

Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors Meeting
March 11, 2012
Gene Davis & Sons Banquet Hall, Jackson, Michigan

Present: Monte Bordner, Ed Dawson, Merle Boehmer, Ken Geuns, Kevin Beckington, Clifford Simmons, Dave Lutchka, John MacMaster, Chuck Preston, Tim Ruggles, Kirk Sterzick, Bob Zellmer, Heather Everett, Lisa Bohlen and Nancy Thelen
Also Present: Scott Foster, Dave Hawkins and Sharon Vaassen,

President Monte Bordner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes: Merle Boehmer moved to approve the minutes of the 1/28/12 meeting as printed. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: The checking account balance is \$17,723.87 and the CD is \$5,947.69 for total assets of \$23,671.56. Ken Geuns moved to approve the report, Heather Everett seconded and motion passed. Treasurer Lisa Bohlen presented a preliminary budget for June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013. Chuck Preston moved to approve the budget, motion seconded by Merle Boehmer. Bob Zellmer amended the motion to include a \$250 donation toward the meal at the Bull Test sale which is the association's 25% sponsorship cost and allows us to set up a booth. Chuck Preston seconded the amendment and the motion passed as amended. Following more discussion, Ken Geuns moved to allocate \$500 as discretionary funds to be utilized for activities such as shows and this be added into the budget. Motion seconded and passed. Lisa asked if the association should be carrying liability insurance. Consensus was that we should. Merle Boehmer will check on liability insurance and it was suggested to add \$300 to the budget to cover insurance. In January we had also allocated up to \$500 for the field day and that needs to be added into the budget. For 2012 there will be no cost to the association for the Preview Show. Dave Lutchka moved to add Insurance coverage at \$300 and Field Day at \$500 to the budget and the motion was seconded and passed. Lisa will send out an updated budget.

Committee and Other Reports Not Covered in Annual Meeting:

Committee sign-up sheets were passed around.

There was no report from the Michigan Junior Angus Association.

Michigan Angus Auxiliary Update – Sharon Vaassen, immediate past president, reported that they had three new members join at the annual meeting, Miss Michigan Angus and the two Angus Ambassadors will be announced at the banquet, sixteen Certificates of Achievement will be presented to Michigan juniors, and they are anticipating three applications for the scholarship which is due April 1st. The auxiliary will host a hospitality table at Expo. A portion of the cost in the past has been in equipment rental for coffee igloos. The auxiliary would like to purchase two of the beverage igloos at \$150 each, and would like to split the cost with the association. At the 2011 Preview Show the auxiliary sponsored a records and application workshop for the juniors. Three juniors attended and all three have applied for additional awards since the workshop. The auxiliary will conduct more training if the juniors are interested and will also work with the juniors on a one-on-one basis. The American Angus Auxiliary is also interested in learning more about our workshops.

Nominating Committee – The following slate of officers was presented for election as 2012 - 2013 MAA officers:

President – Monte Bordner
Vice President – Merle Boehmer
Secretary – Nancy Thelen
Treasurer – Lisa Bohlen

There were no other nominations. Ken Geuns moved to close nominations and elect the slate of officers by unanimous ballot. Motion seconded and passed.

Any Other – It had been suggested to have an Angus reception at the Beef Expo, following the Angus educational program. Merle Boehmer moved to allocate \$250 for the reception. Motion seconded by Dave Lutchka and passed. Monte will recruit someone to coordinate the reception.

Old Business:

There was no report on the association logo or the audit.

Nancy Thelen reported that an American Angus Association and National Junior Angus member list of Michigan residents had been ordered from the American Angus Association.

John MacMaster shared that the association needs to let the University Club know that there will not be an Angus function there on the Friday evening of Expo. Dave Hawkins will contact the University Club.

New Business:

Chuck Preston moved to allocate \$150 toward the purchase of beverage igloos for the Auxiliary. Ed Dawson seconded the motion and it passed.

The association received a letter asking for a donation for the Michigan Livestock Expo. It was suggested that our sponsorship be taken out of the discretionary funds line item in our budget.

Dave Lutchka shared an idea for the board to consider in the future of possibly giving members a discount on their breeders page ad in the Michigan Cattleman's magazine if they consign to both of our association sales.

Next Board Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for May 9 at 7 p.m. at the MSU Pavilion.

Adjourn: There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Secretary