

North Dakota Simmental Association

2016 Annual Meeting

December 9, 2016 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 Kist Café for serving the good meal. The North Dakota Simmental Board of Directors was introduced, along with ASA Trustees Erika Kenner and Claye Kaelberer along with sale manager Jeff Thomas.

Copies of the 2015 Annual meeting minutes were passed out and a motion to approve was made by Luke Keller and Kelly Hanson 2nd. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2016 Financial report were handed out with 2015 comparisons. As of Dec 1 2016 the checkbook balance is \$19,729.13 cashbox \$65.00 scholarship balance of \$11,814.99 with a net worth of \$31,609.12. A motion to approve report was made by David Doll and Mike Traxinger 2nd, motion carried.

Mike Traxinger reported on the magazine balance. Magazine committee will look at the year end balance to help sponsor the Fall Focus that will be held in ND in September 2017 and the North Central Regional that will be held in SD in June 2017.

At the annual banquet 9 premiere pages of the 2017 ND/SD Directory will be auctioned for a fundraiser for the fall focus.

Jeff Thomas, sale manager addressed the membership with some sale reminders.

Membership was informed of the Simmental sponsored feeder calf sale dates for January 11 at Kist Livestock and January 12 at Napoleon Livestock.

Erika handed out sheets to the membership that explained the new Steer Profitability competition that has been added to the 2017 National Classic. Also the new stayability EPDs will soon be released. She also introduced the new ASA sales rep in ND, Perry Thomas.

Election of the new Directors was held. 2 positions from the East were open, Chris Nicholson was not eligible as he has served two terms and Derik Samuelson was eligible as he has served only one term. Nominations were cast for Pat Thorson, Derik Samuelson and Matt Kline. The Membership voted by ballot. Pat Thorson and Derik Samuelson were voted in as the new East Directors. Nomination for the at large director was made for Todd Finke. Dusty Kunkel made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Todd, David Doll 2nd. Motion carried. Membership voted Todd Finke in as the Director at large.

A motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made by JR Aufforth and Dusty Kunkel 2nd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers

