

NC Angus Association Annual Membership Business Meeting
January 17, 2015 Forsyth County Agriculture Building - Winston-Salem, NC

President Swisher called the meeting to order. Copies of the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting minutes and the 2014 Association financial report were distributed to meeting attendees.

Joe Hampton made a motion, seconded by Henry Vines, to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

Eddie Leagans made a motion, seconded by John Cassavaugh, to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed.

President Swisher then asked for Committee Reports:

Constitution and By-laws: Henry Vines reported no changes

Down East Sale: Chairman Roy Outlaw discussed the success of the 2014 sale with a sales gross of \$176,650. He stated he was pleased with the results of having the DVAuction service for the sale. 2015 sale will be November 7.

Endowment: Chairman Jim Ryhne was not present so President Swisher stated the endowment had increased 11.42% over the year 2014.

Fairs & Shows: No report

Field Day: John Cassavaugh reported the 2014 field day was held August 23 at the Butner Beef Field Labs in conjunction with NCSU and NCDA&CS. It was very well attended by cattlemen and women from across the state but only a few NCAA members attended. The program featured research and extension projects at the research farm and an overview of the new beef cattle placement plan for all the NCSU and NCDA&CS research stations. President Swisher then reported the board made the decision to combine the spring tour and field day into one event in the future.

Annual Meeting: Eddie Leagans, reported the meeting had eighty five attendees pre-registered and eighteen sponsors, with four being new sponsors for 2015. The educational program featured a panel discussion on marketing. He requested that everyone help to keep the building in order. Eddie also presented a survey for the membership to complete regarding future annual meetings and membership in NCAA.

Finance: No report

Grievance: No report

Hall of Fame: Howard Gentry stated the Hall of Fame committee has selected a recipient for the 2015 award. Due to the fact the honoree will not be in attendance at the annual meeting, the award will be presented at a future Angus event.

Handbook: Sharon Rogers reported the handbook and newsletter would be discontinued and would be replaced by the new NC Angus News quarterly magazine. The magazine will have feature articles, educational articles and other items of interest to Angus breeders. It will be distributed to NCAA members and other Angus enthusiasts across the state. The fall edition of the magazine will include the NCAA membership listing.

Long Range Plan: No report

Marketing: The need to finalize revisions to the Elite heifer program were discussed.

Membership: 2014 – 247 members (168 paid, 79 complimentary)

BCIP: Committee Chairman Bill Teague reported the results for the 2014 Bull Test that were conducted by the BCIP.

Butner:

52 Angus Bulls Started Test. Forty-one Angus passed the test. ADG 3.83, Adjusted Yearling 1153, WDA 3.16 for Angus, 39 Angus Bulls Sold for average of \$3735

Lot 5 Oakview Angus Bobby Aldridge - Top Indexing Angus a LimeLight 64V Son; Panther Creek Farms John Smith high selling Angus at \$5300

Waynesville:

29 Angus Bulls Started Test. Eighteen Angus passed the test. ADG 3.94, Adjusted Yearling 1181, WDA 3.16 for Angus, Eighteen Angus Bulls Sold for average of \$4465

Lot 1 BGS Angus Top Indexing Angus a TC CANDID 161 son; Lot 12 H&H Farm Buddy Hamrick high selling Angus at \$7000 a Sitz Upward 307R son

Purebred Breeders Council: No report

Out West Sale: Dr. Shuffler stated the Out West Sale committee will be suspended temporarily until future plans are determined.

Publicity: Chairman Linda Hicks reported the committee is off to a running start in 2015. We will be submitting three articles for the "Spotlight on Angus" issue of The Carolina Cattle Connection, published in the March issue each year. Articles will be written by Daniel Brown, Linda Hicks and Sharon Rogers. Daniel Brown, Brooke Harward and Donna Outlaw have agreed to serve on the committee in 2015 along with Linda Hicks and Sharon Rogers. She also requested volunteers if anyone is interested. The committee hopes to have an NCAA related article in each issue of The Carolina Cattle Connection and new articles for other NCAA publications.

Sanders Scholarship: Sharon Rogers reported Joe Fulbright of Vale, NC was the 2014 recipient and the 2015 scholarship amount will be \$1610 application are available in the NCAA office and are due April 15, 2015.

Spring Fever Sale: Mike Moss reported 2014 was the highest grossing sale in history. Sale date is May 2, 2015. Need consignments to NCAA by early February.

Spring Tours: John Smith reported the 2014 tours were held in eastern NC. President Swisher then reported the board made the decision to combine the spring tour and field day into one event in the future.

Website: Sharon Rogers stated the website continues to have good traffic, averaging about 150 visits/day.

NC Angus Juniors: President Daniel Brown invited everyone to the State Show on March 28th at the Guilford County Cooperative Extension barn. They also have a large group of junior who plan to attend the 2015 Eastern Regional and National Junior Angus Shows.

2014 Eastern Regional Junior Show: Co-chairman Brooke Harward thanked the association for their support of the event. It was a huge success with 127 exhibitors from 19 states. She then stated the excess funds will be held by the AAA Foundation for future Eastern Regional Show in NC.

NC Angus Auxiliary: Maggie Tennant, co-President of the Auxiliary stated the NC Angus Auxiliary has had a busy year in 2014. We were proud to be the home state for the American Angus Auxiliary President, Cortney Holshouser and Miss American Angus Catherine Harward. We awarded the NC Angus Auxiliary Merit award, a \$1000 scholarship, to Colleen Jones in January 2014. We held our spring meeting in May in Reidsville at Chinqua-Penn, and our summer outing touring Blandwood Mansion in Greensboro. We helped with two major events this year. In June, we helped with the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show held in Raleigh, including the decorations, the hospitality booth, and the queen's luncheon. The other major event was in Kansas City in November at the American Angus Auxiliary Breakfast where NC sponsored the breakfast for outgoing American Angus Auxiliary President Cortney Holshouser. It was a sellout. The NC Angus Auxiliary, along with many other supporters, spent many hours preparing and decorating for this special event.

Today the NC Angus Auxiliary and the juniors are hosting a silent auction, with all proceeds going to the DeEtta Wood Benefit – the Cows Hate Cancer. We would greatly appreciate your support for our outgoing president.

History: No report

Human Resources: No report

President Swisher the recognized the retiring board members and thanked them for their service to the NCAA. Retiring members were: Steve Grady, Eddie Leagans, Henry Vines, Stephen Watson and Jeffrey Wood.

The nominating committee then presented their nominations for new NCAA Board members for 2015. Nominees included: David Gragg, Brooke Harward, Eddie Leagans, Eugene Shuffler and Mark Wilburn. Joe Hampton made a motion, seconded by John Cassvaugh, to accept the nominations. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

Sharon Rogers

NCAA Executive Secretary