of events. A newsletter will also be mailed in December following the next MAA Board Meeting.

2003-2004 Membership Directory – VanDenBerg presented a proposal to prepare the next directory for a fee of \$750. Foster moved to have Rebecca VanDenBerg publish the 2003-2004 membership directory for distribution at the 2003 MI Preview Show for \$750. Powell supported. Motion passed. Advertising space will be auctioned off at the Annual Meeting and Banquet on

March 9th. Advertising will be offered at the following rates: Black and White – Full Page \$200; Half Page \$130; Color Extras – Spot Color \$100; Full Color \$400.

Annual Meeting – Scheduled for March 9, 2003 at the Community Building at Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason, MI.

Beef Expo – Scheduled for April 4-6, 2003 at the MSU Livestock Pavilion. Nomination forms will be printed in the December MAA Newsletter.

Other New Business

John? /Chris Jeffrey – Reported an incident at the 2002 Beef Showcase Show in the Open Angus show where a young girl was not allowed to show because she was under 9 years old. They asked the board of directors of their stance on rules for allowing youth under 9 years of age to show in an open show. Currently there is not a rule in place for such a concern. A committee was appointed of Rebecca VanDenBerg, Bruce Foster, and Chris Jeffrey to review current rules governing the Open Show at the Beef Showcase Show. They are to report to the Board of Directors at the next meeting.

Joe Merriman asked the board to encourage county fairs in Michigan to show by breed.

The next MAA Board meeting will be held at the MSU Pavilion on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:30pm.