



# Annual Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2023  
Taphouse Twenty | Tomah, WI

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## **Call to Order:**

President Mark Schmidt called the May 20th, 2023 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Angus Association to order at approximately 3:45 PM. The agenda, minutes, and financials were passed out to roughly 35 attendees.

## **Secretary Report:**

Steve Schank moved to accept the minutes from the 2021 Annual Meeting. Annie Benzine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Treasurer Report:**

Chad Stevenson moved to accept the financial report covering the 2022 fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Kurt Hallstrand seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Elections:**

Chad Stevenson, Kurt Hallstrand, and Joe Buening served two 3-year terms and would not be eligible for re-election. Tarilyor Cooley served one 3-year term and did not wish to seek re-election. President Mark Schmidt called for nominees for any eligible board nominees. Jacob Krusemark, Amber Miller, Cole Chapman, and Jed Hallstrand were presented as expressing interest in serving on the board. Greg May moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jacob Krusemark, Amber Miller, Cole Chapman, and Jed Hallstrand as nominees. Mia Bayer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jacob Krusemark, Amber Miller, Jed Hallstrand were elected.

## **Affiliate Reports:**

- Auxiliary: Susan Quam reported on the recipients of the auxiliary scholarships and fundraising initiatives.
- 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. Mia Bayer presented a call to action for volunteers for the 2024 NJAS show in Madison. She also presented Ava Leibfried with the WJAA outstanding junior award.
- Wisconsin Angus Foundation: No update.
- UW Beef Outreach Specialist: No update.
- Wisconsin Cattlemen: Chad Stevenson, the WI Angus representative to WCA advised nothing to report.
- World Beef Expo: No update.
- American Angus Association: Casey Jentz presented an update on recent AAA business and news.

## **Committee Reports:**

- State Sale: No report, did not get enough consignors for a 2022 state sale.
- Newsletter: Cassandra Henning reported the most recent publication of the WI Angus Newsletter. The publication is circulated via email to a list of 800, and a print copy is mailed to paid members.
- Membership: Cassandra Henning reported 65 paid members as of the annual meeting.
- Shows/Futurity: Details were shared regarding the state preview show to be held in Jefferson.
- Fund Raising: Mark Schmidt thanked those who donated to the silent auction and semen auction.
- Farm Tech Days: Jack Cummings shared that plans are underway for the WAA booth at the 2023 event.
- Field Days/Social Events: Mark Schmidt reported on plans underway for regional Angus meetings.
- Hlavac Fund: Cassandra Henning and Mark Schmidt reported on the structure of the funds investment plan and plans on how the grant application would work.

## **Adjournment:**

Seeing no further business to entertain, president Mark Schmidt called for a motion to adjourn the 2023 annual meeting of the Wisconsin Angus Association. Kurt Hallstrand made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chad Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 PM.