

**MICHIGAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
December 3, 2003**

Board Members Present: Chuck Preston, Phil Tuggle, Steve Thelen, Dave Lutchka, Rebecca VanDenBerg, Rob Chapman, W.L. Bryson, and Steve Fitzner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at the MSU Pavilion by President Thelen.

Minutes of Previous Meeting – VanDenBerg distributed minutes from the September 10, 2003 meeting. Lutchka moved to approve the minutes as reported. Powell supported. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Boehmer reported via phone the fall sale is all processed and consignors paid.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Sale Report – Bryson reported on results of the fall sale.

Lots	Gross	Average
10 bred heifers	\$14,930	\$1,493
20 open heifers	16,620	831
25 cows	36,175	1,447
1 bull	1,150	1,150
6 steers	6,378	1,063
1 embryo package	975	975
63 total lots	\$76,228	\$1,210

American Angus Annual Meeting Report – Dave Hawkins, Bruce Foster and Joe Nofzinger attended the meeting. The group reported that the shows were excellent & quality was very deep. Other highlights include CAB is continuing to grow, AAA is in good financial shape, and New EPD's are being unveiled by the association (Carcass Value Index, Feedlot Value Index , and Combined Value Index)

NEW BUSINESS

MCA Bull Test Station – Plank's are planning to serve a meal the day of the sale. Preston moved to contribute \$100 to the expense of the meal. Chapman supported. Motion passed. Preston moved to invite the Bull Test Chairman, Monte Bordner, to the next board meeting to discuss some ideas for the sale.

2004 Annual Meeting Update – The Annual Meeting is scheduled for March 14th at the Community Building at the Ingham County Fairgrounds. The format and schedule will remain the same as last year.

MI Beef Expo – Chapman reported the sales will start later this year. The Angus show is scheduled for 11:00am Friday, April 2nd and the sale is scheduled for 12:30pm Saturday, April 3rd. The judge has not been selected but we will share a judge with the others breeds as in the past. Entry deadline is January 15th and forms will be in the December newsletter. Lot numbers will be assigned differently this year. Each breed will start with a different series to avoid duplicate lot numbers. The Angus sale committee will be policing check-out and load-out this year.

Event Insurance – The AAA does not offer an insurance rider for state associations. Estimates for an annual policy for were \$500-1000. We are still checking with the MCA office to see if a rider for breed associations will be offered.

National Junior Angus Show – July 11-17th Kansas City, MO.

State Fair Update – Lutchka reported the State Fair is tentatively scheduled for August 11-22, 2004, which falls on top of 30 or more county fairs. A feeder calf class will be added this year.

Tuggle moved to adjourn. Lutchka supported. Motion passed.

The next MAA board meeting will be held the Annual Meeting, March 14, 2004 at the Community Building at the Ingham County Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca VanDenBerg