

North Carolina Angus Association Holds Annual Meeting

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The 2016 North Carolina Angus Association Annual Meeting was held February 13, 2016 at the Forsyth County Agriculture Building in Winston-Salem, NC. It was a great day to conduct association business, see old friends, make new ones and learn about some of the newest innovations in the beef industry.

The day kicked off with a NCAA Board of Directors meeting. The several association committee reports were shared with the board and plans were made for the upcoming year. The 2016 NC Angus Spring Fever Sale was discussed. Sale committee member, Dr. Brent Scarlett presented a report on the upcoming sale and asked the association to support an incentive program to get more consignors involved. For 2016 a special selection committee will pick the top consignment from each class of cattle in the sale, open heifer, bred heifer and spring or fall cow-calf pairs to be awarded a cash prize plus straws of semen from the major AI studs. Discussion was also held on the success of the first year of production for the *NC Angus News* magazine. Everyone was encouraged to continue seeking out advertisers for the publication. Also throughout the day the NC Angus Auxiliary and the NC Junior Angus Association conducted their annual meetings and educational programs.

A special recognition to our meeting sponsors for their support the day's events: ABS Global, Bartlett Milling Company, COWBUYER.com, Farm Credit Associates of NC, Genex Corporation, Kent Nutrition Group, Kings AgriSeeds, Merck Animal Health, Merial, Mid-Atlantic Cattle Sales, Harward Brothers & Stanly County Livestock Markets, Chesnee Livestock Market, NC Cattlemen's Association, Piedmont Farm Systems, Select Sire Power, Sink Farm Equipment, Southern Farm Supply, Southern State Coop. and Sunset Feeds. The NCAA would like to thank these sponsors for exhibiting and for sharing information about their products and services with our membership.



The afternoon educational program was very informative for our attendees. Dr. Harrison Dudley, Clinical Veterinarian and Extension Specialist, NCSU College of Veterinary Medicine was the main speaker for our program and he discussed ART, not the painting kind but the Applied Reproductive Technologies kind. He discussed some tried and true methods such as artificial insemination and embryo transfer as well as some newer innovations like IVF (in vitro fertilization) being used to increase beef cattle production today. Then a panel of beef producers from across the state discussed how they utilize these



technologies on their operations. The panel included Eric Deal of Circle D Farm

in China Grove, Wells Shealy of Three Arrows Farm in Flat Rock, Duane Strider of C-Cross Cattle Company in Biscoe and Mark Wilburn of Uwharrie Ridge Farms in Asheboro. The discussion concluded with questions from the audience.



Next on the days agenda was the Annual Business Meeting of the NCAA. Committee reports were shared with the membership for activities from the calendar year 2015. The retiring NCAA board members were recognized and thanked for their three years of service to the association: Steve Gordon, Randy Jones, William Leatherman, Bill Teague and Stan Tennant. New board members were



nominated and additional motions were made from the floor. A vote was taken from the membership present at the meeting and the following members were selected to serve on the board

beginning their service immediately: Joe Hampton, Mike Moss, Bruce Shankle, Bryan Redfern and Russell Wood. Following the membership meeting the board meet once again to elect officer. The 2016 NCAA officers will be John Smith – President, Roy Outlaw - Vice President and Linda Hicks - Treasurer.



The evening banquet brought out even more members to fellowship and learn more about the Angus breed. Allen Moczygemba, Chief Executive Officer of the American Angus Association, gave a year in review report for the activities of the association and discussed his vision for the future of the organization. We in the NC Angus Association are excited about the plans Mr. Moczygemba have to shape the AAA in these new times. Several awards were also presented to members during the banquet. Chris Jeffcoat, American Angus Association Regional Manager, presented Justin, Mary Elaine and Riley Wood their silver and bronze awards from the National Junior Angus Association for their outstanding achievements as junior members. Tim and Andrea Goforth of Goforth Angus in East Bend received the Ira Gentry Memorial trophy for consigning the high selling lot at the 2015 Spring Fever Sale. The NC Angus Auxiliary announced the winners of their silent auction



and thanked everyone for their generous support. The Wood Angus Family presented a plaque from the Angus Foundation to the NC Angus Association. The NCAA is now a Lifetime Angus Platinum Benefactor to the Angus Foundation due to our support in the development of the DeEtta Wood Memorial Endowment to benefit junior Angus members.



The 2015 NC Angus Hall of Fame Award was then presented to Mr. James G. Scarlett of Scarlett Farms in Snow Camp, NC. Mr. Howard Gentry recognized Mr. Scarlett for his many years of serve to the NC Angus Association and the NC Junior Angus Association. Mr. Scarlett served as president of the association, on the board of directors, on serval committees and as an advisor for the juniors for many years.



The evening finished up with the fun and ever entertaining auction conducted by Mr. Stanley Smith. The juniors auctioned several cakes and were able to raise some funds for their many activities for the coming year. Two Angus prints were auctioned. One sold to Joe & Robin Hampton to benefit the British Breeds Junior Steer Show at the NC State Fair and the second went to Dr. Brent Scarlett to support the new incentive program for the 2016 Spring Fever Sale.



Then the auction cranked up for the preferred spots on the NCAA Website, the Back Cover of the Spring Fever Catalog and for the select pages in the *NC Angus News* magazine. A special thank you to everyone who bid and purchased all the items to benefit the association.

Once again thank you to Eddie Leagans, Annual Meeting Committee Chairman, Roy & Teresa Swisher, William & Lucille Leathermen, Connie Starnes, Linda Hicks, April Bowman and all the other great members who helped make the day such a success.



Thank you to the NCJAA Booster. Who generously support the youth efforts throughout the year. NCJAA Officers and directors.



NC Angus Auxiliary Members enjoyed an outing to the Providence Restaurant in Winston-Salem as part of their meeting.