

Wisconsin Angus Association
Board of Directors Meeting
UW Sheep Farm, Arlington
November 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Weber. Those present were: Dave Horstmeyer, Leslie Mindemann, Jim Hawthorne, Jim Ward, Tony Weber, Dan Downing, Tom Tomaw, Kevin Konkol, Scott Gaffney, Jeff Kind, Steve Wagemester and Ardel Quam.

Secretary report: Kind needs to be added to the list in attendance at the last meeting. Ward moved to accept the minutes from the August 14, 2007, meeting with the addition of Kind in the listing. Tomaw seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer report: Tomaw moved to accept the financial statement. Downing seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ward moved to give \$5000 to the foundation for seed money for a future national junior show being hosted by Wisconsin. This money would come from the 6-month CD which is (maturing and) in savings. Downing seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old business: World Beef Expo report from Tomaw on how things went. The WAA was one of the sponsors for the exhibitor party- went well. Downing and Gaffney gave a report on the sale at WBE. The sale average was \$2341. Gaffney had a spread sheet from Val with the breakdown of the sale. For 2008 need to get entry blanks in the directory for the WBE sale.

Field Day: Hawthorne talked to Bayer's at WBE about the field day they hosted. Nice day and excellent facilities for those who participated. Weber thanked the Country Lane in the newsletter for there. The board went on record thanking the Bayer's for hosting the field day.

Farm tech Days: Hawthorne gave his report on those days. He did have request for CAB information or literature. Next year would be a nice addition to the booth. Next year it will be held July 15-17, 2008, in Brown County.

Feeder calf sale: do we want to do it and if we do where do you want to hold it. Numbers would need to be about 200 head to attract enough buyers. Mindemann will email board members some dates and places and their number of head that they sell as feeders. Need to think about if we would require AngusSource tags and how will buyers of bulls know about the option of these sales.

Web page- the banner ad will be replaced with the auxiliary gift boxes and scholarship. Updates are being done.

Annual Meeting: Ward moved to pay for the meals at the annual meeting for those who RSVP. Downing seconded the motion. The schedule for the day will follow the same as last year. Kind, Downing, Tomaw and Wagemester have all served 1 three-year term. They are all eligible for re-election. WJAA would like to sell a tank of champions that day as a fundraiser. Looking at selling 2 lots. Konkol will send out postcards to solicit silent auction items. Tomaw moved to allow the WJAA sell their tank of champions Gaffney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Konkol will let the juniors know about this.

New business: Spring sale March 16, 2008. Tomaw will check into booking the Grant County fairgrounds. Some members asked if there will be requirements on the bulls being offered in the sale. Tomaw and Gaffney will put together the requirements for selling in WAA sponsored sales. They will have this for the annual meeting

Wisconsin Auxiliary: report from Quam on behalf of Kathy Miller. They are working on setting their annual meeting date. They have set the deadline for the scholarships for December 31, 2007, and the winners will be announced at the annual meeting January 26, 2008. They are offering their popular gift packages of cheese and sausage boxes again.

WJAA: Report from Retallick by way of Weber. Gave an overview of what WJAA have done this past year. Three members went to the first "Raising The Bar" conference at the office in St. Joseph. It has been a busy summer for their association.

Committee reports: Audit: Downing will talk to the same person that did the audit last year and see if he is interested in doing it again. Will finish up the month of November and then will get the paper work to him.

State fair: Horstmeyer has not been to a meeting.

Budget: Mindemann went over the hand out and all looks good for this past year.

Other business: Badger Kick-Off Classic: Gaffney moved to sponsor the champion Angus heifer at \$100. Horstmeyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Quam will contact the group to let them know.

Newsletter: Some of them have had free space that could have been used. One idea would be that take turns for each board member to have an article in the newsletter. Further discussion on this will be at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be immediately before the start of the annual meeting to discuss the audit.

Seeing no further business, Tomaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Hawthorne seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardel Quam,
Secretary