

2022 New York Angus Association Annual Meeting

Last year the NYAA Board of Directors and membership voted to combine the State Sale and Annual Meeting into a one day event. There was a two-fold purpose for this. One was to help contain costs. The other was to increase attendance at both events. It seemed to be successful on both fronts. The Annual Meeting began at approximately 10:30 am with the sale scheduled for 1:00 pm on Saturday May 14th. Both events were held at the Rodman Lott and Sons Farm in Seneca Falls, NY.

Secretary Sara Fessner presented the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting and Jerry Emerich, Treasurer presented the year end treasury report. Both were approved by the membership present. As of this writing, there is approximately \$23,000.00 in the Association's banking accounts with all receipts paid to date.

President Ric Coombe thanked all in attendance for allowing him to serve as President the last two years during one of the most trying times in our nation's recent history. Without a State Sale the last two years, this has to be considered a "rebuilding" year for the organization. Ric went on to thank the many people who helped behind the scenes to make this year's sale successful. He also spoke about our Junior members who plan to attend the Eastern Regional and National Junior Angus shows this year. Reports on these activities are presented elsewhere in this issue.

Another subject Ric spoke about was the success of the organization's periodical Angus Angles. Published four times a year, it has increased in volume due to the hard work of Sara Fessner in obtaining new advertisers. For the first time ever the semi-annual membership directory was combined with the Spring issue of the Angles and printed in full color. With information changing at an ever-increasing rate, it was felt by the board that printing a Membership Directory once every two years was quickly outdated. Thus, going forward the Membership Directory will be updated each year in the Spring Angus Angles. We also want to thank Taylor Hoelscher, Carousel Design for her creative talents in putting the Angles together each issue.

With little business to be conducted, the meeting quickly moved into the election of officers and board of director members. The following people were elected to officer positions for the coming year:

President: Andrew King, Cobleskill
Vice President: Chad Hazekamp, West Winfield
Secretary: Sara Fessner, Bloomfield
Treasurer: Jerry Emerich, Mooers

Tom Miller, Lockport was elected to a two year term on the Board to fill the unexpired seat of Chad Hazekamp who moved up to Vice President.

Elected to three year terms on the board were Gabriella Glenister, Pulaski, Ryan McLenithan, Cambridge and Sarah Walton, Linwood.

To close out the meeting the Association's annual service awards were presented. Winners this year include Travis and Sarah Walton, Linwood for the Young Cattle Producer award. The Distinguished Service award was presented to Jeanetta Laudermilk, Truxton. The Master Breeder award was bestowed on Angus Hill Farm, Dr John Inkley, Randolph. Congratulations to all of the winners. Well deserved!