

The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors met September 25, 2012 at Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, North Dakota. Directors present: Doug Bichler, Erika Kenner, J R Aufforth, Bob Gannaway, Chris Nicholson, Mike Johnson, Kevin Elliott, and Luke Keller. Bob Grant, sec/treas and Kevin Thompson were also in attendance.

Motion and second to accept the agenda. Carried.

Bob read the minutes of the April 12, 2012 board meeting. Motion Gannaway, second by Keller to accept the minutes. Carried.

Bob passed out cash flow sheets and passed around the tax form that was sent in. Board reviewed and Bob discussed some of the items on the statement. Bank balance as of September 24, 2012 -- \$9,808.48; cash box \$95; CD's -- \$8,921.70. Bob will cash in the CD that matures in November. This will allow Kim to set up CD in bank of her choice. The other CD matures next year. Bob will cash it in at maturity and send the money to Kim. Motion by Keller, seconded by Kenner to accept the treasurer's report. Carried.

Kevin Thompson updated the board on current ASA items. Luke Keller also added to the discussion. Some of the items discussed: --common base change; marketing -- use the green tag; more reliability with genomic enhanced EPD's; 50K test- all AI Sires; positive relationship with Red Angus Association makes promotion and technology more affordable. Any questions or comments should be directed to Kevin or Roger Finke.

ND/SD Magazine report: Balance on hand -- \$10,777 with 4 outstanding bills. Discussion on a directory. Motion Johnson, second by Nicholson to produce a North Dakota Simmental Association directory in 2013. Auction position pages at the annual banquet. Pages to be auctioned: Back; Middle -- left and right; Inside front -- left and right; Inside back -- left and right. Motion carried.

Newsletter went well. Plan on doing again next summer.

Jr. Association report: Futurity -- No entry fee was charged. Discussion on whether to have entry fee. Coordinate more with Jrs. Placings -- 1) Lynsey Schmitz 2) Justin Hanson 3) Wacey Dahl 4) Lane Dahl 5) Riley Schaefer.

Simmental influenced feeder calf sales will be held at Napoleon and Kist the first week in January. Luke was asked to give a presentation at each sale. Board discussion on the use of Allied Access tags. Should the Association or individual breeders push the use by us and our customers.

Annual Meeting: Motion by Erika Kenner, seconded by Bob Gannaway to revise Article IV, section 2.b. of the by-laws to strike the first paragraph and replace it with the following: For the purpose of election of directors the state shall be divided into two (2) districts. The dividing line shall be highway 83 and 83 extended from the Canadian border to Bismarck. The Missouri River shall be the dividing line south of Bismarck. Four (4) directors shall live in and represent each district. Roll call vote. Motion carried. --- This change in the by-laws will need to be ratified at the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held at Kist Livestock Friday, December 14, 2012 at 12:00 (noon). Lunch will be served at 11:00 am. Agenda will be very similar to past couple of years. Board members will give reports. Nominating committee of Pat Thorson, Bob Gannaway, and Doug Bichler will find candidates to fill two (2) positions in the west and one (1) position in the east.

Banquet: Agenda will be similar. Guarantee of 140. Coloring Contest -- contact Perry Thomas (Doug). Jr Awards--Doug to find out if there will be any. Board members nominated, discussed, and voted on --- Pioneer - ; Promoter -- ; Commercial Cattleman of the Year -- ; Chris / Erika will line up for semen auction. Doug -- contact Bill Begger for the auctioneering. Jr Auction ; Photo contest -- Chris / Kim. Auction position pages for the ND Simmental Association Directory: Middle- Left / right; Back page; Inside Front -- Left / Right; Inside back -- Left / right. Bob to get door prizes as past few years.

Showcase / Classic: Discussion, planning, duties, & responsibilities: Lunch -- same; Barn Boss -- Pat, JR, Luke; Futurity ; Hold consignor meeting; Donation Heifer raffle permit -- Luke; stall cards -- ; Consignors to sign transfer and lien papers prior to sale; Nomination fees are to be paid upon screening acceptance and to Bob by the 10th of November; The catalog mailing list will be reviewed again; board

members divided up the list of card advertisers. Motion Erika, second JR to charge the following for the advertisements : Card ad - \$100 // ¼ page - \$200 // ½ page - \$400.

Bob went through the advertising proposed through the end of the year and start of next year.

Bob Gannaway reported on the State Fair picnic. The attendance was down. Simmental members helped with the military appreciation dinner that the Stockmen's Association headed.

The Stockmen's tour will take in the Kenner Ranch. Everyone invited. Erika gave the update.

Correspondence was passed around for board. Motion by Erika, second by Luke to support the animal stewards coalition with a donation of \$250. Carried.

Kim Myers has accepted the position of secretary / treasurer. She will work with Bob during the annual meeting. Bob will cash in the CD that matures in November. Money will be sent to Kim in order to open account in a bank of her choosing. Bob will keep his name and address on the other CD until maturity, at which time he will mail the proceeds to Kim. Complete switch over of duties and responsibilities will take place in January 2013.