

**Northern Illinois Angus Association
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023; The Mill Wheel, Milledgeville**

**Next Meeting
Tues. March 5, 2024
The Mill Wheel,
Milledgeville @ 7 pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Lyle & Codee Miller, Renee Scholl, Brian Witt, Annette & Greg Gruhn, Stephanie Schultz, Samantha Miller, Ben Kiner, Jarad Carroll, Doris Kruse, and Dianne Handsaker.

Meeting was called to order by President, Lyle Miller, at 7:20 pm.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 20, 2023, meeting were presented in writing by Secretary, Dianne Handsaker. Stephanie Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Doris Kruse seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was presented in writing by Renee Scholl. Current Balances: checking: \$4638.09, Scholarship Savings: \$1151.58, CD: \$20,000.00. Renee noted the Top Ten payouts have been adjusted to their actual payouts (total less return funds). Annette Gruhn moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Codee Miller seconded. Motion passed.

State Report: The bred female sale that was to be held on Dec. 16th has been cancelled. The IAA will have their banquet along with IJAA and Auxiliary events on March 16, 2024, at the Holiday Inn (airport) at Bloomington. See the IL Angus News for more details.

Old Business:

2023 Top Ten Program: The final results were handed out. Steer of the Year: Ace High Black Jack 171 shown by Claire Handel, Steer Breeder of the Year: Ace High Ranch, Heifer of the Year: Ace High Black Olive shown by Clarie Handel, Heifer Breeder of the Year: CK3 and Silver Creek Cattle Company (tie).

2024 Banquet: Rt. 20 Bar & Grill are confirmed for the NIAA banquet on January 27, 2024. Committee volunteers are Stephanie Schultz, Dianne Handsaker, Lyle & Codee Miller, Renee Scholl, Jeremiah & Robin Johnson, and Skyler Fischer. Menu options were given by the committee: 14 oz New York Strip Steak-\$22 (baked potato, green beans, salad and rolls), Smothered Chicken Breast-\$18 (baked potato, salad and rolls), Youth Chicken Tenders or Cheeseburger \$8 (fries and rolls). Jarad Carroll moved to charge the same as last year (\$30 for adult meals, \$10 for youth meals and include sodas). Greg Gruhn seconded. Motion passed. Greg Gruhn moved to continue to pay for the open bar. Ben Kiner seconded. Motion passed. Lenny Brison is confirmed as the auctioneer. DJ is confirmed. The committee suggested only having bucket items and live action items. We need about 10 additional live actions with values over \$40.

Prairie Fire Golf & Grill: Had a smaller attendance, but everyone had a great time. Was able to change reservation for 2 bays.

2024 NIAA Preview Show: The date was confirmed for Sunday, June 9, 2024 at the Carroll County Fairgrounds.

No other old business.

New Business:

2024 Top Ten Review: Discussed the issue at Boone County Fair in 2023. Also, noted other times when exhibitors have not been able to show their animals due to various conflicts. Also noted that Stephenson County does not have a Senior Yearling class, but the animals may show in the Top Ten. It is encouraged for the owner show their calf in the fair and in the top ten class.

Other New Business: The website is up for renewal for \$144 and \$16 for the domain. Annette Gruhn moved to renew the website and domain name. Codee Miller seconded. Motion passed. Sam Miller requested additional items to update the website. (Thanks to Sam for keeping the site up to date!!!!)

Election of Officers: Sam Miller nominated Lyle Miller for President. Ben Kiner seconded. Greg Gruhn nominated Jeremiah Johnson for Vice President. Renee Scholl seconded. Stephanie Schultz moved to nominate Renee Scholl for Treasurer. Codee seconded. Sam Miller nominated Dianne Handsaker for Secretary. Stephanie Schultz seconded. Stephanie Schultz nominated Sam Miller for Publicity. Annette seconded. Dianne Handsaker

Moved to nominate Jarad Carroll for IAA Representative. Renee Scholl seconded. Greg Gruhn moved to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for those nominated. Annette seconded. Motion passed.

Jim Marsh has indicated he's retiring from serving on the NIAA board after 36 years. Thank you to Jim for his many years of service! Stephanie Schultz moved to nominate Garrett Handsaker as a director for three years. Annett Gruhn seconded. Motion passed. Doris Kruse moved to cast an unanimous ballot to re-elect Ben Kiner, Jeremiah Johnson, John Kirchner, Amy Kirchner, Annette Gruhn and Lyle Miller for 3 year terms. Sam Miller seconded. Motion passed.

Junior Report: Report was presented in writing that noted the activities for 2023. Jarad Carroll noted that 1-2 NIJAA members will be running for the IJAA board and need NIJAA votes on March 16. The advisors to meet after the meeting to set an NIJAA planning meeting. The IJAA is also looking for Ebonette and Princess applicants.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting was scheduled for TUESDAY, March 5 at 7 pm at the Mill Wheel Tavern, 337 N Main Ave., Milledgeville.

Doris Kruse moved to adjourn the meeting. Ben Kiner seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Handsaker, NIAA Secretary