



Highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting February 18–19, 2010

1. The Board of Directors met in Saskatoon in order to interact with and receive reports from the Canadian Junior Angus Association board. Several directors also attended a portion of the GOAL conference.

At the joint board meeting, the Canadian Board was impressed with the quality of the presentation from our Junior board and the level of understanding and knowledge they exhibited.

2. President Elect Kirk Wildman assumed the chair as President John Donaldson is undergoing treatments for a growth on his larynx. Get well wishes were extended and we're certain all members join us in wishing him a speedy and total recovery.
3. Genetic defect testing was a big topic. The board clarified their stance on DNA testing for defects. Once an animal is tested free of a recognized defect there is no need to test any progeny as it is scientifically safe to accept them as free of the defect.
4. Our Breeder Guarantee is in need of improving and updating. The Breed Development committee is to review it as well as our bylaws and report back to the next meeting in June.
5. Some time was devoted to discussion and planning for the eventual retirement of our CEO. The Succession Committee was instructed to advertise for the position in August and be prepared to present a short list of candidates to the Board in October. The plan would be to have the successful applicant in place a few months before Doug's planned retirement in the summer of 2011.
6. The new Commercial Committee has recommended that we add to the recognition program for Auction Market of the Year and introduce recognition for a feedlot and order buyer as well. The first awards will be presented in 2011.
7. Manitoba will be hosting both the 2011 annual general meeting and our 2011 National Angus Show.
8. The 2010 annual meeting is to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on June 19. Included in the agenda will be informational workshops and an open round table discussion with the Directors.
9. Three Directors were re-elected by acclamation for the 2010–2013 term. Congratulations to Tom McDonald in Ontario and Cecilie Fleming and Gary Latimer in Alberta. Two candidates will

be competing for one position in Saskatchewan. Ballots will be mailed on March 12 and must be returned to the office before April 12. The new Director will assume responsibility on June 20.

10. The auditor's report for 2009 was presented and accepted. It will be distributed to all members with the annual report in June.
11. Concern was expressed about people selling unregistered animals as purebreds and other misleading information contained in advertisements and sales catalogues. Staff was asked to send letters to any reported offenders and present a list of all complaints to the Board.
12. The Finance Committee reported serious concern that our fee structure has not kept pace with inflation and explained that we have been able to keep registration and membership fees at the 1982 level only because of activity growth and access to grant programs. The Board approved the use of \$145,000 from our reserve account to balance the 2010 budget.

The Board also accepted some amendments to our current fee schedule:

Effective June 30, 2010

- Cost of providing mailing labels be \$100 plus 3 cents per label
- An electronic download of member addresses be \$250 for a one-time use
- Charge to register an imported animal be \$50
- Charge of \$25 for Geneprob reports, reduced to \$15 if it can be provided electronically
- Cost to register a herd name be \$25
- Cost to register tattoo letters be \$25

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- Registration fees be:
 - Under 4 months \$15
 - 4–7 months \$25
 - 7–12 months \$50
 - over 12 months \$100
- Transfer fees be:
 - 0–60 days after sale \$12
 - Over 60 days after sale \$24
- Membership fees be increased to \$100 (which will include \$33 for the official publication and \$25 for provincial membership)
- Activity fees (for life members) be increased to \$75 which will also include the \$33 subscription fee and \$25 provincial membership

13. The Board received feedback from both directions on the Environmental Policy as it relates to the show ring. They accepted a request to limit the ban to paint and colouring on animals in Association-supported shows. Directors have accepted the responsibility to check all animals entering the show ring and refusing entry to any with paint or artificial colouring. We will also approach all major fairs and exhibitions to solicit support for a total ban on aerosol products in the marshalling area.