

**Michigan Angus Association
Board of Directors Meeting
June 13, 2010
MSU Livestock Pavilion, East Lansing, MI**

Present: Merle Boehmer, Monte Bordner, Steve A. Fitzner, Dave Hawkins, Dave Lutchka, Chuck Preston, Chuck Reid, Tim Ruggles, Cody Sankey, Kirk Sterzick, Nancy Thelen, Steve Thelen

Also Present: Scott Foster and Jordan Paulsrud

President Chuck Preston called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m., following the Michigan Angus Preview Show. Jordan Paulsrud, the American Angus Association junior activities summer intern, was introduced.

Minutes: The minutes of the 5/12/10 meeting were approved as printed. A note from MSU was read thanking the association for their donation to the judging team golf outing. The thank you gift hat was presented to Jordan Paulsrud.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Not available due to the absence of the treasurer.

American Angus Association Board Report: Scott Foster had just returned from the June AAA board meeting in Kansas City. They have 500 entries for the Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show in Illinois and 1385 entries for the National Jr. Angus Show in Denver. The Activities Committee has worked on ROV funding for shows and on the points system. API continues to be busy, but advertising is down for this year. CAB sales continue to increase with an estimated 20% increase by September 30, 2010. Angus Genetics is also increasing business. The Foundation is working on reaching their goal, a big event is being planned for Louisville. A fawn calf test should be ready soon. Overall there is an optimistic attitude about future sales.

Committee and Other Reports:

Auxiliary – No report

Junior Update – No report

Beef Expo – Still collecting on a couple of lots. Payment to consignors needs to be made as soon as possible and we need to take immediate action to resolve the issues.

Fall Sale – October 2 has been confirmed with the Pavilion and with Bill Sheridan. Sale name will be “Great Lakes Angus Fall Classic” and we will follow the same rules as past years. There will be an ad in the Journal and also E-blasts. An ad will also run in the Farmers’ Advance through October. Two years ago the South Barn at the Pavilion cost \$1750. MSU would let us bring in bulk savings.

The nomination deadline will be August 1st. Dave Lutchka suggested that information on when the checks will be sent out to the consignor should be included in the fall sale

consignor letter. Will need to check on the wording or policy which was used in the past (ie. paying out 70% within 30 days or whatever was used previously.)

Newsletter – Please get all information to Nancy by June 26 so the newsletter can be published in July. This issue will include the fall sale nomination form and information on the proposed by-law changes.

Preview Show – There were 39 head shown. There was a question on whether the board felt it should be on a Saturday or on a Sunday. The general consensus was to continue to have it on Sunday. Nancy suggested that the association work more with MSU on promoting the shows and getting the show and entry information out to the members. Gift certificates from Fair Acres were awarded to the Champions which were only shown in open class.

By-laws – Dave Lutchka read a draft of the proposed by-law additions and suggested that the changes be included in the July newsletter with a request for any feedback to be given to him prior to our September board meeting. Monte Bordner moved to proceed with drafting and distributing the proposed draft of by-law additions. Motion seconded and passed. The proposed additions are:

Add: Action without a meeting. Action may be taken by the Board of Directors or a committee thereof without a meeting if, before the action, all members of the Board or of the committee consent thereto in writing. The written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee and approved at the next Board meeting.

Add: Conference telephone. A member of the Board or committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participating in a meeting pursuant to this method constitutes presence in person at the meeting. This section applies to all meetings except the annual meeting. Members participating in this manner will not be counted towards the quorum.

Add: Section 9. Terms of office. Newly elected officers will take office at the first board meeting after the annual meeting in which they were elected.

It was also noted that the by-laws call for an annual audit of the accounts of the Association. Dave Lutchka is willing to chair an audit.

New Business:

Secretary Position – Monte Bordner shared that Rebecca VanDenBerg may be interested in the secretary position. There was also discussion on paying a secretary and treasurer who would perform both jobs. There was a suggestion to take 1% out of each sale to support the position, but several directors felt this was not fair. There were also suggestions that dues be increased and then an administrative fee could be taken out to fund the position and that we have a membership drive so breeders know how to join the

association. If the positions were changed, it would be important to open it up for anyone interested to apply. Dave Lutchka volunteered to help set-up internal controls if the two offices were combined. Dave Hawkins moved to appoint a committee to work on combining the two positions and to report back at the September meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Committee members are Nancy Thelen, Dave Hawkins and Dave Lutchka.

Treasurer Position – Monte Bordner made a motion to ask Bonnie Canfield to resign as treasurer and relinquish all records. Motion seconded by Dave Lutchka so there could be discussion. Discussion on the motion followed. Dave Hawkins said he would be willing to help out wherever he could. Following discussion the motion and support was withdrawn by consent. Chuck Reid moved that a committee of Dave Hawkins, Dave Lutchka, Steven B. Fitzner and Chuck Reid meet with Bonnie to resolve the immediate issues. Motion seconded by Steve A. Fitzner and passed. Chuck Preston will be updating Bonnie.

The bank signature card also needs to be updated. Dave Lutchka moved that Chuck Preston and Chuck Reid be added to the bank signature card. Merle Boehmer seconded the motion and motion passed.

Cattleman's Summer Round-Up – Monte Bordner asked if the \$250 donation to the Summer Round-Up had been paid. It was in the budget. Monte moved to have the Association provide a full sponsorship of \$300 and he offered to pay the additional \$50 to make it a full \$300 sponsorship which includes two free registrations, with one to go to John MacMaster and one to Bordner so they could attend the Bull Test Meeting held during the Round-Up. Motion seconded by Dave Lutchka and passed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1 at 7 p.m. at the MSU Turf Center if it is available.

Adjourn:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Interim Secretary

