

**Northern Illinois Angus Association  
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2024; The Mill Wheel, Milledgeville**

**Next Meeting  
Weds., September 25, 2024  
The Mill Wheel,  
Milledgeville @ 7 pm**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Lyle Miller, Greg Gruhn, Stephanie Schultz, Samantha Miller, Ben Kiner, Jarad Carroll, Dan Deuth, Garrett Handsaker, John Kirchner, and Dianne Handsaker.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the March 5, 2024, meeting were presented in writing by Secretary, Dianne Handsaker. Dan Deuth moved to approve the minutes. Jarad Carroll seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was presented in writing by Renee Scholl. Current Balances: checking: \$35,248.49, Scholarship Savings: \$1751.58, CD: \$20,000.00. Garrett Handsaker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Stephanie Schultz seconded. Motion passed.

**State Report:** The IAA hosted their banquet along with IJAA and Auxiliary events on March 16, 2024, at the Holiday Inn at Bloomington. The event went very well. The IAA is planning to have the same event next year with a date TBD.

**Old Business:**

Budget Committee Report: The committee met and proposed three options. All options included an increase for awards at the Preview Show. Option 2 included giving each top ten placing an additional \$20 and option 3 included giving each top ten placing an additional \$30. The consensus of the group was that we have enough funds in CDs if we for some reason didn't have a banquet and that we don't need to put any more funds in reserve. Members felt we need to spend the money we raise. After much discussion, Stephanie Schultz moved to approve Option 3 as presented from the Budget Committee. Ben Kiner seconded. Motion passed.

2024 NIAA Preview Show: June 23, 2024, Carroll County Fairgrounds.

Breck Debnam has been confirmed as the judge. Codee Miller has the awards purchased. They are a combination of tall tables and tall director's chairs. Buckles are also ordered for showmanship. Entries are open and have been posted online. Anna has been doing Facebook posts for the show and the Top Ten program. Confirmed 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 does not have enough students from the Polo FFA. The Forreston FFA is not available. Steph will make a few more contacts to line up the food stand.

Sullivan Supply Trailer: Need to double check with Brad Schumacher.

Photographer: Casey Jentz is confirmed.

2024 Top Ten Program: At the time of the meeting, 14 steers and 7 heifers had been nominated this year. Each fair was assigned to board members.

Stephenson: Dianne Handsaker, Ogle: Stephanie Schultz, Jo Daviess: Greg Gruhn, Carroll: Lyle Miller, Boone: Dianne will ask Shannon Musser, Winnebago: Amy & John Kirchner, Sandwich: Greg Gruhn, Labor Day Spectacular: Ben Kiner.

2024 Scholarship: The application has been online. Two applications have been received so far. The committee is Renee Scholl, Amy Kirchner, Stephanie Schultz and Dan Deuth.

2025 NIAA Banquet: The 2025 Banquet will be held at Rt. 20, Freeport on January 25, 2025. Dianne has confirmed.

No other new business.

**New Business:**

Prairie Fire Golf and Grill with the NIJAA: Discussed if we should continue the event. We had conflicts with the

date last year. It was decided to move the event to the night before Thanksgiving instead of Black Friday. Dianne will rent 4 bays.

Debit Card: Renee Scholl is asking for permission to acquire a Debit Card for the Northern IL Angus Association. There are more transactions that may be done electronically. It would be very nice to be able to pay for the awards at time or ordering instead of having to refund members. John Kirchner moved to approve a Debit Card for Renee Scholl for the Northern IL Angus Association. Greg Gruhn seconded. Motion passed.

Publicity for NIAA Members: Is there something else we can do for our members? We discussed social media and sharing other posts. It was agreed to share member's sale and cattle related posts (not create their posts unless absolutely necessary). The group also asked about an NIAA Snapchat. Dianne will inquire with Anna Johnson about Snapchat.

IL Angus Auxiliary Sponsorship: The IL Angus Auxiliary is conducting the Glow Run/Walk at the 2024 NJAS. The Auxiliary is asking the NIAA for a sponsorship. Jarad Carroll presented different sponsorship levels. Jarad Carroll moved to approve a \$250 sponsorship for the T-shirts. Garrett Handsaker seconded. Motion passed.

No other new business:

**Junior Report:** Macie Carroll, Coehen Kirchner and Cylee Kirchner are all IJAA board members. No other major updates. The state show is coming up next week.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 25 2024, at 7 pm at the Mill Wheel Tavern, 337 N Main Ave., Milledgeville.

Greg Gruhn moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Schultz seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Handsaker, NIAA Secretary