

North Dakota Simmental Association
2012 Annual Meeting
December 14, 2012 at Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND

President Doug Bichler called the annual meeting to order and welcomed the membership. Doug thanked Lori and Kim for the meal. The North Dakota Simmental Association board of directors was recognized along with ASA Trustee Kevin Thompson.

Copies of the 2011 Annual meeting minutes and 2012 financial report were passed out. A motion by Luke Keller, second by Pat Thorson to accept the minutes as printed. Motion Carried.

Bob Grant, treasurer, presented the 2012 financial report with 2011 comparisons. As of November 30th: Checkbook balance - \$4,426.19; certificates of deposit total - \$5,000.00; First State Bank of ND (kim's bank) - 3933.69; and cash box balance - \$95.00 to give a cash net worth of \$13,454.88. A motion was made by Tim Clark, second by RB Gannaway, to accept the report. Motion carried.

Mike Traxinger presented the ND/SD Simmental Magazine report. \$6200.00 was raised from the auction of the pages at the SD State Simmental Sale. There is an issue with sending out the magazine first class in that it is getting very expensive. They are looking at bulk mailing, which will make deadlines critical to follow. The Jan/Feb issue makes the most income for the magazine.

President Doug Bichler read the by-law change that the board of Directors made at their September meeting. There was no opposition from the membership. A motion to ratify the change in the by-laws by the board action at their September 2012 board meeting was made by Greg Myers, second by Terry Schlenker. Motion carried.

Membership listened to speaker Jason Schmidt, ND Stockmens Association

President Doug Bichler reported that several junior members had competed at the regional classic in Huron, SD this past summer. He also explained how cumbersome the process has become to purchase savings bonds for the futurity winners. It has been decided to issue the winners checks. The amounts will be as follows: 1st - \$600, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$400, 4th - \$300 and 5th - \$200 for a total payout of \$2000.00

Kim Myers gave the North Star Classic report.

Feeder calf reports were given. Luke Keller reported that there will be a special sale in Mandan at Kist Livestock January 2, 2013 and Chris Nicholson reported that there will be a special sale in Napoleon at Napoleon Livestock on January 3, 2013.

RB Gannaway gave the report on the State Fair picnic.

Election of Directors was held. Three Director positions were up for election. With the new by-law change the membership needed to elect one Director from the east district and two Directors from the west district. A nomination for Cody Hanson was made and cast a unanimous ballot for Cody to fill a position in the west district by Erika Kenner and seconded by Luke Keller. Motion carried. Nominations for Clay Kaelberer and David Dahl were made for the second position in the west district. A motion to cease nominations was made by Erika Kenner and a second was made by Gary Sys. Motion carried. Membership voted and Clay Kaelberer was elected to the board. A nomination for the east district position for Tyler Kinn was made. A motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Tyler Kinn was made by Mike Johnson, second by RB Gannaway. Motion carried.

Kevin Thompson commented on ASA board work.

Jeff Thomas, sale manager, commented on the sale and cattle.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Kim Myers