

ND Simmental Association Board Meeting
January 9, 2014
Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck, ND

Board members present: JR Aufforth, Luke Keller, Kevin Elliott, Tyler Kinn, Cody Hansen, Todd Finke, Claye Kaelberer, Derik Samuelson and Chris Nicholson. Jeff Thomas and Kim Myers were also present.

Meeting was called to order by President JR Aufforth.

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

Erika was on the phone to give a magazine update. There is a positive balance for the magazine account now because of switching how the magazine is sent out. It is now sent standard postage. Suggestions are welcome for input on how to edit the mailing list for the magazine to make it even better.

A motion to hire Thomas Livestock Services to manage the 2014 State Simmental Sale was made by Claye and Kevin 2nd. Motion carried.

Jeff updated the board on the 2013 State Simmental Sale. He handed out a sale summary sheet that showed what the commission will be for the sale. He also has spoken with some of the Red Angus Association board members about the possibility of joining them in December on their sale date at Kist Livestock. The red angus association has discussed this possibility with their general membership with a positive outcome. However the red angus board will meet on January 17 to make a final decision.

Board discussed this year's sale date further. They have heard from the sale committee that recommends sharing the sale date with the Red Angus Association on December 13. A motion to have the ND State Simmental Sale on December 13 as long as the Red Angus Association invites us to share their date at Kist Livestock was made by Todd and Kevin 2nd. Motion carried.

Annual meeting and banquet was discussed. Board would like to ask Bob Bollinger if we would be able to hold our annual meeting at Circle Diamond for the 2014 meeting.

Minutes from the September meeting were presented and a motion to approve was made by Claye and Luke 2nd. Motion carried.

The reorganization meeting minutes were presented and a motion to approve was made by Kevin and Chris 2nd. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on what the price of the donation heifer should be for the consignor. A motion to pay the consignor \$1200.00 for the donation heifer was made by Kevin and Cody 2nd. Motion carried.

Financial report was presented and a motion to approve was made by Chris and Todd 2nd.
Motion carried.

Audit report was given by the committee of Kevin, Luke and Tyler.

Kim gave the junior report. She asked the board if they would like to pursue Erika's idea of having an education/field day for the juniors and membership. Board would like to pursue this idea further with the idea of making it a larger event with the possibility of involving ASA and NDSU for a weekend.

Feeder calf sales were held this year on Jan 8 at Kist and Jan 9 at Napoleon. Board discussed some ideas to see if these events could be made better. Luke is going to pursue some options.

Futurity amounts will stay the same.

Kim will send postcards out in February to the memberships that haven't been paid for this year.

The donation heifer money that is to be donated to the victims of the severe snowstorm last fall was discussed. A motion to donate half of the 40% to Ranchers Relief Fund and the other half of the 40% to Heifers for SD was made by Kevin and Cody 2nd. Motion carried.

Advertising for the Association was discussed. A motion to spend ½ of the budget on print advertising was made by Claye and Kevin 2nd. Motion carried.

The scholarship was discussed. A motion to start the scholarship fund with \$12,000 at Edward Jones was made by Kevin and Tyler 2nd. Motion carried.

Board updated the committee assignments

Board went into executive session.

Next meeting will be April 10 at 10:00 am at the Ramkota Hotel.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers
NDSA Secretary