

# Kansas Jr. Angus Association

## By-laws

### **Article 1: Name**

Section 1: This Association shall be known as the Kansas Junior Angus Association (KJAA).

### **Article II: Purpose**

Section 1: This organization (heretofore and hereinafter referred to as the “Association”) exists solely as an educational and youth activity.

Section 2: To encourage the production of better Angus cattle and assist junior Angus activities in Kansas.

### **Article III: Members**

Section 1: Any resident of Kansas who is under twenty-one (21) years of age and interested in breeding Angus cattle may become a member of this Association by sending his/her name and address together with the membership fee, to the treasurer.

### **Article IV: Officers and Directors**

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall consist of a past president, president, president-elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter/historian.

- a) *The president* shall preside at all meetings, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and perform any other duties pertaining to the office of president. It is the responsibility of the president to call executive board and executive committee meetings.
- b) *The president-elect* shall preside in the absence of the president and perform all duties pertaining to that office. The president-elect shall oversee the work of appointed and special committees. The president-elect will automatically succeed to the office of president following his/her term as president-elect. Providing that he/she is a member of the KJAA at the time of the election.
- c) *The vice-president* shall assist with all Kansas Jr. Angus shows. The vice-president is in charge of overseeing the stalls, booth, etc of the Kansas Jr. members at the National Jr. Angus Show. Office may be divided into 1<sup>st</sup> vice president and 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president if deemed necessary by the membership during a given election.
- d) *The secretary* shall keep a roll of all members. He/she shall record in a book kept for that purpose all proceedings of the Association including minutes of

membership meetings and executive committee meetings which should be read at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting. A copy of all minutes shall be published in the *Kansas Angus News*. He/she shall conduct all correspondence of the Association and such duties as pertain to the office of secretary.

- e) *The treasurer* shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and expenses, collect and dispense funds as directed by the membership, give reporting of such at each meeting and such duties as pertain to the office of treasurer. He/she shall receipt dues and turn membership information over to the keeper of the permanent Association role keeper.
- f) *The reporter/historian* is responsible for sending news articles to the *Kansas Angus News* and preparing the scrapbook for the scrapbook contest held at the National Jr. Angus Show. This office may be divided in to two offices if deemed necessary by the membership at a given election.
- g) *The past president* shall aid and assist the officer team at all meetings and functions. He/she serves as the chairman of the officer nomination/slate committee

Section 2: The directors of the Association shall consist of eight (8) directors having one director from each district.

- a) A director must be at least twelve years of age to serve unless the circumstances deem otherwise.
- b) A director can serve up to two (2) years consecutively unless the circumstances deem other wise.
- c) Directors shall represent the members from their district and serve on the Executive Board.

Section 3: The officers, eight (8) directors, and advisors shall compose the executive board.

Section 4: The officers and advisors shall compose the executive committee. Advisors shall not have voting rights at any time.

## **Article V: Election of Officers and Directors**

Section 1: The officers and directors of this Association shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual meeting held at the State Jr. Angus Show. A majority of all members present shall be necessary to elect officers and directors. Officers and directors shall be elected for one (1) year.

## **Article VI: Executive Board**

Section 1: The executive board shall be composed of all officers and directors. They shall develop and carry out all programs as directed by the general membership and may

authorize the dispensing of funds in the absence of a general membership meeting. The advisors should be notified and present, if possible, at the meetings.

Section 2: Vacancies in the membership of the executive board resulting from any cause, may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the executive board at the next meeting.

## **Article VII: Executive Committee**

Section 1: The officers of this Association shall compose the executive committee to act upon all emergency matters or upon any other questions referred to them by the membership for decisions. The advisors should be notified and present, if possible, at the meetings.

## **Article VIII: Delegates**

Section 1: The delegates to the National Jr. Angus Meeting shall be elected by secret ballot at a regularly scheduled meeting. Each member may serve, as a delegate two (2) consecutive years and then must sit out one (1) year, unless there are no members attending whom have not served as a delegate.

Section 2: All delegates shall be at least fourteen (14) and not over the age of twenty-one (21). It is the desire of the Association that priority be given to electing members as delegates that have not served as a delegate before.

Section 3: Candidates for election to the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership at a meeting specified and published.

## **Article IX: Advisors**

Section 1: The advisors shall be elected for a three (3) year term by the membership at the annual meeting held at the State Jr. Show. Advisors shall have no voting privileges.

Section 2: Each year one (1) advisor (and spouse) is elected by two-thirds vote of the membership, as one (1) advisor's (and spouse) term is completed. Nominations will be accepted from the membership at the annual meeting. An advisor (and spouse) cannot serve consecutive terms with a limit of two (2) terms per advisor (and spouse). The advisor (and spouse) in their third year will serve as lead advisors. The Kansas Angus Association secretary/fieldman shall be an ex-officio (not elected) advisor to 1.) Facilitate a good working relationship between the adult and junior organizations 2.) To serve as a liaison between the associations and to facilitate continuity as advisors rotate in and out of terms. 3.) Will be listed with the American Angus Association/NJAA as an advisor 4.) To serve as an advisor to the advisors and officers.

Section 3: The advisors will guide, direct and offer assistance to the officers, directors, and members of the Association while allowing decisions to be made and work to be done by the members, officers, and directors. It is the responsibility of the advisors to attend all membership, executive board and executive committee meetings when possible.

## **Article X: Annual Meeting**

Section 1: The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held at the State Jr. Angus Show.

Section 2: Notice of the meeting shall be posted in the Kansas Angus News.

## **Article XI: Special Meetings**

Section 1: The president may, through the secretary, call a special meeting of the membership, executive board or executive committee at any time deemed necessary.

## **Article XII: Amendments**

Section 1: The foregoing by-laws or any part of them, or any amendment thereto, may be modified or annulled at any of the regularly scheduled meetings by a two-thirds vote of the members representing a quorum at that meeting. All by-law changes must be presented in written form to the membership prior to voting. This may be done at a regularly scheduled meeting or by the membership newsletter prior to voting.