

Florida Angus Association Annual Meeting Minutes 2013

Meeting was called to order by Don Bailey
Proof of Notice of Meeting was presented by Don Bailey

Invocation was given by Brandon Buckholt- Junior Angus Association Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Kristen Short- Jr. Advisor

Introductions Special Guests attending Kurt Piepenbrink with Zoetis
Perry Smith with Genex
Rusty Bateman with Select Sires
Dr. Gerson Herrera- Veterinarian

Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting were passed out and read individually and reading of the minutes were waved
Motion to approve minutes by Albert Austrino and 2nd by Richard Jeppesen motion passed

Secretary's Report was read by Jan Grosse Secretary as follows

Secretary's Report 2013

Website Report

The Florida Angus Association launched its new Website in February this year from The Market Place, Erin Freel's company. We thank Erin for donation of time and energy in this. The Website has new features from the old one, with a News section, Gallery of Photos, a member's classified page for ads that are free to members, social media integration, and online stripe dues pay system. Most of the dues paid by members were paid online during 2013. Please check the website often for news and new content. Announcements are made on the site to keep everyone up to date

www.floridaangusassociation.com

We are hoping this will be a form of communication to our members and juniors as well as others.

Classified ads on the website- The ads can be placed through the website, then they get emailed to me for approval, once approved they will go up on the website. This is done to be able to stop any undesirable information to be posted in an ad by other parties with an agenda against the beef industry or people who are not members.

Costs for ads, the small classified ads are free to members in good standing and remain free to the members.

Large Ads at the bottom of the opening page (add size would be 300 pixels by 150 pixels) can be taken out with links to websites ect. for a suggested amount of \$250.00 for 6 months and \$400 for one year. This was approved by the board. A form will be created on the website to be able to place these ads and pay for them. The payment will be linked to the Stripe Account so when we receive notice that someone has submitted an ad, we can have them pay for it before it goes up, you can check out examples of these ads at the bottom of the Florida Cattlemen Website www.floridacattlemen.org/advertise.html

Year in Review

We had a successful Spring Junior Show which was in Dade City and a Fall Junior Show that was in Fanning Springs. There was a large turnout for both shows from competitors to supporters. The association would like to thank all the people involved in making these shows happen. These Shows, Field Days and also 4 board meetings were held throughout the year where decisions on the new Website, association management, the Spring and Fall Junior Shows and Programs were discussed and planned.

This coming year we are hoping to have the University of Florida Professors hold a BQA Class and Certification for us in Cow/Calf Management.

BQA Beef Quality Assurance Certification Program will be given at a Field Day. The Certification for Cow Calf Producer from the NCBA sponsored by the Beef Check-off Committee

The program and testing would take approx 2 ½ hours, once certified you will be able to advertise to your clients or on your websites that you are certified. The cost for the course is \$25.00 per person. Dr. Hersom, Dr. Irsik, or Dr. Thrift from the University of Florida would teach the course.

The Juniors will be invited to come and take the course and be certified.

We hope to sponsor several other educational seminars and farm tours this coming year.

The 10 producers who registered the most Angus beef cattle in the state of Florida recorded a total of 624 Angus with the American Angus Association[®] during fiscal year 2013, which ended Sept. 30, according to Bryce Schumann, Association chief executive officer. The 10 top recorders in Florida are: Country Oaks Angus Ranch, Weirsdale, 196-head; Big Timber Cattle Co, Lithia, 75; Gizmo Angus, Molino, 65; Jeanne Louise Chitty, Micanopy, 50; Overkill Hill Farms LLC, Lake City, 50-head; John Benjamin Hill, Marianna, 42; John A Semanik, Jacksonville, 39; Southern Cattle Co, Marianna, 39; Gray-Bar Cattle Company, Lady Lake, 35-head; J A Burnette, Kenansville, 33. Angus breeders across the nation in 2013 registered 288,822 head of Angus cattle.

Florida Angus Association Dues remain at \$30.00

Juniors at \$ 20.00

Family Membership at \$ 45.00

Current Members 2013

FAA 61 Members

FJAA 53 Members

2013 FAA Officers

Don Bailey President
Jeff Vermillion Vice President
Jan Grosse Secretary
Rick Stotler Treasurer

2013 FAA Board Members

Albert Austrino
Jeff Vermillion
John Nicely
Sam Cone
Christine Damron
Erin Freel
Annette Short
Dr. Roger West
Richie Longanecker

We wish to thank all of our Officers, Board Members, Junior Angus Team, and Junior Angus Advisor for all their work and time
Motion to approve report by Richard Jeppesen and 2nd by Don Buckholt Motion passed

Treasures Report was read by Rick Stotler as follows

Bank Balance in FAA ending January 2014 **\$ 2,776.83**
Bank Balance in FJAA ending January 2014 **\$ 3,113.63**

Annual Meeting Summary Treasurers Report

Florida Angus Association

Expenses for Year

Florida Cattleman Advertising	\$ 544	
Web Page	\$ 885	
Annual Dinner	\$ 687	
Award Scholarship	\$ 550	
50/50 Auction	\$ 859	
Farm Bureau Insurance	\$ 453	
Taxes & Prep	\$ 410	
Bank Charges	\$ 6	
Total Annual Expenses		\$ 4,393.00

Deposits for Year

Annual Meeting	\$ 1,305	
Auctions	\$ 1,740	
Dues (Cash \$ 465-Stripe \$1,248.60)	\$1,713.60	
Total Annual Income		\$ 4,758.60

Florida Junior Angus Association

Expenses for Year

Web Design	\$625	
Spring Show		
Rental	\$ 800	
Awards	\$ 1155	
Payout	\$ 500	
Food	\$ 415	
Judge	\$ 300	
Total		\$ 3170
Jr. Nationals	\$ 140	
Fall Show		
Rental	\$ 563	
Awards	\$ 297	
Payout	\$ 600	
Food	\$ 202	
Judges	\$ 600	
Total		\$ 2262
South Florida Fair	\$ 250	
Total Expenses		\$ 6,447.00

Deposits for Year

Spring Show		
Pre-registrations	\$ 1604	
Award Sponsors	\$ 770	
Live Auction (Semen)	\$ 425	
Auction	\$ 1109	
Total		\$ 3909
Fall Show		
Registrations	\$ 1335	
Extra Dues	\$ 95	
Silent Auction	\$ 388	
Live Auction	\$ 315	
Lunch Tickets	\$ 160	
Extra Cash	\$ 110	
Total		\$ 2403
Total Annual Income		\$ 6,312.00

Please note that the Web Design and Web Fees contain a one time fee for the initial design and only maintenance and hosting fees will apply in subsequent years.

Motion to approve report by Richard Jeppesen and 2nd by Richie Longanecker, Motion Passed

Junior Angus Report was given by Kristen Short-Junior Angus Advisor

The upcoming Junior Angus Show will be at the Osceola County Fair

The Florida State Fair will be with an Angus Show

Members will be invited to attend the shows.

The Juniors have had a strong year with Angus Junior Nationals, a Spring Show in Dade City and Fall Show in Fanning Springs with a good showing in each show.

Motion to approve report by Albert Austrino and 2nd by Richard Jeppesen Motion passed

Web Page Report

The new web site designed by Erin Freel, Joel Bockoras of The Market Place, and Jan Grosse is very nice and we invite the members to view it and use it. We use it as a form of communication to our members, juniors, and others. Please go to the site often to see what upcoming events there are and current news on the organization. The site works so well due to the efforts of Erin Freel and her company "The Market Place" as the web designers and web hosts, they put it together so all the features work perfectly and we always come up first in the search engines. Thank you to Erin and her staff.

www.floridanagusassociation.com

Program Richie Longanecker –Big Timber Cattle Company

The Big Timber Cattle Company started as a sawmill business of big timbers and branched into the cattle business. The Sawmill is still active and running. The cattle business is based on elite Angus carcass genetics, low calving birth weights, perfect marbling and ribeye. The company breeds Bulls for the commercial cattlemen. We genetic test our entire herd for performance. We do embryo transfer and AI our heifers and cows. Breeding for superior genetics. We have surrogate moms at the Buck Island Ranch. We perform the HD50K genetic test on our stock to be able to produce the elite carcass and marbling, we are a carcass trait breeder.

BTCC started in 2000 in Lithia, Florida with Registered Black Angus purchased from the late Aaron Long of Long's Angus Ranch. The company quickly implemented the use of modern techniques such as Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer, EPD evaluation, and DNA testing to pursue some of the most modern, cutting edge carcass genetics available on the market today.

The name, Big Timber, comes from Richie's roots as the owner of Southern Pine Timber Products, a lumber mill specializing in Lumber, Timber, Piling, Poles and custom work.

BTCC has recently been recognized as a spotlight producer for Buckhead Beef of Florida, a company "responsible for the meat procurement and premium cut steaks of Sysco operating companies throughout Florida and the Caribbean."

Big Timber Cattle Company works with multiple commercial operations throughout Florida. Over 400 Purebred Angus Embryos are transferred each year into commercial recipient cows who act as "multipliers" for genetic progress.

Lunch was served and catered by Jaymer BBQ

The lunch menu was Beef Brisket, Smoked peas and beans, bread pudding with hot caramel sauce, and it was absolutely the best brisket ever, and the smoked beans and peas were wonderful. The bread pudding with the caramel sauce was divine!

Drawings for Door Prizes

Drawings for door prizes let the winners choose from a variety of donated items, this was fun and winners went away with some nice gifts and we all had enjoyed it.

Members Discussion

Richard Jeppesen discussed soy products in calf formula for bottle fed calves. It was found that the products that contained soy were making the calves sick with scours and that a product with milk whey only should be used.

Kurt Piepenbrink discussed the HD50K test and how to take and prepare the test. They can be taken by hair sample and blood samples. The HD50K results are turned directly over to the American Angus Association and put into your cattle EPDS. The HD50K determines genetic markers for Zoetis has formed a partnership with Angus Genetics, Inc. (AGI), a wholly owned subsidiary of the American Angus Association (AAA), in which AGI is the exclusive distributor of High-Density 50K (HD 50K) for Angus tests. This provides breeders access to genomic-enhanced expected progeny differences (GE-EPDs) and indexes powered by the HD 50K for Angus platform. GE-EPDs powered by HD 50K for Angus are the most dependable and predictable option in genetic evaluation for registered or recorded Black Angus cattle in the United States. Producers are now empowered with dependable genetic information for 14 important and valuable traits. Results will be in the form of GE-EPDs and HD 50K for Angus percentile ranks. HD 50K for Angus is the beef industry's first and only high-density DNA panel to identify more than 50,000 DNA markers for each tested animal. There is no other genomic tool as powerful to help producers predict genetic merit in young, unproven Angus cattle.

Members Albert Austrino, Richie Longanecker, Jan Grosse commented on how the test enhanced the EPDS of their cattle and have made them more valuable and given important information to make culling and breeding decisions.

Perry Smith from Genex Cooperative Inc. discussed how they use the HD 50K information for their bull selections. He also told about the bull semen offerings for 2014 and the new 2014 catalog of bull semen was available for the members. Full catalog available at

<http://genex.crinet.com/page45/Beef>

Rusty Bateman from Select Sires talked about their new bull semen offerings for 2014 and had printed material available for the members. Full catalog available online at <http://www.selectsires.com/>

Framed Print

A Framed Print of the First Angus Bull in the United States was given to Richie Longanecker for hosting the event.

Election of Officers

The following were elected into office to serve the Florida Angus Association for 2014

President: Albert Austrino

Vice President: Richie Longanecker

Secretary: Annette Short

Treasurer: Rick Stotler

New Board Member: Jan Grosse

2013 President Comments

Don Bailey the current president thanked the members for attending and expressed his gratefulness to serve as President. "It has been a pleasure to be your president, Thank you for wonderful years."

2014 President Albert Austrino receives the gavel from Don Bailey and Presides: Albert expressed his excitement to be the new president and thanked everyone. He stated he would like to work hard to expand the association and offer more programs for the adults to grow the organization. He stated that the Junior Program is strong and it will continue to grow and be strong.

Meeting Adjourned

Following the meeting was a tour of the Big Timber Cattle Company

We boarded a hay wagon and a several seat golf cart to tour the farm. The beautiful cattle could be seen everywhere and we went to the working pen area to see the way the cattle are moved through the system. Doctor Gerson Herrera preformed an AI demonstration on a cow that was ready to breed. We then went on to one of the most beautiful barns I have ever seen .Richie built the barn with big timbers, there are no nails and it held together with wooden pegs. Please see the photos of this spectacular building and the beautiful lumber it was built from.

Thank you to Richie Longanecker and the Big Timber Cattle Company for hosting this event and allowing a wonderful tour of the farm. We all appreciate the hospitality. We are so thankful to our members and juniors who make up this organization.

I would like to thank everyone for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as the Florida Angus Association Secretary for the past six years. I feel honored that I have been able to contribute to the organization. I have enjoyed working with all of you and the past presidents Robert Demaree, Steven Hines, and Don Bailey during my terms. I hope I have been able to make a difference. The friends I have made through the organization are invaluable and very very special.

Thank you, Jan Grosse

Florida Angus Association Secretary

