**Kansas Angus Auxiliary Minutes**

**June 3, 2017**

The members of the Kansas Angus Auxiliary met June 3, 2017 at the 2017 Kansas Junior Angus Association Preview Show at the Kansas State Fairgrounds Beef Barn meeting room. The meeting was called to order at 4:30p.m. by President, Beverly Figge, requesting membership to respond as present by answering the question, “Why Are We Here?”

**Members Present:** Beverly Figge, Phyllis Hager, Melissa (Missy) Cozzitorto, Megin O’Brien, Esther McCabe, Brooke Haas, Melody McCurry, Ann Sankey, Rhonda McCurry, Iva Maier, Susan Pelton, Tonya Rae Theis, Jessica Woodrow. Guests: Alexandria Cozzitorto and Eva Hinrichsen.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

**Secretary,** Melissa (Missy) Cozzitorto, presented the minutes to membership. Anne Lampe moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve for printing; the motion was seconded by Lynne Hinrichsen. Motion approved. Alexandria Cozzitorto, 2017 Miss Kansas Angus shared her personal appreciation, as did Eva Hinrichsen, 2017 Kansas Angus Ambassador, to those present for their support and contributions toward the Miss Kansas Angus and Ambassador Program. Beverly Figge extended her personal appreciation, and appreciation on behalf of the KAAux, to the girls for their contributions as Kansas Angus representatives.

**Treasurer,** Lori Fink, was unable to report during the meeting. Anne Lampe substituted on her behalf in the presentation of the Treasurer’s Report, reviewing the KAAuxiliary accounts as of 5/31/17. Lynne Hinrichsen moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report; the motion was seconded by Phyllis Hager. Motion was approved.

**Reporter,** Tonya Rae Theis, received the 2015 and 2016 Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scrapbook, as well as previous years archived scrapbooks, for reference in compiling the 2017 and 2018 Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scrapbook.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Miss Kansas Angus and Ambassador Committee** - Chair, Anne Lampe, reminded and encouraged participation for the Miss Kansas Angus and Ambassador Program to be held January 2018. Alexandria Cozzitorto, 2017 Miss Kansas Angus and Eva Hinrichsen, 2017 Kansas Angus Ambassador, both, commented that they had attended several Kansas Angus sales in the Spring, sharing that it was great to visit with producers, as well as fellow Angus enthusiasts. They were looking forward to assuming their duties in the ring at the KJAA Preview Show, as well as at future shows and sales throughout 2017.

**Ways and Means Committee** - Chair, Mary McCurry, was unable to attend. Melody McCurry represented on her behalf, presenting the new Kansas Angus Auxiliary fundraising items, *Kansas* and *Angus* farmhouse style wood signs, $30 each, to support KAAux scholarship, awards and recognition programs. More information about these items can be found on the Kansas Angus Association Facebook page.

Beverly Figge welcomed further discussion about future fundraising ideas and encouraged members to share any new ideas for Ways and Means with Mary McCurry, Melody McCurry, Emily Mullen, or Melissa (Missy) Cozzitorto.

**Hospitality** - Chair, Mary McCurry. There was no report.

**Kansas Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Committee** - Chair, Ann Sankey, reported that the committee received three outstanding applications for the 2017 Kansas Angus Auxiliary High School Senior Scholarships. After review and consideration, they agreed that all three candidates, one girl and two boys, would receive state scholarships in equal amounts. Of the two boys receiving the state scholarship, one had been selected to advance his application for consideration by the American Angus Auxiliary for their scholarship program at the national level. She went on to appreciate her fellow committee members, Emily Mullen and Jessica Woodrow, and shared that the scholarship announcement would be made during the evening dinner function.

**Premier Exhibitor and Challenge Awards** - Chair, Beverly Figge, reported that one application was received for 2017 Premier Exhibitor award and one application was received for the 2017 Challenge award. Both awards would be announced at the evening dinner function.

**AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY:**

Anne Lampe, co-chair of the NJAS CAB CookOff contest, reported that preparations for the 2017 contest were in motion, commenting that 39 teams were registered for CAB CookOff Contest and five teams were registered for Chef’s Challenge.

Lampe also reported that, *Baby Black,* a soft-cover children’s book reproduction, funded entirely by past presidents of the American Angus Auxiliary, had been printed and would be unveiled at the 2017 American Angus Auxiliary Mid-Year Meeting. 750 books have been printed. Following the unveiling, *Baby Black* became available for purchase at the 2017 National Junior Angus Show in the American Angus Auxiliary Gift Barn.

Additionally, Lampe shared the American Angus Association flier highlighting future events…sharing that Julie Sexten, Certified Angus Beef Pastry Chef, would be creating the perfect dessert to go with the perfect CAB meal at the AAAux Mid-Year Meeting. Next, she reminded members to participate in the 2017 AAAux Recruitment Challenge. Finally, the American Angus Auxiliary ‘2nd Annual Full Circle On-Line Auction' consignments were available for viewing for the auction scheduled to take place at **[www.anguslive.com](http://www.anguslive.com)** on September 27 and 28.

She also reported that she was awaiting confirmation of funding for the fourth Angus Women Connected Conference to be held in St. Joseph, Missouri in the Spring of 2018. The event is limited to 20 participants who are selected through an application process. Applications will become available early winter 2018. Beverly Figge added that the conference is an exceptional event that benefits women from varied Angus backgrounds.

**OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Quilt Raffle

KJAA Fundraising Committee member, Alexandria Cozzitorto, updated the KAAux membership about the 2017 Kansas Junior Angus Association “A Stitch at a Time” fundraiser, commenting that the junior membership has 500 tickets to sell with the goal of raising $5,000. Tickets are $10 each, 6 for $50, or 12 for $100. The winner of the quilt will be drawn at the American Angus Association National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. The entire proceeds benefit the Kansas Junior Angus Association.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

National Junior Angus Show

Educational Contests - Several Kansas teams and individuals entered in a variety of contests.

CAB CookOff - Kansas entered two junior teams, two intermediate teams, one senior team and one Chef Challenge team. The Kansas Angus Auxiliary supported each team with $75 to use toward costs incurred.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Melody McCurry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ann Sankey seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed.