



# Regular Board Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2025 at 4 PM

Virtual via Zoom

## **Call to Order**

President Cole Chapman called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10 PM.

## **Secretary Report**

The meeting minutes from the September 9, 2024, board meeting were presented and reviewed. Jeremy Krusemark moved to approve the minutes as presented. Susan Quam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Treasurer Report**

Cassandra Henning presented the most recent financial statements. Gary Knutson moved to approve the financial statements. Jed Hallstrand seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Old Business**

- **Nominating Committee Update**

The Nominating Committee reported potential nominees for the upcoming election, including Cody Dragney, Joe Mason, and Lindsey Kurth. The committee asked the board to notify them if there are any additional interested parties.

- **State Sale Committee Update**

Cole Chapman reported ongoing coordination with Glenn Davis. A planning meeting is scheduled for February. No cost estimate has been provided for utilizing Glenn's services yet. Discussion followed regarding the inclusion of live lots, semen, and embryos in the sale. Further details will be confirmed as planning for the May 10th state sale progresses.

- **Audit Committee Update**

Jeremy Krusemark reported that the Audit Committee conducted a virtual audit of the 2024 association financials on January 15th. The financials were found to be in good standing, with only one minor typo on a bi-monthly statement, which has since been corrected.

## **New Business**

- **WI State Legislature Animal Markets License Exemptions: Section 95.68**

Mike Lenzendorf, a guest and producer impacted by recent enforcement of Section 95.68, joined the meeting. The board discussed the possibility of offering non-monetary sponsorship to member production sales to help producers comply with the license exemptions. Concerns about liability were raised. The decision was made for Cole Chapman to present this issue as a discussion item at the upcoming WCA board meeting. Cole will provide an update on the WCA's stance on the matter.

- **Recognition Program Update**

Amber Miller provided an update on the 2024 Recognition Program results, which are published on the WAA website. Winners will be formally recognized at the Annual Meeting.

## **Other Business:**

- **State Fair Angus Show Letter**

Jack Cummings shared a letter sent to past Angus exhibitors at the Wisconsin State Fair Open Angus Show, informing them that the breed show was on notice to be absorbed by the AOB show unless entries increased. It was agreed that the Show Committee would further discuss this matter and return to the board with a plan of action.

## **Adjournment:**

Amber Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jack Cummings seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.

The next meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.