North Dakota Red Angus Association

February 26, 2025

8:00 PM CST

Board of Directors Meeting

Via Zoom

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Roll Call: Bryan Ressler, Ben Lodoen, Sam Twedt, Chuck Steffan, Annette Steffan, Ryan Clementson, ~~Rick Rohrich~~, Max Robison, Blake Wold
2. Called to order by President Bryan Ressler at 8:03 PM cst
3. Secretary Report (Annette Steffan)

3.1.1 Minutes from January 8, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting.

**Corrections:** none

**Motion:** Sam Twedt moved to accept the minutes of January 8, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting as written.

**Second:** Ben Lodoen

**Action:** Minutes of January 8, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting as written **APPROVED**.

3.1.2 Thank You’s were received from: Reese Janikowski (Buckle Winner)

Jamie Geyer ($500 College Scholarship Winner)

Tom Brink (Commentary February ARA Magazine)

4.0 Treasurer Report (Annette Steffan)

4.1.1 Fiscal Year to February 23 2025

Total Expenses (FY 2024-2025) $ 52,257.32 ($ 77,493.26 Red Select Kist Paid)

$ 129,750.58 Total Expenses

Total Income (FY 2024-2025) $ 65,823.43 ($ 75,968.26 Red Select Kist)

$ 141,791.69 Total Income

Net Income (FY 2024-2025) $ 12,041.11

CD at Dakota Community Bank: $ 11,058.68

Checking Account Balance: $ 34,735.60

Total Checking/Savings: $ 45,794.28

Accounts Receivable: $ 7,850.00

Total Assets: $53,644.28

Total Liabilities & Equity $53,644.28

**Motion:** Max Robison moved to approve the financial report for the February 26, 2025, NDRAA board meeting.

**Second:** Sam Twedt

**Discussion:**

**Action:** Financial Report for the February 26, 2025, NDRAA board meeting **APPROVED**.

4.1.1aBudget: Chuck Steffan: No report

4.1.1b Taxes: Chuck Steffan: No report

4.1.1c Checking Account:

**Motion**: Blake Wold moved that NDRAA Secretary/Treasurer Annette Steffan set up the signatures (one signature only on a check is necessary) for the checking account include:

Annette Steffan (Co Secretary/Treasurer)

Chuck Steffan (Co Secretary/Treasurer)

Bryan Ressler (President)

Ben Lodoen (Vice President) (Will also receive a debit card)

Sam Twedt (Immediate Past President)

**Second**: Max Robison

**Discussion**: Scott Kueffler will be removed from the signature line. Annette will have the bank electronically attain the necessary signatures.

**Action**: The motion to approve the necessary signatures **APPROVED**.

4.1.2 ND Junior Red Angus Association (Annette Steffan):

4.1.3 ND Junior Red Angus Association (Annette Steffan):

Income: $ 55,250.00 (FY November 1, 2025 to date)

Accounts Receivable: $ 12,400.00 (FY November 1, 2025 to date)

Expenses: $ 11,123.29 (November 1, 2025 to date)

Net Income: $ 44,144.69 (November 1, 2025 to date)

Checking Account Balance: $ 43,465.59 (January 31,2025)

2024 Donation Semen Sale: $48,625.00

2024 Silent Auction: $2,180.00

2024 Heads or Tails Game: $640.00

**Motion**: Ben Lodoen moved to approve the NDJRAA financial report.

**Second**: Sam Twedt

**Discussion**:

**Action**: The NDJRAA financial report **APPROVED.**

5.0 Standing Committee Reports

Bryan Ressler appointed board members to the committees and will call at large members to see if they will serve on the committees.

5.1.1 **By-Laws Committee.** (Bryan Ressler)

5.1.1a Members

1. Ben Lodoen (Vice President) Co-Chair

2. Annette Steffan (Secretary/Treasurer) Co-Chair

3. Robert Campbell (Past President)

4. Kenny Forster (Past President)

5. Marc Schrieffer (Member at Large)

5.1.1b Amendment to the By-Laws for 2025 presentation

Article III: Section 4: 4a The ~~Secretary/Treasurer~~ ***Red Select Sale Management under the discretion of the NDRAA board of directors*** shall disperse buyer information to sellers in NDRAA female or bull sales so that sellers may transfer animals to new owners.

Reason: It is impossible to get the addresses from Kist. This should be part of the sales management responsibilities. This amendment will be proposed at the annual meeting.

5.1.2 **Nominating Committee.** (Sam Twedt)

5.1.2a Members:

1. Sam Twedt (Immediate Past President) Chair

2. Mark Barenthsen Bryan will contact

3. Robert Campbell Bryan will contact

5.1.3 **ND Junior Red Angus Association.** (Annette Steffan)

5.1.3a Members:

1. Annette Steffan ((NDJRAA Advisor)

2. Ben Lodoen (NDRAA Board Member)

3. (Member at Large) Suggested Jessica or Jeremy Bullinger

5.1.3b 2025 is the 30th Anniversary of the ND Junior Red Angus Association

5.1.3c NDJRAA Field Day, Saturday, May 31, 2025, Badlands Ministries Bible Camp, Medora ND.

1. Would appreciate it if some board members could be there.

2. Rooms, food etc are covered for Saturday night.

5.1.3d Membership: Need more members any ideas to attract members are welcomed.

5.1.3e Donation Tax write off-Annette is checking with the accountant how to properly give semen donors etc. the proper documentation on writing off their donations for tax purposes.

5.1.4 **Red Select Sale Committee.** (Ryan Clemetson)

5.1.4a Members

1. Sam Twedt (Immediate Past President)

2. Ryan Clemetson (NDRAA Board Member) Chair

3. Kaden Rohrich (Member at Large) Bryan will talk to him

4. Brandon Rusch (Member at Large) Bryan will talk to him

5.1.4b Sale Management:

1. 2025 Sales Management

5.1.4c. Red Select Sale

1. All nomination fees are paid

5.1.5 **FCCP (Feeder Calf Certification Program) Sale Committee.**

5.1.5a Members

1. Bryan Ressler (President)

2. Max Robison (Board Member) Co-Chair

3. Blake Wold (Board Member/Member at Large) Co-Chair

4. Larry Lundberg (Member at Large) Bryan and Max will talk to him

5.1.5b Promoting Red Angus Influence Sales in 2025 (next meeting)

5.1.6 **Advertising & Promotion Committee.** (Annette Steffan)

5.1.6a Members

1. Annette Steffan (Secretary) Chair

2. Rich Rohrich (Board Member)

3. Tracey Koester (Member at Large)

5.1.6b North Dakota Stockman Association

5.1.6c Website ndredangus.org

1. Annette has been updating the website.

2. The 60th Anniversary and awards will be on the website.

5.1.6d Facebook page

1. Prorated Advertisers will have their sales posted on Facebook.

5.1.6e Prorated Advertising

1. Annette needs logos from breeders that have websites and will link the breeder logo on the Breeders page to the appropriate website. Only Prorated Advertisers will have their sale featured on the Facebook page prior to their sale.

2. Prorated advertisers are down.

3. Annette is updating the current Prorate list with Tracey.

5.1.6f Red Angus “Remarks” Podcast with Taylor Ohlde, RAAA marketing team, concerning the history of Red Angus in North Dakota and the video took place on February 19, 2025. Annette is not sure when it will be posted to the Red Angus “Remarks” on the Red Angus Association website.

5.1.6g Video: The video is being completed in its final form. Completion date is August 1, 2025

1. Possibility of it being shown at the 2025National Convention

2. Release date to public on Web page? Sometime after convention.

3. Facebook Reels: This may take more funds. We will need to visit with Ken & Theresa Howie on how to approach this. Is this something that we put out to breeders to sponsor a Reel? More research and discussion is needed on this.

4. The Junior Video will start in June.

5.1.6h Red Angus Association of America

1. 2025 National Convention (Sponsorship)-will need to be discussed as soon as the proposal is available.

5.1.7 **Fundraising Committee.** (Ben Lodoen)

5.1.7a Members

1. Chuck Steffan (Secretary/Treasurer)

2. Ben Lodoen (Board Member) Chair

3. Lacey Schmidt (Member at Large)

5.1.7b Donation Heifer Raffle Evaluation

1. 2025 Donation Heifer Raffle donor is Wasem Red Angus

2. 2026 Donation Heifer Raffle donor is Missouri River Red Angus

5.1.7c Directory/Sponsorships

1. Invoices have been sent out on outstanding advertisers.

5.1.8 **National/Regional/State Events Committee.** (Chris Wasem)

5.1.8a Members

1. Rick Rohrich (Board Member) Chair

2. Annette Steffan/Shaye Koester/Sara Lee (NDJRAA Advisor)

3. Steve Koester (Member at Large)

5.1.8b Events

\*NDJRAA Field Day (2025): Saturday, May 31, 2025, Badland’s Ministries, Medora ND

\*JRA Show “Red Carpet Red” June 9 – 13, 2025

\*ND State Fair (NDJRAA STATE SHOW): Tuesday, July 22, 2025

\*National Convention: September 10-12, 2025, Loveland CO

\*ND Stockman’s Convention: September 17-19, 2025, Bismarck ND

\*NDRAA start of new fiscal year, November 1, 2025

\*ND Red Angus Association 60th Anniversary Meeting & Banquet: Friday, December 12, 2025. Bismarck Hotel and Convention Center, Bismarck, ND.

\*ND Red Select Sale; Saturday, December 13, 2025. Kist Livestock, Mandan, ND.

5.1.9 **Membership Committee.**

The Membership Committee is charged with new membership, maintaining a current membership list, and assisting the Secretary/Treasurer in collection of dues and/or membership information. The Membership Committee will consist of a board member (who will be committee chair), and two members at large.

1. Annette or Chuck Steffan (Co-Secretary/Treasurer)

2. Ben Lodoen (Board Member) Chair

3. (Member at Large) Suggestions Paul Lee, Bryant Bolduc

4. (Member at Large)

5.1.9a Currently 63 members

5.1.9b New/Renewed:

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 Valley City Sponsorship: Annette has not received an invoice for NDRAA Sponsorship. Sam reported that the Winter Show may have emailed it. Annette will check her Spam folder.

7.0 New Business

7.1.1 New Officer/Director Code of Ethics will be emailed to all board members. Board members will need to electronically sign and email back to the Secretary, Annette Steffan.

7.1.2 New Committee Chair Assignments

7.1.4a Bryan will call members at large to fill committees

7.1.3 2025 Red Select Sale Management: This will be addressed at the next NDRAA Board meeting as well as a start time of 12:00 noon.

7.1.4 ND Stockman’s Magazine 2025-26 Advertising Schedule

January-Red Angus Weekend (had to do 2 pages to fit everything for 2025)

February-Red Angus Bull

March-Red Angus Bull

April-Red Angus Female

May-NDJRAA Field Day

June-County Buckle Program

July-No Magazine

August-State Fair Results

September-Feeder Calf

November-Feeder Calf

December-Merry Christmas/Red Angus Weekend

**Motion**: Sam Twedt moved to approve the 2025-2026 NDSA Magazine Ad Schedule as presented.

**Second**: Ryan Clemetson

**Discussion**:

**Action**: The 2025-2026 NDSA Magazine Ad Schedule as presented **APPROVED**.

7.1.5 July in person NDRAA board meeting will be held on July 22, 2025, after the NDJRAA State Show at the ND State Fair on the upper level of the ND State Fair Event Center.

8.0 Next Meeting Date: March 26, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM cst

Location: via Zoom

9.0 Adjourn

**Motion**: Sam Twedt moved to adjourn.

**Second**: Ben Lodoen

**Action**: Meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm cst.

Respectfully Submitted

Annette Steffan

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Co-Secretary/Treasurer

ND Red Angus Association