

Annual Meeting Minnesota Angus Association March 5, 2011

The 2011 Annual meeting of the Minnesota Angus Association was called to order on March 5, 2011 at Simon Arena, Cannon Falls, Minnesota. Twenty one Association members signed the attendance sheet. Proof of notice of the meeting was given by President Dusty Martin. 2011 annual meeting minutes were read and approved.

Annual reports of officers & committees were given.

Financial report was given by Executive Secretary. Junior and auxiliary money taken in to the treasury are transferred to the individual accounts. Some scholarship donations remain in association treasury which will be transferred to the Scholarship Fund Annuity. Expenses and income for Connections newsletter were reviewed and discussed. The board of Directors holds a regular meeting in February. Instead of paying mileage for the directors, the association pays for meal.

Audit Committee reviewed the treasurer's book prior to the meeting and found the books to be in order. Member's discussed when to audit the books again. Motion was made, seconded and approved to audit 2011 treasurers' books prior to the annual meeting.

This year a full page ad in the state directory will cost \$400; the special ads auctioned at the banquet will not be sold for less than \$450.

This year the Semen Auction has 13 bulls of 5 units of each. Semen will be started at the retail price. The semen will be sold at start of the auction instead of the banquet.

Bruce Waugh presented a report on the Junior Association. Minnesota has had 5 consecutive years with a NJAA board member. The 2010 Field day Show held at Pipestone was shared with Herefords and Red Angus Junior Association shows. The 2011 show at Preston will be held June 24-25. About 15 juniors entered 30 head for the 2010 NJAA show at Denver. The Juniors are taking full responsibility for how they spend their money. Junior Association will take over much of the open show sponsorship. A budget will be set up for the Junior Association. Approximately 10 exhibitors are planning to take 20-25 head of cattle to NJAS.

2011 State Sale Committee reported that it was a struggle to get cattle for the State Sale. Discussion was held on consignments. The board has made changes to the sale to reflect what members have wanted, but still unable to get consignments.

Louie Bulfer reported on the MBCIA. Last year there were 36 Angus bulls which averaged \$2248. This year there are 50 Angus in the test. Peter Hassing will take over as delegate.

Jim Hassing reported on Livestock Breeders. Livestock breeders are responsible for the purple ribbon auction at state fair, and Ag in the classroom. Livestock Breeders recognize 3-4 people each year for their contributions to Agriculture. Jim would like to have someone take his place on the board. Neil Johnson will be the new representative to Livestock Breeders.

The Association did not have a booth at the Cattlemen's Association 2010 Convention. Advertising was placed the Cattlemen's tour program.

Mark Purfeerst reported on the voting at the American Angus Association Annual meeting.

The Association will continue to sponsor U of M Cow/Calf Days.

Cannon Valley Ranch, Bruce Waugh family, will be donating the heifer for the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience Program. Five class sponsorships are needed.

The terms of Board Members Mark Holmen, Gregg Johnson and Bruce Waugh are up; Mark Holman and Gregg Johnson will run for re-election. Nominations are Cory Hoseth, Tim Sullivan and Bob Nord. Nominations were opened to the floor. No additional nominations were made. Mark Holman, Gregg Johnson and Bob Nord were elected to the Board of Directors

Old Business:

There was no interest in the Angus Feeder Calf Sale program

The board has reviewed the website. Change is working well.

Tim Sullivan and Brian Gohl reported on the Purple Ribbon Group. Members were contacted to donate for the purchase of the Champions steers at the State Fair Purple Ribbon Auction. Donations were also used for the purchase of a Heifer at the MN Beef Expo, and given to a Junior through MYBEP. More discussion is needed about how the rest of the funds will be distributed.

New Business:

New Heifer Grant Program and Semen Donation Program. The Board of Directors has discussed a junior grant program which would offer juniors a grant to be used to purchase a heifer on the MN state sale. Selection would be done through an application process. Breeders may donate semen to the association to be sold on the website and sales used to support the program.

Membership now has various support levels to allow members the opportunity to financially support the association and junior activities. Vita-Ferm has become a major sponsor for the Associations "partnering for Education Program. The board of directors will be responsible for nominations for the 2012 board election.

2012 auditing committee was appointed

Changing the date and location of annual meeting, State Sale and Banquet for 2012 was discussed. Moving the sale to Fergus Falls and opening it up to all other breeds to hold their association sales at the same time was discussed. The association has received favorable feedback from some of the other breed associations.

There being no further business motion was made and meeting was adjourned.