

**Michigan Angus Association
Meeting of Board of Directors
March 8, 2009
Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Hall, Jackson, Michigan**

Present: Merle Boehmer, Monte Bordner, Lawrence Bryson, Pam Bryson, Bonnie Canfield, Steve Fitzner, Ken Geuns, Dave Lutchka, Chuck Preston, Chuck Reid, Tim Ruggles, Cody Sankey, Jonathon Taylor, Steve Thelen

Also Present: Jerry Cassady, Dan Everett, Heather Everett, Doug Meiburg, Joe Merriman, Rachel Reid, Kirk Sterzick, Pete Sweeney, Lee Sweet, Julie Thelen, Garry Wiley, Jean Wiley

President Chuck Reid called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the 1/21/09 meeting were approved as previously distributed.

Treasurer Report (attached to official minutes): The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

20:20 Vision – A written report was distributed (attached to official minutes).

Monte Bordner moved to accept the report as distributed; seconded by Lawrence Bryson. After discussion, the motion carried.

Monte Bordner stated, with regard to the "Mission Statement," that the use of the term "Angus Brand" is an all encompassing term as it related to all segments of the Angus business.

Directory –

Monte Bordner moved, seconded by Dave Lutchka, to add the terms of Julie Thelen's bid as an attachment to the official minutes. Motion carried.

Michigan Junior Angus Update – Rachel Reid will represent the Junior Association on our MAA Board. Upcoming national shows are July 19-25 in Perry, Georgia, and August 6-9 in San Francisco.

Nominating Committee – Dave Lutchka submitted the following persons for election as 2009 - 2010 MAA officers:

President – Chuck Reid
Vice President – Lawrence Bryson
Secretary – Pam Bryson
Treasurer – Bonnie Canfield

As there were no other nominations, Chuck Preston moved to close nominations, seconded by Steve Thelen. The nominations were closed and the presented slate of officers was elected by acclamation.

Old Business:

Associate Membership (tabled from 1/21/09 meeting) – The Board and members discussed the possibility of an associate membership for people no longer active or no longer have cattle but want to stay on our mailing list. This item will be referred to the Membership Committee.

New Business:

Contribution for Reserve Champion Steer at Michigan State Fair:

President Reid distributed a list of those annual donation items (attached to official minutes).

Dave Lutchka moved, seconded by Merle Boehmer, that MAA contribute the same amount for the Michigan Livestock Expo as we do for the State Fair (\$150). Motion carried.

Monte Bordner moved to amend the list to add the Michigan Livestock Expo and \$100 for the National Angus Foundation. Lawrence Bryson seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted that, for the State Fair, SE Michigan Association contributes \$25, Lutchka Family contributes \$25, and MAA contributes \$100.

The list of annual donation items includes:

MCA: Bull Test \$250; Summer Round-up \$250; Annual Meeting \$275

National Angus Foundation: \$100

MJAA: We will hold \$400 in a contingency fund to be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Michigan State Fair: Champion Angus Steer Savings Bond \$100

Michigan Junior Livestock Society: Winter Beef Classic \$100

Michigan Livestock Expo: \$150

AAA Boot Camp: Jerry Cassady stated that there are some issues to scheduling a Boot Camp, i.e., can MSU provide facilities, speakers, etc. Ken Geuns questioned where the money will come from to finance the event and stated that the costs for a meat evaluation might be an issue. AAA has a checklist of necessities for conducting a Boot Camp. This item will be discussed at the next Board meeting and will likely be referred to the Education Committee. Jerry stated that AAA would need about a 4 month lead time. Ken will look into the feasibility of using the MSU facilities, etc.

Auxiliary – There will be a hospitality booth at Expo and Auxiliary requests a contribution from MAA of \$50-75.

Dave Lutchka moved, seconded by Chuck Preston, that MAA contribute up to \$75 towards the cost of the hospitality booth. Motion carried.

Monte Bordner stated he has ordered the AAA Booth display for the Bull Test Sale and for Expo.

Merle Boehmer announced that the "I Am Angus" video may run at Expo or can be viewed as a group. He is looking for a room at the Pavilion.

Dave Lutchka reported that a video was taken at a pork producer's operation in Ohio and will be used by PETA and the Humane Society. He suggested that Michigan may be targeted for next year. He urged members to take an active role in making certain that a true picture is publicized rather than the theatrics that have been used in the past by similar groups.

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the Board, President Reid adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Bryson, Secretary