

North Dakota Simmental Association

2018 Annual Meeting

December 7, 2018 at Kist Livestock, Mandan ND

President Dusty Kunkel called the Annual Meeting to order and welcomed the membership. Dusty thanked Kist Livestock for the facility and Kist Café for serving the good meal. The North Dakota Simmental Board of Directors were introduced, along with ASA Trustee Erika Kenner and sale manager Jeff Thomas.

Copies of the 2017 Annual meeting minutes were passed out and a motion to approve was made David Doll and Tim Clark 2nd. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2018 Financial report was handed out with 2017 comparisons . As of Dec 1 2018 the checkbook balance is \$25,480.83 cashbox \$65.00 scholarship balance of \$12,913.01 with a net worth of \$38,458.84. A motion to approve report was made by Pat Thorson and Matt Kline 2nd, motion carried.

Jeff Thomas, sale manger addressed the membership with sale updates and reminders. He thanked the consignors for working together.

Diane from Kist Livestock informed the consignors that all checks would be made payable to them personally, but if they had a ranch account set up then they could change that in the office to pay the ranch account. Also if anyone is buying for someone that cannot be at the sale, all sales will need to be wired in on Monday morning.

Mike Traxinger gave the membership an update on the magazine. Each state, ND & SD, gets a page ad and a meal that is paid by the magazine account for their state sale. The January issue is the biggest and will generate the most income, February issue will make a little money and the November issue doesn't make money. Preferred pages for the magazine will be auctioned this evening at the banquet. A motion to approve the magazine report was made by Todd Finke and Tyler Kinn 2nd. Motion carried.

Fletcher Hennessy, Junior board president gave a junior membership report. ND will host the North Central Regional at the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in West Fargo June 11-15, 2019 .

Membership was informed that there will be Simmental sponsored feeder calf sales the first part of January at both Kist Livestock and Napoleon Livestock on their respective sale days. David had checked into having a certain time set aside at each sale barn for the simmental genetics to sell, but each sales barn said it was not possible to do that because they have so many calves to sell on those days.

Election of the new Directors was held. 1 position from the East was open as Tyler Kinn has served his two terms and two positions from the West were open, Doug and JR were both able to be re-elected. Tim Clark nominated Bryan Leapaltdt for the East Director, Todd Finke nominated Doug Bichler and JR Aufforth for the West Directors. Perry Thomas made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bryan Leapaltdt, Doug Bichler and JR Aufforth, Erika Kenner 2nd. Motion carried.

Erika Kenner updated the membership on things that are happening at ASA. Erika encourage members to sign up to volunteer at the North Central Regional and she would like to see more ND junior members entering the Steer Profitability Competition.

Rockin R Farm, Larry and Michelle Tourdot were thanked for donating this year's donation heifer.

Russ Danielson talked to the membership about programs that are available through ASA like the Feed Profit Calculator and the carcass expansion research project. Also explained how the ASA Field Staff has been reorganized in what they do and can offer to producers.

A motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made by Mike Traxinger and Erika Kenner 2nd. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers