

## NYAA Annual Meeting and Field Day

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, MMT Cattle Company, Fonda, NY

A beautiful sunny day greeted thirty plus Angus enthusiasts for the annual meeting postponed from the Spring along with a field day graciously hosted by the Tommell family. The annual business meeting was held around a delicious BBQ lunch hosted in part compliments of NYAA.

President Ric Coombe opened the business meeting thanking retiring Secretary/Treasurer Jeanetta Laudermilk and Vice President JoAnne King for their dedicated service over the past few years. Nicole Tommell stepped in as recording secretary for day until elections were held. Jerry Emerich, acting Treasurer gave an updated report showing an account balance of \$25,910.70 currently in the treasury. There was still some money due for the 2020-21 NYAA membership directory. He also reported our non-profit tax filling with IRS had been completed for the 2020 fiscal year. Ric presented a balanced budget for NYAA in 2021, which was approved.

Ric further discussed the state of the membership directory. It had been delayed due to complications at the printer. It has now been mailed to all members.

There was much debate centered around two subjects near and dear to members of NYAA. First was the status of the 2021 NYSF ROV show. At the time of the meeting, it was announced there may be no livestock shows at the NY State Fair again this year. This would put the Roll of Victory (ROV) sponsored by the American Angus Association in jeopardy of happening in 2021. Alternative plans were discussed. (As of this writing, July 20<sup>th</sup> the livestock shows are back on at NYSF so the ROV show will be held during the state fair).

The second subject involved discussion of the NYAA state sale. The issue with attempting to hold a sale in the fall of 2021 is that it would compete with at least four member sponsored sales already scheduled. Thus, it was decided to wait until the spring of 2022 to once again host a state sale with an invitation extended to NY Red Angus to participate along with holding the annual meeting in conjunction to make it a truly New York Angus weekend.

Empire Farms Days will be held August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> at Palladino Farms, Pompey, NY. NYAA will participate along with the other state breed associations in sponsoring a live cattle and education exhibit.

Anna King updated the group on Junior activities. They held their annual meeting in March with the following officers elected: Anna King, President; Adeline Tommell, Vice President; Daisy Trowbridge, Secretary; Evie Groom, Treasurer along with Taylor and Talia Pallokat as club reporters. This summer, three Junior families will be heading to Grand Island, Nebraska for the National Junior Angus show, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>. Anna will be running for the National Junior Angus Board. The group wished her the best of luck! Anna also attended the “Raising the Bar” Youth

leadership conference in Tennessee this past spring and will be attending the AAA Junior "LEAD" conference in Indiana in August.

Nominating committee members JoAnne King and Skip Lear presented the slate of officers along with three open board of director positions to be voted on for the coming year.

President: Ric Coombe

Vice President: Andrew King

Secretary: Sara Fessner

Treasurer: Jerry Emerich

Directors: Robert Groom, John Iovieno and Chad Hazekamp

It was moved and seconded to cast one ballot to elect the slate as presented. Motion carried.

Seeing no further business to come forward, the meeting was adjourned. Afterwards, many in the crowd stayed for a guided tour by Marc and Nicole Tommell of their large dairy steer growing facility along with their high, quality Angus herd.