## North Dakota Simmental Association 2015 Annual Meeting December 11, 2015 at Kist Livestock, Mandan ND

President Todd Finke called the Annual meeting to order and welcomed the membership. Todd thanked Kist Livestock for the facility and the ladies in the café for serving the good meal. The North Dakota Simmental Association Board of Directors was introduced, along with ASA Trustees Erika Kenner and Claye Kaelberer and staff member Russ Danielson.

Copies of the 2014 Annual meeting minutes were passed out and a motion to approve was made by Dave Dockter and Wade Staigle 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2015 financial report with 2014 comparisons were passed out. As of December 1 the checkbook balance was \$20,199.95 cashbox \$65.00 scholarship balance of \$11,388.47 with a net worth of \$31,653.42. A motion to approve was made by Dusty Kunkel and Derik Samuelson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Mike Traxinger and Erika Kenner gave the membership an update on the magazine. The magazine will pay for the noon meal and 1 full page ad for each state association for their respective state association sales. The magazine committee has made it a policy for overdue accounts to move to a pay before the advertising is printed policy. They have also updated the mailing list with current addresses totaling around 8,000.

Membership was informed of the Simmental sponsored feeder calf sale dates for January 13 at Kist Livestock in Mandan and January 14 at Napoleon Livestock in Napoleon.

Election of Directors was held. There was 3 positions up for election. 2 from the west and 1 from the east of which Tyler Kinn could run again. Claye Kaelberer nominated Doug Bichler for the west and Tyler Kinn nominated JR Aufforth for the west and Erika Kenner nominated Tyler Kinn for the east, Erika then called for a cease of nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Doug, JR and Tyler, Doug Bichler 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Erika thanked the board for all the hard work that they do.

Erika Kenner and Claye Kaelberer updated the membership on things that are happening at ASA. The new building is completed and is ready for the staff to move into. They reported on the fall symposium that was held in Pennsylvania. Erika encouraged the membership to vote on the new by-law change that is being proposed.

Membership listened to speaker Russ Danielson.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Doll and JR Aufforth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted Kim Myers Sec.