## North Dakota Simmental Association

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Board members present: David Doll, Dusty Kunkel, Davis Kinn, JR Aufforth, Pat Thorson, Tim Clark and Kelly Hanson. Doug Bichler and Bryan Leapaldt were absent. Also present was Kim Myers.

Meeting was called to order by President David Doll.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dusty and JR 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

September meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Tim and Dusty  $2^{nd}$ . Motion carried.

Minutes from the reorganization meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Tim and Dusty  $2^{nd}$ . Motion carried.

Red Angus Association board will not be joining us today.

The state sale was discussed. Jeff was not able to attend. Red Angus Association has some concerns with sale expenses being pretty high. They are going to look into using a different sale manager for the sale in 2020. Farm and Ranch Guide advertising is very expensive and DV Auction is also high. It was brought up that the Angus Association chooses central locations and consignors bring animals to that location on a set date to video several at one time rather than videoing at each consignors place. Board discussed what the commission rate should be on the embryo lots. A motion to charge ½ the commission rate of the live animal lots in the sale for embryo lots was made by Dusty and JR 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

A motion to pay Dusty Kunkel \$1500 for the donation heifer was made by Tim and Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Terry Schlenker has offered to donate the 2020 donation heifer. Dusty will contact Terry to let him know that he was selected.

2019 Financial report was reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Tim and Davis 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Dusty gave the audit report.

The scholarships from the ND Simmental Association and the Simmental Scene magazine will both be offered again this year. Applications will be on the website. Will add a sentence to the instructions that applicants may apply for each one.

North Dakota Simmental Association sponsored feeder calf sales at Kist Livestock and at Napoleon Livestock in January.

The new Junior Incentive Program that was implemented in 2019 had one participant, Brayden Lachenmeier used his \$500 credit at the 2019 sale for having the champion overall breeding heifer at his county fair.

Advertising for 2019 was reviewed.

Kim will send out membership renewals.

Board will recess for lunch.

Board reconvened after lunch

Junior Association audit was conducted when Angie and Leo Heilman joined the meeting after lunch. Board has decided that some of the funds in the Junior Association checkbook should be moved to an Edward Jones account and a budget should be set for the Field Day that they are starting in June of 2020. The Junior board is to meet to plan their summer events and report back to the board at the april meeting. Youth Advisors will have a review at the April board meeting.

2020 committee assignments were made.

ND Stockmen's Association has asked that each breed association have a representative at their Seedstock Council strategic planning meeting on Tuesday Jan. 28 at 10 am at the Ramada Inn, Bismarck. It was decided that Doug, David and Tim would attend.

Mike Traxinger has asked that another person be added to the signature card for the magazine checkbook. Board asked Pat Thorson to add his name to the account.

April meeting was set for April 8, 2020 at 10:00 am

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly and Dusty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Repsectfully submitted

Kim Myers

Sec./Treas.