

Nebraska Red Angus Member Meeting
Meeting Agenda
August 4th, 2016
9:30 a.m.

A big thank you to Cross Diamond Cattle CO for hosted the 2016 summer field day. It was a beautiful August day for the 2016 Nebraska Red Angus Field day. The meeting was hosted in the Cross Diamond sale facility. It was a great chance to catch up with fellow members and view some terrific cattle. Cross Diamond Cattle sponsored a great meal. Speakers included Burke Tiechert and Tom Brink. It was very entertaining and informative.

The summer meeting of the Nebraska Red Angus Association was called to order at 9:30am, at the Cross Diamond sale facility in Bertrand, NE by President Cory Banzhaf.

The Minutes from the February meeting were presented by Secretary Corey Cable. President Banzhaf motioned to pass the minutes. Motion was seconded by Jennifer Leupp. Motion passed.

The treasurer's report was given by Corey Cable. President Banzhaf motioned to approve the Treasurer report. The motion was seconded by Mary Evans. Motion passed.

Junior update was given by Jennifer Leupp. The junior event went well. There was a good showing from Nebraska youth.

National report was given by Kim Ford who introduced the RAAA CEO Tom Brink. Tom appreciated the patience everyone was showing for the struggles with the new data base launch. He discussed that he wanted the system to be a fool proof do it your self-program. The goal is for the membership to have control. There will be training workshops at the national convention and online tutorials. Tom went on to tell how the breed was improving in total head count along with surpassing previous years epd averages. He felt very strongly that as a breed we need to focus on eliminating feet and leg issues. He went on to talk about the "Yellow Tag" program, and with 157,000 head it is the largest tagging system among all breeds. He gave some back ground and insight into the Top Dollar Angus program. He ended with praising RAAA President KIM Ford for her dedication and hard work.

RAAA President Kim Ford briefed us on the upcoming National Convention and some of the items that would be up for discussion. President Ford thanked Tom Brink for his dedication and passion for Red Angus.

Scholarship Committee report was given by Dave Stadola. Issac Huefftle of Cozad, NE was named the recipient of the 2016 Nebraska Red Angus Scholarship. He received \$1000 towards the tuition of the college he preferred.

No report for the Constitution and By-Law committee.

Affiliate Grant Proposal committee report was given by Corey Cable. We were allowed the sum of \$1950 to go towards the functions to improve Red Angus in Nebraska.

Sale Committee report: President Banzhaf introduced Rhonnette Heinrichs from the Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic. Rhonnette wanted to spark more participation from the Red Angus breed. She told us about different opportunities to sale cattle on the sale and that there were other options than

bringing the actual animal to the sale. There was a Thanksgiving deadline that all cattle must be registered by to participate. She answered some questions members had about involvement at the classic.

The sale barn committee report was given by President Cory Banzhaf.

- Eastern side of the state needs more exposure.
- Price discussion (depends sale barn to sale barn).
- Eldon Snoke said he would look into the Beatrice sale barn and get back to the membership.

Old Business

There was discussion on the continuation of the membership directory. It was general belief that the print directory was both costly and not a viable source of advertisement.

There was discussion on website improvement. Brad Aerosmith said to look to the Sandhill's Cattlemen's website for ideas. It was also mentioned to have breeders send in their ads electronically for the upcoming year.

David Orr motioned to put the membership directory online.

Motion was seconded by Eldon Snoke.

Motion passed.

New Business

It was stated that there is a need to do some up keep of the people involved in committees.

Cory Banzhaf volunteered to provide the donation heifer for the upcoming Cattlemen's Classic.

It was brought up that there was a need for more participation at the classic.

Kim Siebert said to contact him with questions regarding Husker Harvest Days.

President Banzhaf moved to adjourn.

Eldon Snoke seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:41am.