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## **Angus Breeders Raise Over \$25,000 in Cancer Fundraiser**

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**CALGARY, AB** — Three members of the Canadian Angus Association executive left the recent annual meeting with a lot less hair than they arrived with. Past President Kirk Wildman, Assistant General Manager Michael Latimer and incoming CEO Rob Smith have raised over \$25,000 for the Canadian Angus Foundation and the Kids with Cancer Society in a fundraising initiative dubbed the Baldy Fundraiser.

Wildman and Latimer entered into a friendly fundraising competition in late 2010. Smith joined the cause in April. Whoever raised the most money was to have their head shaved at the Canadian Angus Association's annual general meeting in Clear Lake, Manitoba, on June 11.

However, at the meeting, a group that calls themselves the Manitoba Mafia, a group from Alberta, "Table 16", and Bill and Sylvia Jackson of Tullamore Angus joined forces and pledged \$5,000 to the cause, provided both Smith and Latimer shaved their heads as well. Wildman, Latimer and Smith all sat down and surrendered themselves to the clippers. Canadian Angus Association members who donated to the cause took turns wielding the clippers.

The fundraiser has special meaning for Wildman whose mother and son both battled cancer during his term as President. Addressing the crowd gathered to witness the head shaving, Wildman said "Thank you so much for getting behind this cause and for all the support you've provided to my family over this difficult year."

The money raised in the fundraiser is being split evenly between the Canadian Angus Foundation, the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association, and the Kids with Cancer Society.

The Canadian Angus Foundation functions to preserve and expand the Angus breed for future generations through education, youth development, scientific and market research, and historical preservation. The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association.

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