

**MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 29, 2003**

Board Members Present: Chris Jeffrey, Bruce Foster, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Steve Thelen, Steve Fitzner, Phil Tuggle, Dave Lutchka, Chuck Preston, Amanda Powell, Jim Redmond and Joe Merriman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm in room B of the MSU Pavilion by Vice President Foster.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – VanDenBerg distributed minutes from the December 4, 2002 meeting. Tuggle moved to approve the minutes as reported. Lutchka supported. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report – No treasurers' report was given.

OLD BUSINESS

2003 Membership Drive Update – VanDenBerg reported as of 1/29/03 we had 99 current members. (53 regular, 41 life and 5 new sale consignors)

NEW BUSINESS

MCA Bull Test Station – Foster reported that the new facility and ration is working well. Planks reported 8-10 people had visited in the last week to view the bulls. At the last Bull Test Committee meeting it was suggested for next year to have information sheets available at the test site. Bonnie Bradford is scheduled to ultrasound the bulls on February 10. The sale will be held at the United Producers facility this year but the long-range plan is to have the sale at the test facility.

MAA Newsletter - The next MAA newsletter will be mailed the week of February 3 and will contain reservation forms for the Annual Meeting.

Advertising – Powell will submit a full page advertisement for the MI Angus Futurity in the March issue of the Michigan Cattleman's Magazine. This is one of the four free pages the association gets as part of the contract with the magazine.

2003 Annual Meeting Update – Thelen reported on the costs for the Annual Meeting & Banquet and asked the board to set ticket prices. The meal costs from the caterer is \$13.95/steak meal and \$8.37/hamburger meal. The menu also includes salad, potatoes, vegetables, pasta salad, rolls, dessert and select beverages. In addition the building rental is \$300 and Thelen estimated other expenses to be around \$100. Letters had been sent requesting donations and door prizes. Donations were expected to cover the building costs. Merriman moved to set the ticket prices at \$16 for adult steak, \$10 for adult hamburger, \$8 for junior steak, & \$5 for junior hamburger meals. Powell supported. Motion passed.

MI Beef Expo – Tuggle reported a total of 237 head - 62 Angus consigned to the Expo. The Angus will be the last breed to show and sell in the Coliseum. Earl Souva has donated a free collection and 100 straw processing to any bull that brings over \$2000 in the sale. Also new for this year is the Pfizer Challenge (best pair – any combination by one exhibitor). This will be held following the selection of the supreme bull and female at approximately 4:00pm Friday, April 4. The rules for this contest will be mailed with the consignor letters. The junior show is scheduled for Sunday, April 6 and entry forms are available on the pavilion's web site.

Nominations - Board of directors nominations are Lee Sweet, Chuck Preston, Joe Merriman, Chuck Reid, and Dr. William (Lawrence) Bryson. Officer nominations are President – Steve Thelen; Vice President – Phil Tuggle; Secretary – Rebecca VanDenBerg; and Treasurer – Earl Boehmer.

Fitzner moved to adjourn. Merriman supported. Motion passed.

The next MAA board meeting will be held the Annual Meeting, March 9, 2003 in the Community Building at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca VanDenBerg