North Dakota Simmental Association January 8, 2015 Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck ND

Board members present: Tyler Kinn, Derik Samuelson, Claye Kaelberer, Dusty Kunkel, Tim Clark, Cody Hansen, David Doll, and Chris Nicholson. Kim Myers was also present.

Due to the weather President Todd Finke was unable to make the meeting. And Vice-President was running late. A motion to appoint Claye to run the meeting until Chris arrived was made by Tim and Dusty 2nd. Motion carried.

Claye called the meeting to order.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tim and Derik 2nd. Motion carried.

Chris arrived and took over the meeting.

Minutes from September were reviewed. An amendment was made on the sale date for the Napoleon sale date from Jan. 8 to Jan 15 by Claye and Tyler 2nd amendment. A motion was made to accept the September minutes with amendment by Claye and Tyler 2nd. Motion carried. Kist would like to leave the Simmental feeder calf sale the 2nd Wednesday of January as a yearly event on that date.

The reorganization meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Claye and Cody 2nd. Motion carried.

Kim handed out a financial statement and reviewed it with the board. A motion to approve the financial statement was made by Tyler and David 2^{nd} . Motion carried.

The audit report was given by Dusty.

The state sale was discussed. A committee will be assigned and asked to review certain topics with the sale management at a later date as Jeff was unable to be present at this meeting.

Board discussed the returning of the nomination fee to consignors of the state sale that ended up not cataloging anything because not too much expense was incurred. A motion to return the \$200 nomination fee was made by Claye and Dusty 2nd. Motion carried.

Annual meeting and banquet was discussed. Kim received a letter from Karen Summers at the Baymont Inn & Suites requesting they be able to host our annual banquet and being our hotel headquarters for our weekend. Board reviewed the option and it was decided to stay at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck for 2015.

Kim updated the Board on the Junior membership. Letters of sponsorship have been received from the North Central Regional Classic and the Western Regional Classic. A motion to donate \$500 to the North Central Regional Classic was made by Dusty and Tyler 2nd. Motion carried.

Feeder calf sales were discussed. Board liked moving them off of the first week of January sales. A committee will be assigned to the sales.

The futurity and junior Simmental show at the state fair was discussed. The Board felt they would like to sponsor more to both of these events to encourage our Junior Simmental members to stay active promoting Simmental genetics. A motion to increase the payouts to: $1^{st} - \$1000, 2^{nd} - \$800, 3^{rd} - \$600, 4^{th} - \$500, 5^{th} - \$400, 6^{th} - \$300, 7^{th} - \$200$ for the futurity at the state fair was made by David and Claye 2^{nd} . Motion carried. A motion to award a 5 speed andis clipper to the Grand Champion Purebred Heifer and one to the Grand Champion Percentage Heifer and to award a titan dually showbox to an exhibitor in the ND Junior Simmental Show at the State Fair was made by Claye and Dusty 2^{nd} . Motion carried.

Kim asked the board if they would like to recognize the breeder of the Champion Futurity Heifer during the annual banquet. A motion to recognize the breeder was made by Cody and Claye 2nd. Motion carried.

Advertising was discussed for 2015. A committee will be assigned.

Kim will mail postcards in February to those on the membership list that haven't already paid their dues for 2015.

Board discussed sponsorship. Kim will keep it about the same as last year.

Todd gave a magazine update over the phone. A committee will be assigned to develop some options for the increased revenue that the magazine is experiencing.

The board would like to get the word out about the scholarship that they will award this year. Will have Erika put in the next issue of the magazine and will also add to facebook page.

Board members were assigned to committees.

Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 am Ramkota Hotel

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers NDSA Secretary