

Wisconsin Angus Association

Board of Directors Meeting

September 26, 2015

World Beef Expo, West Allis, Wisc.

The meeting was called to order by President Justin Diefenbach. Those present were: Justin Diefenbach, Jenny Kilpatrick, Jeff Berget, Paul Nuttelman, Bart Mitchell, Sue Finley, Allison Hawthorne, Jim Hawthorne, Courtney Jentz, Mark Schmidt, Chris Thorson, Leslie Mindemann, Casey Jentz and Ardel Quam.

Secretary report: Nuttelman moved to accept the minutes from the July meeting. Kilpatrick seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer report: Report given covering June through August. Mitchell moved to accept the report. Berget seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business: World Beef Expo- 90 head were shown need to break the 100 mark to go into the next level of premiums.

State directory: Diefenbach and Finley will get together soon and start the ball rolling for the 2016 directory. The premium ads were sold at the 2015 annual meeting. Looking for ideas for an article to put some pizzazz in the directory. If anyone didn't get an ad then they need to contact Diefenbach or Finley to get a spot. Goal is to have it available at the 2016 annual meeting.

Website: Kilpatrick will get things on the website as people send it in.

CAB & CAB: Henningfeld & Davis are still progressing with it.

AAA report: Jentz reported that the association has received over 40 applications for the CEO position. Hoping to get it down to the top 5 or so for the AAA board to look at by the middle of October.

New Business: Annual Meeting: The Wisconsin Cattlemen's has set the dates for the inter Conference as February 5 & 6, 2016, at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells. Comment was made about better or more signage in the lobby portion to make maneuvering about the rooms easier for all. Quam has served 2 terms on the board and is not eligible for reelection. Finley, Nodolf and Nuttelman have each served 1 three year term and are eligible for reelection. Both Nuttelman and Finley have expressed interest in running again for the board.

WJAA: Jim Hawthorne gave a report on what has been done so far. September 1, 2015 a letter from Wisconsin and Illinois was submitted as application for hosting the 2018 National Junior Angus Show. The application was accepted and July 5-15, 2018 (set and tear down time) has been tentatively been put on hold at the Alliant Energy Center for a National Junior Angus Show. Wisconsin and Illinois will be jointly hosting the 2018 national show. The new facilities at the Alliant Center are a calling card for the show. Since 2002 the Angus Foundation is kicking in more money. The state hosting is expected to raise \$200,000. If the two states work together that would be \$100,000. Right now each state has raised around \$50,000. A logo needs to be designed for the show. Illinois and Wisconsin will each have an executive director and 14 committees are necessary to be set up for the show.

Steer Futurity: Nuttelman expressed his concern over not having enough Angus steers exhibited at the 2015 Wisconsin State Fair to garner a class of their own. He really feels we all need to work to get the necessary number (10) to have a class in 2016. He has been talking to people and has received pledges totaling \$800-\$1000 already to be used as a jackpot for the Angus steer class. This would not be producer nominated/funded. He volunteered to put some guidelines together and email out to the board to look over. This needs to be done in a timely manner so WSF can get it listed and to get the word out as now is the time that Angus steers are being purchased. Jentz moved to have these changes made to and promote them for a 2016 Wisc. State Fair Angus steer class. Finley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Liability Insurance: Mindemann will email Diefenbach the name of her agent, the question was raised as to a change of agent was necessary.

Newsletter: Finley asked if everyone present had received their Fall issue of the WAA newsletter. The printer sent them out bulk so it has been taking longer for them to be delivered.

Wis. Auxiliary: They held their annual meeting at World Beef Expo earlier in the day. Had a nice small crowd. Decided to go at this time to free up time and not so busy the day of the WAA annual meeting.

Next meeting: December 1, 2015 by conference call.

Seeing no further business Nuttelman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mitchell seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardel Quam,
Secretary