

**Northern Illinois Angus Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022; Mimmo's, Forreston**

**Next Meeting
Weds. March 15
Mimmo's, Forreston @ 7 pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Lyle & Codee Miller, Robin & Jeremiah Johnson, Renee Scholl, Doris Kruse, Greg Gruhn, Stephanie Schultz, Sam Miller, Skyler Fischer, Matt Reed and Dianne Handsaker.

Meeting was called to order by President, Lyle Miller, at 7:15 pm.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the October 5, 2022, meeting were presented in writing by Secretary, Dianne Handsaker. Doris Kruse moved to approve the minutes. Codee Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented in writing by Renee Scholl. Current Balances: checking: \$10,573.63, Scholarship Savings: \$1151.58, CD: \$10,000.00. Matt Reed moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jeremiah Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

State Report: No report.

Old Business:

2022 Top Ten Program: Jaxson Alderks won Top Ten Heifer of the Year. CK3 was Heifer Breeder of the Year. Claire Handel won Top Ten Steer of the Year. Ace High Ranch was the Steer Breeder of the Year. All fairs have paid, but Renee had one check to collect from Amy that was mailed to her.

2023 NIAA Banquet: The banquet committee met at Rt. 20 Bar & Grill and presented the following recommendations. Men: 14 oz New York Strip, Baked Potato, Green Beans with Bacon, tossed salad and roll;. Smothered Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Tossed Salad and rolls; Youth Meals: Chicken Strips 7 Fries or a Hamburger and Fries. Continue to have the open bar from 5:30-6:30 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. Matt Reed moved to charge \$30 for adult meals and \$10 for youth meals. Greg Gruhn seconded. Motion passed. DJ has been confirmed. Discussed having the Live Auction, Buckets, Card Game 50/50 and/or Silent Auction. The group decided to only have the Live Auction and the Buckets. Discussed the auctioneers. Jeremiah Johnson moved to ask Paul Handsaker and Ken Duncan to auctioneer together. If Ken Duncan can't, then ask Jared Rutter. Renee Scholl seconded. Motion passed.

2023 Preview Show: The 2023 NIAA Preview Show will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. No rule changes were discussed.

2023 Top Ten Program: At this time the shows/fairs will remain the same. The discussion about not charging the fairs that host a Top Ten Show was postponed until after the 2023 banquet.

Golf and Fun with NIJAA: The event went well with 20-25 attendees. Going to plan to have the event the same night next year starting at 7 pm. Dianne will call Prairie Fire in May to reserve the bays. (FYI: Bays will be \$50/hour)

No other old business.

New Business:

No new business

Junior Report: Report was presented in writing and noted the activities during 2022. The juniors met on November 25 and had their election of officers for 2023. Planning to tour WAHL Clipper on Feb. 20, 2023, and a Clip n' Fit in March.

Election of Officers: Blanford and Joan Pierce and Cindy Brown have asked to have their positions filled. Doris moved to elect the same officers with the addition of Sam Miller and Stephanie Schultz to Publicity and create a Publicity Team. Jeremiah Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed. The officers are Lyle Miller-President, Jeremiah Johnson-Vice President, Treasurer-Renee Scholl, Secretary-Dianne Handsaker, Publicity-Amy Kirchner, Sam Miller and Stephanie Schultz.

Dianne Handsaker moved to elect Sam Miller, Eric Egan, Brian Witt, Dan Deuth, Skyler Fischer, Jarad Carroll and

Greg Gruhn to three year terms ending December 31, 2025. Jeremiah Johnson seconded. Motion passed. Dianne Handsaker moved to appoint Ben Kiner and Annette Guhn to one year terms to fill the vacancies of Blanford Pierce and Cindy Brown. Greg Gruhn seconded. Motion passed.

Board members discussed the impact and commitment that Blanford and Joan Pierce have given to the NIAA for many years. Members discussed various ideas to honor them. Dianne Handsaker moved to purchase a traveling trophy in Blanford and Joan's Honor to be awarded to the Supreme Champion Angus at the NIAA Preview Show. Codee Miller seconded. Motion passed. Dianne Handsaker and Codee Miller will order the trophy to have at the banquet.

Thank You Cards: Renee Scholl presented the cost of ordering thank you cards to be distributed at the banquet or mailed to the sponsors. Codee Miller moved to purchase 100 NIAA thank you cards. Matt Reed seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, at 7 pm at Mimmo's, Forreston. Matt Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. Greg Gruhn seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Handsaker, NIAA Secretary