

Florida Angus Association Annual Meeting Minutes 2015

The Annual Meeting was held at the G4 Angus Ranch in Ocala Florida

Meeting was called to order by Albert Austrino

Proof of Notice of Meeting was presented by Albert Austrino

Invocation was given by John Massaro – FAA Board Member

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kristen Short – FJAA Member Owen Austrino held the flag

Introductions of attendees (all attendees introduced themselves)

Minutes from *previous* Annual Meeting were passed out and read individually and reading of the minutes was waved

Motion to approve minutes by JR Baker and 2nd by John Massaro

Secretary's Report was read by Annette Short, Secretary Report as follows

Secretary's Report 2014

Year in Review

We held a very successful annual meeting at the Big Timber Cattle Company in Lithia, FL in January 2014. Thank you to Richie Longanecker was a fabulous host. The Florida State Fair was the first week in February and was very successful. A FJAA meeting was held during the state fair for planning for the Junior National Angus Show. Four FAA Board meetings were held to plan events for the year (March, June, August and October). A FJAA Spring show was held May 3, 2014 at the Capital R Arena (Ray and Tish Luke hosting). Great show.....very soggy with lots of lightening©. July FJAA members did a fabulous job representing our state at the National Junior Angus Show in Indianapolis IN. Approximately 20 Juniors and their families in attendance. FJAA fall show was held October 25 in Starke, FL (Whitehead Family hosting). Thanks to JR Baker (Baker Cattle Company) for sponsoring the awards for this Junior show. This was a combined FAA and FJAA event. During the FAA board meeting it was discussed and approved to change dues. **All memberships will run January 1 – December 31.** Membership categories are as follows: Junior (youth 8-21 years of age) \$20.00; Individual/Farm membership = 1 vote: \$35.00; Family membership \$45.00 = 1 adult and 1 junior voting member. For family memberships, each additional junior will be an additional \$10.00. Jan Grosse volunteered to host the 2015 Annual meeting at her home in Ocala.

2014 Officers

Albert Austrino – President
Richie Longanecker – Vice President
Annette Short – Secretary
Rick Stotler – Treasurer
Jan Grosse – Website

2014 Board Members

Jeff Vermillion
John Massaro
JR Baker
Don Bailey
Dr. Roger West
Sam Cone
Kirk Piepenbrink
Kristen Short
Jan Grosse

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 John Massaro and 2nd by Jan Grosse

Treasurer's Report was read by Rick Stotler as follows

Bank Balance in FAA ending January 2015 \$2,199.50

Bank Balance in FJAA ending January 2015 \$2,823.86

FAA Annual Summary

Deposits:

Dues \$891.91

Annual Meeting \$525.00

Silent Auction \$252.00

Total +\$1668.91

Expenses:

Florida Cattleman Advertising \$416.00

Web Page \$525.00

Trophy \$32.39

Jr. Nationals \$150.00

Wells Fargo (Checks, etc) \$165.89

Tax Prep \$400.00

Florida Farm Bureau Insurance \$251.70

Florida State Fair Sponsorship \$300.00

Corp. Tax \$61.25

Total -\$2,304.23

FJAA Annual Summary

Deposits:

Shirts \$297.00
Entry Fees \$470.00
Return Payout \$245.00
Lunch \$270.00
Award Sponsor \$404.00
Silent Auction \$120.00
Total + \$1806.00

Expenses:

Table Top 3 panel Display and display materials \$246.69
Shirts \$75.25
Online Deposit Image \$3.00
Awards (Holly Sigler) \$264.02
Cash Payout \$500.00
Lunch \$325.00
Judge \$300.00
Fairgrounds Rental \$200.00
Show sticks \$50.26
Embroidery \$60.00
Total -\$2024.22

Motion to approve report by JR Baker and 2nd by Donna Brommel

Junior Angus Report was read by Kristen Short – Junior Angus Advisor

The FJAA participated at the following for the year:

January – South Florida Fair
February – Florida State Fair
February – Osceola Fair
May – Spring Field Day
July – National Junior Angus Show
October – Fall Field Day

The most participation and best results from Juniors in quite some time. Albert Austrino announced that Kristen Short had submitted her resignation from the FJAA Advisor position as she will be working to complete her education. Albert thanked Kristen for her service to the FJAA. He also asked for members that would be interested in working with the Juniors to let him know.

Motion to approve report by Rick Stotler and 2nd by Tiffany Williams

Web Page Report was read by Jan Grosse

Website has been working well. Jan posts what is submitted to her onto the website. Minutes from the annual meeting will be posted on the site. Jan encourages all

members to use the classified ad section. There are directions on the website on how to post to the classifieds. Once submitted they must go to Jan for approval before they are posted on the website. Check site for news, show information. The next show is the South Florida Fair. The fair paid \$14,000.00 in premiums with 64 head exhibited last year. This year they are expecting 90 for 2015. 155 head of Angus were shown at the Florida State Fair.

Motion to approve report by Don Bailey and 2nd by Kurt Piepenbrink

Election of Officers

The following were elected into office to serve the Florida Angus Association for 2015

President: Albert Austrino

Vice President: John Massaro

Secretary: Annette Short

Treasurer: Rick Stotler

Motion to accept Don Bailey and 2nd by Kirk Piepenbrink

Recognition Gifts

Don Bailey was recognized for his outstanding service and dedication. Albert Austrino stated his appreciation for all the years of service Don has given to the FAA and his support of the FJAA.

Kristen Short was recognized for her work as the Junior Advisor.

Jan Grosse was recognized for hosting the annual meeting.

Members Discussion

Kurt Piepenbrink discussed educational program.

Albert Austrino discussed need for educational program ideas... What do the members want to learn about and gain knowledge related the Angus breed?

We need volunteers to be at a booth at the Florida State Fair (John Massaro volunteered to help man the information booth during the fair).

State Fair has asked that we provide 2 people from the association to assist with the Angus shows.

Gabby Hernandez spoke about the FJAA Royalty. There is a handbook and rules and Albert Austrino recognized that the ladies representing the Juniors in these positions have done a great job. Gabby wanted to encourage other girls to apply. Gabby discussed the National Junior Angus Queens luncheon and how the royalty hand out ribbons at the National show.

Destiny McCauley was also recognized as one of the contestants for Miss American Angus and will compete for the title, this is a great honor to be chosen as a contestant and all of us wished her well.

Jan Grosse shared that Dr. Bill Freel and Richie Longanecker were in the Top Producers for Florida in 2014 in the American Angus Association. Also that in the NCBA – 11 out of the top 25 cow calf producers are from Florida.

Jan suggested that we have a booth at the Florida Cattleman's Conference in Orlando maybe with the American Angus Association.

John Massaro discussed Angus producers are using Florida as a dumping ground. John explained about using tools to make us better producers. He is big on data and vaccination and keeping accurate records. He feels that Florida is not getting respect because we are not checking this information. If we expect to sell animals to people who produce meat we have to step up our game. Need to use proven bulls and use Zoetis test.

Drawing for Door Prizes

Lunch – BBQ by the pool

Educational Program – Parasites and Parasitic Control – Kirk Piepenbrink (Zoetis)
The program was very informative...Smart strategies for a healthy herd

Adjournment

Farm Tour of G4 Angus Ranch and Visiting