



Annual Meeting Minutes

March 26th, 2022
Taphouse Twenty | Tomah, WI

Call to Order: President Mark Schmidt called the March 26th, 2022 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Angus Association to order at approximately 3 PM. The agenda, minutes, and financials were passed out to the 42 attendees.

Secretary Report: Dan Downing moved to accept the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting. Kurt Hallstrand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Dan Downing moved to accept the financial report covering the 2021 fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Chad Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business

- Mary Jean Hlavac Donation: Ideas and suggestions were taken from the membership for use of the funds of nearly \$40,000 that was donated. Ideas are as follows: Ensure Frank's name is included, Mary Jean and Frank Hlavac were a team. Youth assistance: LEAD travel funds, scholarships, supplies grant, NJAS Showmanship Dress Fund, Traveling Show Award, general award to recognize outstanding Angus individuals in WI, assistance with membership dues.
- Bylaws Amendments: Jeremy Krusemark presented the by-laws to be in-stated, changes from articles of incorporation included section 5.1, and section 5.3. Dan Downing moved to accept the by-laws as re-written. Mark Tremaine seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- State Leaders Training: Cassandra Garcia reported on her trip to Wooster, OH for leadership training on behalf of the association in January.

Elections: Mark Tremaine served two 3-year terms and would not be eligible for re-election. Rodger Schmidt served one 3-year term and did not wish to seek re-election. Jeremy Krusemark and Steven Schank each served one 3-year term and were eligible for re-election. President Mark Schmidt called for nominees for any eligible board nominees. Jack Cummings and Chad Morrissey were presented as expressing interest in serving on the board. Kurt Hallstrand moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jack Cummings, Chad Morrissey, Jeremy Krusemark, and Steven Schank as nominees. Mark Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jack Cummings, Chad Morrissey, Jeremy Krusemark, and Steven Schank were elected.

Affiliate Reports

- Auxiliary: Amber Miller reported on auxiliary scholarship winner results. Klay Lorentz & Hailey Jentz received \$1,000 scholarships as high school graduates, Kelly Gaffney received \$750 as a high school graduate. Bree Gaffney received the \$750 continuing education scholarship.
- WJAA: Ava Leibfried, WJAA President, shared about recent WJAA activities including recent elections, annual meeting, mini LEAD conference, and the continuation of the WJAA sponsoring milk & donuts at the NJAS show.
- Wisconsin Angus Foundation: Mark Tremaine gave an update on the funds held from the 2002 NJAS seed money.
- Wisconsin Cattlemen: Brady Zuck, WCA President, attended. Presented an update later that evening.
- Wisconsin Beef Council: Grace Link, Director of Compliance, attended. Presented an update later that evening.

Committee Reports

- State Sale: Chad Stevenson provided a report on plans in the works for the 2022 state futurity sale.
- Directory: Mark Schmidt provided a report on the latest directory published.
- Audit/Budget: Mark Tremaine reported that the audit committee completed a review of the books at year-end.
- Newsletter: Cassandra Garcia reported that the third issue of the revamped newsletter would be getting published at month-end. The publication is circulated via email to a list of 750, and a print copy is mailed to paid members.
- Membership: Cassandra Garcia reports that membership was at 116 members before the annual meeting.
- Shows/Futurity: Amber Miller provided a report on the plans for the State Preview show.
- Fund Raising: Mark Schmidt thanked those who donated to the silent auction, and shared that the typical semen raffle was switched to a giveaway for this year.
- Farm Tech Days: Steve Schank shared that plans are underway for the WAA booth at the 2022 event July 12-14 in Clark County.
- Field Days/Social Events: Mark Schmidt reported on plans underway for Field Day/Tour in the central WI area.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business to entertain, president Mark Schmidt called for a motion to adjourn the 2022 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Angus Association. Mark Tremaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeremy Krusemark seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:49 PM.