



Florida Angus Association Annual Meeting Minutes 2017

The Annual Meeting was held at Southeastern Livestock Pavilion South Hall in Ocala, Florida. Meeting was called to order by Albert Austrino at 12:15 p.m. Proof of Notice of Meeting was presented by Annette Short.

Invocation was given by John Massaro – FFA Vice President and lunch followed provided by Beef O’Brady’s – John Massaro.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Owen Austrino – FJAA member.

Introduction of attendees (all attendees introduced themselves).

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

Motion to approve minutes was made by Rick Stotler and 2nd by Chris Torrence.

Secretary’s Report was read by Annette Short.

Secretary’s Report 2016

The 2016 annual meeting was held January 16, 2016, at the Pasco County Fairgrounds. John Massaro (Beef O’Brady’s) provided a delicious meal and the following families helped facilitate the set up for the meeting: Blommel family, Austrino family and Williamson family. The date and place was announce for the 2017 FAA annual meeting. The date will be January 7, 2017 at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala, FL. Dates for the four board meetings were also given to FAA board members. We recognized Jan Grosse, Rick Stotler, and Jeff Vermillion for their years of service to the Florida Angus Association. Each received a small token of appreciation for their outstanding service and dedication to our organization.

The Florida State Fair was a success. We did face some challenges with class lists before and during the Angus show which was addressed with the fair association. A reminder was discussed at the March 2016 meeting that exhibitors need to remain on fairgrounds until official release time.

FJAA held their annual Spring show on April 2, at the Pasco County Fairgrounds. Boarshead Ranch was the sponsor. Ed Jennings presented on Florida's Harmful Weeds during the lunch break.

FAA had a booth at the Florida Cattleman's Convention in June. Those that attended felt it was a success and plan to return next year. The plan will be to share a booth with the American Angus Association to help both groups with cost. The event will be back at Marco for 2017. Was suggested to get a nice "prize" to encourage joining the FAA.

FJAA represented our state proudly in July at NJAA Show.

Board members have discussed both the website and Stripe (on-line payment account). Feel that these could be improved. Plan was made to explore options.

Nominating Committee was formed at the August board meeting.

Suggested that a Save the Date card be mailed out to encourage attendance at the annual meeting.

October 18, 2016 board meeting date was changed to October 1st, before the FJAA Fall show.

The membership fees will remain the same for the 2017 year and run from January 1 – December 31.

Treasurer's Report 2016

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report was made by Tiffany Williamson, 2nd by Shane Williamson.

Florida Junior Angus Report 2016

Tiffany Williamson gave the report for the FJAA. She discussed NJAA trip and events. Juniors participated in many events while at the show including the CAB Roast Cook-off and took 1st place for the community service challenge to support Hope Harbor. She encouraged juniors to attend next year even if that don't take cattle. The 2018 service for NJAA will be pop tabs so everyone is encouraged to start saving them for the juniors. FJAA is currently working on a fund raiser and tickets are available. They are also doing FJAA Pocket Changing America to help support their fundraising efforts. The FJAA association was started in 1994.

Motion to approve FJAA report was made by Donna Blommel, 2nd by JR Baker.

Nominating Committee Report 2016

The Nominating Committee recommended Bobbi Jo Smith be added to the board. Nominations were called for from the floor and Scott Birge was suggested.

Both were approved to become board members.

Election of Officers for 2017

Members voted to elect the slate of officers and board members presented for 2017.

The 2017 Florida Angus Association Officers and Board Members for 2017 are as follows:

President – Albert Austrino
Vice President – John Massaro
Treasurer – JR Baker
Secretary – Annette Short

FAA Jr. Co-Advisor – Zoila Hernandez
FAA Jr. Co-Advisor – Bobbi Jo Smith
Board Members
Kurt Piepenbrink
Donna Blommel
Chris Torrence
Shane Williamson
Scott Birge

Membership chairs for 2017 will be:

Bobbi Jo Smith – FJAA
Donna Blommel - FAA

President's Report 2016

Albert Austrino would like to focus on membership and adding educational events for all members of FAA and FJAA. Raising funds will also be a need for the 2017 year.

Members Discussion

Rhonda Birge suggested that Florida consider adding a Florida Angus Women's Auxiliary group. The cost is \$25.00 per year.

Jeff Vermillion suggested we research an Allied membership.

Leroy Baldwin long time Angus rancher from the Ocala area passed away in December. Both the FAA and FJAA sent flowers. He was a great supporter of the Florida Angus Association and he will be greatly missed.

Several dates were presented for next year's annual meeting:

January 6th
January 13th
January 27th

A vote was taken and the membership selected January 27th. We will check availability for the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion for the 2018 FAA Annual Meeting.

Drawing for Door prizes

Drawing for the door prizes was held throughout the meeting. Thanks to the board members for providing the prizes.

Educational Program

Jeremy Block, PhD of Vintage Veterinary Services- Ocala, FL presented Genetic Gain & Assisted Reproduction Technologies.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.