

ND Simmental Association Board Meeting
September 5, 2013
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND

Board members present: Claye Kaelberer, Chris Nicholson, Luke Keller, Kevin Elliott, Cody Hanson, Tyler Kinn and Erika Kenner. Sec/Tres. Kim Myers was also present.

Meeting was called to order by President Erika Kenner.

Motion to accept the agenda was made by Cody and Claye 2nd. Motion carried.

The minutes from April were presented and an amendment was made. Chris made the amendment to show the increase to the directory advertising rates of \$500 for a whole page ad and \$300 for a ½ page ad that was made by conference call and Kevin 2nd. Amendment carried.

Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Tyler 2nd. Motion carried.

Kim passed out financial statements. Board reviewed and discussed some of the items on the statement. Bank balance as of Aug 13 was \$23,581.61. Motion by Kevin to accept the treasurer's report was made and Tyler 2nd. Motion carried.

ND/SD Magazine report: Directory is ready for printing. Expenses were around \$10,000 and income was about \$14,600. Deadline is coming up for the next issue.

Jr Association report: Futurity at state fair went well. Placings = 1) Haley Anderson 2) Trey Klain 3) Trey Klain 4) Natatlie Berquist and 5) Heath Heilman. A suggestion was made to have a different judge for the futurity than from the jr show.

Luke updated the board on the feeder calf sales that are scheduled for Jan in Mandan and Napoleon. They moved the dates til the 2nd week in Jan so they weren't right on top of the new year holiday. The dates will be January 8 at Kist in Mandan and January 9 at Napoleon Livestock in Napoleon.

The scholarship committee had met and discussed options of starting a scholarship for graduating seniors that are going into an ag related field in a college in ND. Erika updated the board on the options. Board liked the idea of starting an investment fund by purchasing municipal bonds at Edward Jones. This way this account will earn interest and be accessible by the association if they ever need the money. A motion to pursue the option of investing \$12,000 into a municipal bond at Edward Jones to start the NDSA investment fund was made by Luke and Cody 2nd. Motion carried. Kevin will contact the Edward Jones rep that he had gotten the initial information from. This year the \$500 scholarship money will come from the checking account. A motion to accept the scholarship committees criteria for the application was made by Tyler and Chris 2nd. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting: Motion by Luke, 2nd by Cody to recommend to the membership that the by-laws include term limits of 2 years each for the Director offices of President and Vice-President. One no vote from Chris and Kevin abstained from voting. Motion carried. (This change will need to be voted on at the annual meeting). Annual meeting will be at Kist Livestock Friday, December 27, 2013 at 12:00 (noon). Lunch will be served at 11:00 am. Agenda will be similar to last year. Board members will give

reports. The nominating committee of Mike Johnson, Chris Nicholson and Erika Kenner will find candidates to fill one (1) at large position and one (1) east position.

Banquet: Agenda will be similar to last year. Social at 6:00pm, meal at 7:00pm Guarantee 140. Erika will contact Perry Thomas to see if he will be in charge of the coloring contest. Kim will talk to Darcy about Jr awards. Nominating board members will each write something for the award winners. Chris will line up the semen auction. No photo contest this year. Kim will get door prizes.

Showcase/Classic Sale: Discussion, planning duties & responsibilities:

Lunch – Lori; Barn Boss – Kevin, Tyler and Pat Thorson; Futurity; Hold consignor meeting; Donation heifer raffle permit – Luke; stall cards – Luke; Nomination fees are to be paid upon screening acceptance and to Kim by November 1; catalog mailing list will be reviewed again – Erika and Jeff; Erika is going to determine if the card advertising in the catalog is worth it and then send an email to board members to decide at that time to proceed with selling them or to leave them out of the catalog.

Advertising will be directed towards Farm & Ranch guide, the Register, Cattle business weekly and the smaller radio stations that have an ag news program.

Tyler updated board on the state fair picnic. It was well attended this year and several comments were heard on the nice location of it this year. A thank you will be sent to Courtney Hawbacker for bringing the grill that was used to make the burgers and brats. NDSA sponsored the military appreciation dinner that the Stockmen's Association put together.

The educational field day that Erika was working on had been put on hold for now.

Luke gave the board an update on things that are taking place at ASA. They are currently working on a new average feeder calf score for commercial producers. They would like to get data for this score from commercial producers who use sires that are already in the ASA database and who keep good records of their calves, compile this data on the heifers and then in turn be able to provide this to the producers. He also informed the board about the staff changes that are happening. Mason Lautenschlager has been hired as ND's ASA Field Representative.

Board discussed having a policy for giving out our membership list. It was decided to put it on the website and then direct inquiries there.

Correspondence was passed around for the board.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers
NDSA Secretary

