

**Northern Illinois Angus Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024; The Mill Wheel, Milledgeville**

**Next Meeting
Tues. May 21, 2024
The Mill Wheel,
Milledgeville @ 7 pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Lyle & Codee Miller, Annette & Greg Gruhn, Stephanie Schultz, Samantha Miller, Ben Kiner, Jarad Carroll, Doris Kruse, Garrett Handsaker, Eric Egan, John Kirchner, and Dianne Handsaker.

Meeting was called to order by President, Lyle Miller, at 7:22 pm.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 6, 2023, meeting were presented in writing by Secretary, Dianne Handsaker. Stephanie Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Greg Gruhn seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented in writing by Renee Scholl. Current Balances: checking: \$36,318.69, Scholarship Savings: \$1751.58, CD: \$20,000.00. Invoices totaling \$1450 still need to be paid on the auction. Codee Miller moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Stephanie Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

State Report: The IAA will have their banquet along with IJAA and Auxiliary events on March 16, 2024, at the Holiday Inn (airport) at Bloomington. A full day of events are planned. Congratulations to Cylee Kirchner and Macie Carroll for serving as IL Angus Royalty Ebonettes for 2024.

Old Business:

2024 Banquet: The live auction proceeds were \$22,585 already received plus \$1450 invoiced to be received. The bucket raffle netted \$960. The meal/open bar and cupcakes totaled \$3430 and the total meal income was \$3620. An additional \$600 was raised for the scholarship fund. Discussed the evening and that it went well and very successful. After discussion, Doris Kruse moved to have the 2025 banquet at Rt. 20. Annette Gruhn seconded. Motion passed. The banquet will be held on January 25, 2025.

2024 NIAA Preview Show: Judge Nominations took place first. Phil Johnson, Breck Debnam, Ty Drach, Myles Toneyes, Preston Rhode and Lucas Wisnefski were nominated. First round of voting was a tie with Breck Debnam and Ty Drach. After voting with just those, Breck Debnam was first and Ty Drach was second. Then voted again. 3rd choice was Lucas Wisnefski. Discussed the date of June 9, 2024 as that is the IL Simmental show. Discussed all the dates in June. After much discussion, John Kirchner moved to have the show on Sunday, June 23, 2025. Garrett Handsaker seconded. Motion passed. Greg Gruhn moved to keep the entries the same as last year. Ben Kiner seconded. Motion passed. The entries will be \$20 no later than June 17, 2024. Starting June 18 through the show, entries are \$75. Lyle will contact the fairgrounds to see if it's available. Awards/Sponsors: Codee will chair the awards. She will reach out to Robin Johnson and Amy Kirchner. Assigned duties. Process Entries/Pay-outs, etc.: Renee Scholl, Sam Miller, Dan Deuth; Line-up/Ring: Greg & Annette Gruhn, Brian Witt and Dan Deuth; Announcer/Sound System: Paul Handsaker; Backdrop/Mulch: Jeremiah Johnson and Lyle Miller; Scales: Brian Witt; Gates: Lyle Miller. Food Stand: Steph will check with students from the Polo FFA. Sullivan Supply Trailer: Annette will ask Brad Schumacher. Jarad Carroll contacted Casey Jentz to attend and take pictures.

No other new business.

New Business:

2024 Top Ten Review: Ben Kiner moved to not charge the fairs in 2024. John Kirchner seconded. Motion passed. The shows will remain the same. Discussed increasing the Top Ten payouts and how much can we afford. Discussed various ideas for 2024. Stephanie Schulz moved to add a \$20 bonus to each exhibitor payout for 2024. Ben Kiner seconded. Motion passed. Will evaluate for the banquet payout at the fall meeting.

2024 Scholarship: Discussed the NIAA Scholarships for 2025. The committee is Renee Scholl, Amy Kirchner, Stephanie Schultz and Dan Deuth. It was decided to offer two scholarships at \$1000 each for 2024.

Budget Committee: The committee is Lyle & Codee Miller, Sam Miller, Robin & Jeremiah Johnson, Stephanie Schultz and Dianne Handsaker. The committee will meet via zoom on Monday, March 25, 2024.

No other new business:

Junior Report: The juniors are planning an event at a Trampoline Park and a tour at Blueprint Genetics along with the Prairie Fire Golf and meeting at the Preview Show in 2024. The NIJAA has met twice over zoom with attendance.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting was scheduled for TUESDAY, May 21, 2024, at 7 pm at the Mill Wheel Tavern, 337 N Main Ave., Milledgeville.

Garrett Handsaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jarad Carroll seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Handsaker, NIAA Secretary