

**Michigan Angus Association Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 2012 at the MSU Judging Pavilion
East Lansing, Michigan**

Present: Monte Bordner, Lisa Bohlen, Chuck Preston, Kirk Sterzick, Merle Boehmer, Cody Sankey, Steve Thelen, Ken Geuns, Clifford Simmons, Ed Dawson, Kevin Beckington, Jonathon Taylor and Nancy Thelen.

President Monte Bordner called the meeting to order. Ken Geuns moved to approve the agenda as printed, motion seconded and passed.

Minutes: Lisa Bohlen requested more specific information in the minutes in reference to the names on the bank accounts. The revision reads; "Kirk Sterzick moved to add Lisa Bohlen's name on all bank accounts not currently on (specifically Independent Bank CD 9019513827), and to have Bonnie Kay Canfield's name removed, effective immediately. Motion seconded and passed."

Merle Boehmer moved to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2012 meeting as corrected. Motion seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Lisa Bohlen reported the checking account balance is \$16,768.12 and the CD balance is \$5,953.69 for a total of \$22,721.81. Chuck Preston moved to accept the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Merle Boehmer and passed.

American Angus Association Report: Scott Foster was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a report. The American Angus Association will be holding their board meeting next week. The financials look good for this fiscal year. Please contact Scott if you have any concerns to share with him prior to the national board meeting. There are ten candidates vying for five AAA board of director positions. Our Michigan delegates to the AAA annual meeting are Scott Foster, Monte Bordner, and Dave Hawkins. Alternates are Dave Lutchka, Cody Sankey and Bob Zellmer.

Committee and Other Reports

Annual Banquet – No report

Auxiliary – Kris Boehmer was unable to attend

Bull Test – Monte Bordner reported they have 117 entries, with 67 head of Angus. Bulls will arrive October 12 and 13, 2012. Ken Geuns shared that there will be two feeding groups divided by age. The younger bulls will have a higher protein ration.

Beef Expo – Merle Boehmer encouraged everyone to start thinking about entries for Beef Expo. They are planning to have the catalog out sooner in 2013.

Commercial Opportunities – No report

Fall Sale – Merle Boehmer reported there are 57 head consigned and the catalogs will be out in the next two weeks; Bill Sheridan worked his schedule around so he will be able to sell the cattle, with the sale starting at 6:30 p.m.; there will be a party the evening before; and an educational program at 2:30 p.m. on sale day, presented by Kevin Gould from MSU Extension. The program will focus on "Alternative Feeding Strategies in Challenging Times". Sellers need to work with the buyers and follow-up with them after the sale.

Field Day – Kirk Sterzick reported that the 2012 field day was attended by 150 people and went very smoothly. It was unfortunate that only a few junior members attended. A huge thank you to Kirk for hosting this great event.

Junior Members – No report. There was discussion on the need to get more involved with the juniors and possibly meet with the junior advisors. The idea was shared of having a photo collage of the juniors or a video of them having a good time at various activities and this could be on display at the Winter Beef Classic and other Angus activities.

Newsletter – Nancy Thelen announced the next newsletter will go out in November, after the North American. A flyer on the Black Bonus Sale will be created by Rebecca VanDenBerg and/or Kelli Fulkerson and will be emailed and mailed out.

Preview Show – Preview Show will be held the same weekend in 2013. It is unknown who will be coordinating it.

Communications/Website – The board has received the Analytics report.

20:20 Vision – There was no report on the approval of the updated vision.

Old Business:

- Number of Directors on the board – Monte will follow up on this.
- Association Logo – Monte may ask Kelli to work on some additional logos.
- Audit Report – Lisa has the records from June 1, 2011 – May 31, 2012 ready to go to Dave Lutchka. Chuck Preston moved to have Dave do an audit on this past fiscal year, June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012 and he does not need to complete audits on years prior to that. Motion seconded and passed.
- The committee working with MSU Extension on the MSU Youth Livestock and Dairy Specialist Positions presented their recommendations to Extension administration. On behalf of MCA Monte met with several decision makers and university administration, and Farm Bureau representatives to discuss the beef barn situation. MSU will be keeping 10 Polled Hereford heifers and some embryos. Stakeholders may be going to the legislature to ask for \$750,000 for the farms and two youth livestock/dairy specialist positions. Merle Boehmer moved to send out an email to our membership if necessary regarding getting support for this. Motion seconded and passed, with Ken Geuns, Cody Sankey and Nancy Thelen abstaining. Monte volunteered to prepare the letter and send it to appropriate parties.

New Business:

- 2012 Committee assignments will be done at the November meeting.
- The Great Lakes State Fair was a huge success for its first year. It provided great contact with consumers and we need to continue to do ag promotion at this event. Monte shared that in the future the association may want to look at sponsoring awards, including division champions. Many thanks to Steve and Nancy Thelen for helping to develop and implement this new event and to Ricka Boehmer for taking the photos of the champions.
- Ken Geuns moved that in the future a list of all sale buyers and sale lot information be made available to all members of the association. Motion seconded and passed.

Next Board Meeting & Adjournment – The next board meeting will be held on November 7 at 7 p.m. at the Pavilion. Ken volunteered to reserve the room. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thelen, Secretary