

North Dakota Simmental Association

April 9, 2015

Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck ND

Board members present: Todd Finke, Claye Kaelberer, Tim Clark, Tyler Kinn, David Doll and Dusty Kunkel. Kim Myers was also present. Board members that were absent: Cody Hansen, Derik Samuelson and Chris Nicholson.

Meeting was called to order by President Todd Finke.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Tyler and Claye 2nd. Motion carried.

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Tim and David 2nd. Motion carried.

Financial statement was handed out and reviewed along with the balance of the Edward Jones account balance. A motion to approve was made by Tim and Claye 2nd. Motion carried.

The publication committee met by teleconference to discuss the financial balance in the checkbook. Committee agreed that they would like to keep a minimum balance in the checkbook to cover the largest issue of the publication. They also are going to increase the mailing list by 1200 names and the ads will go to colored as there is no discount anymore for black and white ads. Also agreed upon was the adding of more editorial content to issues if space allowed.

Board discussed how the additional money in the publication account could be used by each State Association. A motion to allow each state a one page ad at no charge to advertise for their sales and to pay for the meal at each state association's annual sale was made by Dusty and David 2nd. Motion carried.

Board chose a scholarship winner. A motion to take the \$500 out of the checkbook for this year instead of the Edward Jones account was made by David and Claye 2nd. Motion carried.

Erika was on speaker phone to give an update on the magazine. She was in agreement with the suggestions that the publication committee had talked about. Board asked about how invoicing was done for the ads and suggested mailing out an invoice in addition to the emailed invoice. Erika has a list of producers that prefer to receive theirs by mail.

Erika also gave the board a short update on things that are happening at ASA.

The newsletter that is sent out in the summer was discussed. Chris will be asked if he would send it out again this year and include the Simmental activity date and times for the state fair.

Jr Simmental report was given.

Sponsorship for the Tomorrow's Top Hands was discussed. A motion to sponsor \$500 to this event was made by David and Tim 2nd. Motion carried.

The annual sale was discussed. Some of the board members have been talking with Jeff and they would like to run things about the same as last year. Board would like to sell our donation heifer while waiting for the office to get the Red Angus sale wrapped up.

Donation heifer was discussed. Todd is going to visit with some producers who have expressed interest in donating the heifer for this year.

How to reimburse producers for the heifer was discussed. A motion to have the reimbursement payment for the heifer relative to the cattle market for that year or if the producer doesn't want to be reimbursed give them a receipt for the market value of the animal and for the donation heifer for the 2014 sale reimburse Todd \$1500 was made by Claye and David 2nd. Motion carried.

Annual meeting was discussed. Having a speaker this year and having meeting at Kist was talked about. Parking is an issue at Circle Diamond.

Board would like to apply for hosting the 2016 fall meetings

Futurity show was discussed. Prizes have been purchased. Kim will hire a separate judge for the show.

Tyler and Todd will be in charge of the picnic at the state fair.

Board discussed paying Mike Traxinger and Erika Kenner for all the work that they do for the magazine. A motion to pay Mike \$500 from the association account and to pay Erika \$1000 out of the magazine account was made by Claye and Tyler 2nd. Motion carried.

Claye also updated the board on things that ASA is working on. The new building is in progress now.

A date for the September meeting was discussed and decide to wait awhile to schedule.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Myers
NDSA Secretary