

North Dakota Simmental Association
2013 Annual Meeting
December 27, 2012 at Circle Diamond, Mandan, ND

President Erika Kenner called the annual meeting to order and welcomed the membership. Erika thanked Lori for catering the meal. The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors was introduced, along with ASA Trustee Kevin Thompson.

Copies of the 2012 Annual meeting minutes were passed out and a motion to accept was made by Luke Keller with a second by Tyler Kinn. Motion carried.

Kim Myers, treasurer, passed out copies of the 2013 financial report with 2012 comparisons. As of December 18 the checkbook balance was \$27,044.07 cashbox \$65.00 with a cash net worth of \$27,109.07. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Mike Johnson with a second by Doug Bichler. Motion carried.

Jeff Thomas, sale manger, updated the members on the sale.

Erika informed the membership that by switching from first class postage to second class postage for the magazine it cut the rate in half.

The board of directors brought to the membership a proposed addition to the by-laws. The addition asked for a term limit of the office of President and Vice-President to a two-year term limit. A motion to accept the addition to the by-laws was made by Dwight Keller with a second by Luke Keller. Motion carried.

Erika, Chris and Kevin updated the membership on the scholarship that the board is wanting to implement for high school seniors and college students that are or will be pursuing a career in Agriculture. Preference will be given to those applicants that are members of the ND Junior Simmental Association. The money to start this scholarship will come from the general fund and be put into an Edward Jones tax free municipal bond fund that will earn interest and have no fees associated with it. Also people will be able to donate to this fund if they wish. The scholarship application is on the website. The first scholarship will be awarded in the spring of 2014. A motion to approve the scholarship was made by Kevin Thompson. An amendment to the motion to allow the Board of Directors to use their discretion as to what % of the donation heifer monies will be invested into the scholarship each year and to allow them to award additional scholarships if funds are available was made by Dwight Keller with a second by Perry Moser. Amendment to the motion carried. Approval of the motion with the amendment was made by Kevin Thompson with a second by Dwight Keller. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on next year's sale date. Kist Livestock does not have the third weekend in December available. Several options were discussed. A motion to refer this issue to the

committee of the board was made by Pat Thorson with a second by Doug Bichler. Motion carried.

Kim Myers gave a report on the North Star Classic show and the Futurity show

Tyler Kinn gave a report on the state fair

Kylee Myers gave a report on the juniors.

Kevin Thompson commented on ASA board work.

Feeder calf sales will be held at Kist Livestock on Jan. 8 and Napoleon Livestock on Jan. 9

Membership listened to speaker Susan Keller from the ND Department of Animal Health on Johnnes disease.

Election of Directors was held. Three Director positions were up for election. Chris Nicholson was up for re-election in the east district. A nomination for Chris was made and cast a unanimous ballot for Chris to fill a position in the east district was made by Kevin Elliott with a second by Mike Johnson. Motion carried. Nominations were made for Derik Samuelson and Aaron Schlenker to fill a director position in the east district. Members voted by ballot and Derik Samuelson was elected to the board. A nomination for Todd Finke to fill the at-large director position was made. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Todd was made by Doug Bichler with a second by Luke Keller. Motion carried.

Luke Keller updated the membership on things that are happening at ASA and introduced Mason Lautenschlager as ND's new field rep from ASA

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly Hanson with a second by Doug Bichler. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers

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