

**Michigan Angus Association
Meeting of Board of Directors
May 21, 2008
Turf Center, MSU, East Lansing, Michigan**

Present: Lawrence Bryson, Pam Bryson, Bonnie Canfield, Darwin Canfield, Pat Goheen, Dave Lutchka, John MacMaster, Chuck Preston, Chuck Reid, Tim Ruggles, Jonathon Taylor, Steve Thelen

Absent: Merle Boehmer, Monte Bordner, Steve Fitzner, Amanda Powell, Julie Thelen

Also Present: Barb Sweeney and Nancy Thelen

President Chuck Reid called the meeting to order at 7:05 p. m.

Minutes: The minutes of the 03/09/08 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Treasurer Report (attached to official minutes): Bonnie Canfield reported that she needs the money from the Annual Banquet.

Two people have not paid for the MCA group ad.

Dave Lutchka moved, seconded by Lawrence Bryson, that a third notice will be sent to these people asking for payment by June 15, 2008, or they will be removed from the next issue. Motion carried.

In the future, bills will be sent in November for the upcoming year. According to the MCA publisher, our group ad is now full. We will accept new advertisers when someone drops out.

There are two Expo consignors who have not paid. It was the consensus of the Board that consignors who do not pay their fees will not be allowed to consign at future MAA sales until their past due account is brought current.

Upon motion by Chuck Preston, seconded by Pat Goheen, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Auxiliary Report: Barb Sweeney reported on the plans for the American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast in Louisville during the National Meeting honoring President Nancy Thelen. The Breakfast is scheduled for November 16, 2008, at 8 a.m. at the Executive West. Tickets will be available during registration or at the door on the day of the event. The goal of the Michigan Angus Auxiliary is to raise \$3,500 to cover costs for the breakfast. To date, they have raised approximately \$3,174 through various auctions and fundraisers. \$250 has been contributed by MAA. All donors will be recognized in the Breakfast program. Gifts for attendees will consist of Michigan products. In addition, Michigan, as well as other state associations, will donate door prizes. American Angus Queen Danielle Foster of Michigan will be in attendance.

Nancy Thelen reported on the Scholarship program. Lee Sweet has donated a heifer to be sold at his farm dispersal sale on June 21, 2008. Nancy also stated that a horse has been donated to the American Angus Auxiliary to be sold in Denver in January 2009; proceeds will go to the American Angus Auxiliary scholarship program.

Barb also reported that Senator Ron Jelinek of the Niles area introduced Nancy Thelen, as President of the American Angus Auxiliary, Danielle Foster as American Angus Queen, and Andrew Foster as a National Board member of the American Junior Angus Association, to the Michigan State Senate in Lansing. Nancy, Danielle and Andrew made a presentation to the Senate on Angus beef issues.

Committee Reports:

Annual Banquet – The Board members agreed the venue of the Gene Davis Banquet Hall was a good one, giving rooms for all necessary meetings to occur concurrently. Dave Lutchka reported hearing comments about some of the members having to travel quite a distance and that the ticket cost was too expensive. Dave suggested that MAA could fund more of the costs and make this banquet a way to give back to the members as a benefit of membership.

It was moved by Dave Lutchka, seconded by Bonnie Canfield, that the 2009 Annual Banquet again be held at the Gene Davis Banquet Hall. Motion carried.

Bull Test – Lawrence Bryson reported in the absence of Monte Bordner. Lawrence stated there were 65 bulls, averaging \$2,062, which was the third highest average in test history. Top selling bull was Monte Bordner's bull that sold for \$4,100. There were 53 buyers; 36 Angus bulls sold for an average of \$2,183. Fees for the Bull Test will be increasing next year to \$495 to be paid in 3 increments of \$165.

Beef Expo – Pat Goheen reported a gross sale of the Angus cattle of \$81,150. 39 lots were sold with a sales commission of 7-8%. Pat reported less income in 2008, but profit was about the same as expenses were down. Next year's Expo will be held April 3, 4, and 5, 2009. Dave Lutchka asked if a list of the buyers for each consignor could be provided. Lawrence Bryson stated the list will be sent within a couple of weeks. Bonnie Canfield reported that consignor's checks were mailed within 30 days of the sale and all registration papers have been mailed.

Fall Sale – Darwin Canfield reported that the 2008 sale is scheduled for October 4, 2008. He is asking for people to help with the sale.

Newsletter – Pam Bryson reported that the deadline for the July issue is June 20. This issue should include the Fall Sale entry form.

It was moved by Pam Bryson, seconded by John MacMaster, that the newsletter will be published on the MAA website and Pam will send a postcard notice to everyone on the mailing list of its availability. The option will be available to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter by notifying Pam of that preference. Motion carried.

Website – Lawrence Bryson reported that there appear to be some problems in knowing who is to communicate with Rebecca VanDenBerg on what is to be included on the website. It was decided that Rebecca should accept information from Pam Bryson and Bonnie Canfield.

It was moved by John MacMaster, seconded by Lawrence Bryson, that information be included on the MAA website about the MSU endowment. Motion carried. Chuck Reid stated that Rebecca can likely obtain a template from the Animal Science Department via Ken Geuns.

Lawrence reported 493 hits on the website as of today. There was discussion about advertising fees being paid in advance.

It was moved by Lawrence Bryson, seconded by Dave Lutchka, that all advertising fees for the website must be paid in advance. Motion carried.

20:20 Vision – President Reid set a date of June 4, 7 p.m. at the MSU Turf Center for the next meeting. Pam is to email summaries of the past meetings to the Board members. Chuck will contact Ken Guens and ask him to join us for this meeting.

Old Business:

Field Day – Chuck Preston reported the MAA Field Day is scheduled for September 13, 2008. For anyone needing to stay overnight, there are hotels in West Branch. Chuck announced that the Redmonds will prepare dinner. He is planning a ranch tour and educational activities. Bonnie mentioned that someone from Farmer's Advance may be able to prepare a flyer using last year's information. Chuck will look into this.

Michigan State Fair – Nancy Thelen reported that cattle will be allowed on the fairgrounds on August 18th and 19th; showmanship August 20; Junior show August 21st; Open show August 22nd; and cattle will be released on August 24th.

Dave Lutchka reported that the youth need to submit applications for the scholarships available through the State Fair. They have been awarding a \$1,000 scholarship and that amount may increase next year. The Fair Board is

considering a new program, an at-large scholarship program, for students who did not show at the State Fair, to be presented in January.

There continues to be discussion about moving the State Fair to the state-owned property in Jackson in conjunction with a new Horse Park.

Junior Angus Update – In Julie Thelen’s absence, Nancy Thelen reported that the Juniors met on May 4, 2008. The Preview Show is June 15, 2008. Juniors should contact Barb Sweeney by June 1 to indicate their interest in the Showmanship class. The Juniors’ Annual Meeting will be held June 14 at 7 p.m. in the MSU Pavilion, East Lansing. The National Junior Show is scheduled for July 14-19 in Des Moines. The National Junior Angus golf outing is July 15, 2008.

It was moved by Pam Bryson, seconded by Jonathon Taylor, that MAA support the National Junior Angus golf outing by paying \$100 to be a flag sponsor. Motion carried.

Summer Round-Up – John MacMaster reported the Round-Up will be in Alpena on June 21, 2008. The MacMaster farm is on the Saturday tour. There will be other tours as well as many interesting displays. John encouraged the members to attend the Round-Up and consider taking in some of the many local sites.

New Business:

MAA Banner -- It was learned that Bonnie Canfield is in possession of the banner. The date on the banner needs to be changed. Bonnie will contact Steve Fitzner to learn who can change the sign. It was suggested that we add the website address and possibly a “cowish” photo to the banner, maybe excluding the date, so the banner can be more permanent. The decision was made to designate specific people/positions to keep the banner and the Expo Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion signs. Lawrence Bryson volunteered to keep the banner; the Expo Chairperson will be responsible for the Expo Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion signs.

Membership Committee – This item will be discussed as part of the 20:20 Vision meeting on June 4, 2008.

MAA History – Dave Lutchka suggested, after he had worked on a history of Michigan Angus for the recent Annual Banquet, that we publish a press release in various cattle-related periodicals asking people who had owned Angus cattle or knew people who did to send MAA their information. Steve Fitzner had previously been agreeable to compiling the information. We also should add this request to the MAA website. Dave will prepare a press release.

Angus Source Books – Pam distributed a copy of the American Angus Association announcement concerning the 2009 Beef Record Service (BRS)/AngusSource black books. (Copy attached to the minutes.)

It was moved by Steve Thelen, seconded by Chuck Preston, that MAA order 100 books with MAA information printed on the back cover at a cost of \$2.50 each if the books can be received by the Fall Sale for distribution to buyers. Motion carried.

Justin Kennedy – Lawrence Bryson announced that Justin Kennedy had suffered a broken neck in an accident several weeks ago at his high school track event. Fortunately, he is recovering nicely and hopes to be back in the show ring in the summer.

Preview Show – Nancy Thelen asked for support for awards for the open classes at the Preview Show.

It was moved by Chuck Preston, seconded by Dave Lutchka, that MAA provide an award (Nancy to purchase) for Champion and Reserve Champion for the open classes of the Preview Show. Motion carried.

Password for Website Access to Board Minutes – Pam distributed an email from Rebecca containing the password to gain access on the website to the Board Meeting minutes.

Next Board Meeting – President Reid scheduled the next meeting of the Board of Directors for Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Turf Center.

Adjourn – There being no other business to come before the Board, President Reid adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Bryson, Secretary