

North Dakota Red Angus Association

April 30, 2025

8:00 PM CST

Board of Directors Meeting

Via Zoom

**MINUTES**

1.0 Roll Call: Bryan Ressler, Ben Lodoen (joined at 8:30 pm), Sam Twedt, ~~Chuck Steffan~~, Annette Steffan, Ryan Clementson, Rick Rohrich, Max Robison, Blake Wold

2.0 Called to order by President Bryan Ressler at 7:02 PM cst

3.0 Secretary Report (Annette Steffan)

3.1.1 Minutes from March 26, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting.

**Corrections:**

**Motion:** Max Robison moved to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting.

**Second:** Rick Rohrich

**Action:** March 26, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting minutes **APPROVED**.

3.1.2 Thank You's Annette read a Thank You from Rachel Oliver (former RAAA Marketing Specialist).

3.1.3 Annette went through the response letter received from Tom Brink, RAAA CEO, regarding Rachel Oliver's position. The position has been filled, and the individual will reside in Montana. Tom indicated that RAAA was very appreciative of the action taken by the NDRAA to express our concerns on this position.

4.0 Treasurer Report **NDRAA** (Annette Steffan)

4.1.1 (See attached): Fiscal Year to

Total Expenses (FY 2024-2025) \$ 139,400.37 (\$ 77,493.26 Red Select Kist Paid)  
\$ 61,907.11 Total Expenses NDRAA

Total Income (FY 2024-2025) \$ 150,244.25 (\$ 75,968.26 Red Select Kist)  
\$ 74,275.99 Total Income NDRAA

Net Income (FY 2024-2025) \$ 10,843.88

CD at Dakota Community Bank: \$ 11,432.25 (\$373.57 2024-2025 interest)  
Renews 5-11-2025

Checking Account Balance: \$ 40,264.80

Total Checking/Savings: \$ 51,697.05

Accounts Receivable: \$ 750.00

Turtle River \$200.00 (Raffle Tickets) The NDRAA will put pressure on TRCC.

Grassy Meadow \$550.00 (Directory Ad & 2024-2025 Dues) Bryan Ressler visited with them, and they indicated that a check was put in the mail on April 29, 2025.

Total Assets: \$ 52,447.05 (+3.3% from 2024)

Total Liabilities & Equity \$ 52,447.05

4.1.1a Budget: Chuck Steffan (No Report)

4.1.1b Taxes: Chuck Steffan (No Report)

4.1.2 ND Junior Red Angus Association (Annette Steffan):

4.1.3 ND Junior Red Angus Association (Annette Steffan):

Income: \$ 55,231.68 (FY November 1, 2025 to date)

Accounts Receivable: \$ 1,950.00 (FY November 1, 2025 to date)

Matt Taylor: \$1950 Semen

Expenses: \$ 15,107.64 (November 1, 2025 to date)

Net Income: \$40,142.02 (November 1, 2025 to date)

Checking Account Balance: \$50,071.92 \$ (April 2,2025)

5.0 Standing Committee Reports

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
3. **Robert Campbell** Bryan will talk to him

5.1.2b Secretary/Treasurer: Annette and Chuck Steffan's term as Secretary/Treasurer will be up January 2026. They will not be running again. Suggestion is to have this 2-person team. The nominating committee should start looking for the next Secretary/Treasurer.

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)
2. Jeremy or Jessica Bullinger (Member at Large)

5.1.3b 2025 is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ND Junior Red Angus Association. The Juniors may celebrate at a later date.

- 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.
  3. Activities include BQA sessions, National Officer, Beef cooking demonstration and then kids will cook the evening meal, bonfire.
  4. One day event.

- 5.1.3d Membership: Need more members.
- NDJRAA pays the JRA dues (dues are \$35/year).
  - Age eligibility is 21 years of age and under.
  - Other benefits include eligibility for top hand awards, scholarships, travel - and JRA membership benefits.
  - Members may use "Ranch" member numbers/tattoo prefix.
  - Leadership skills
  - Do not have to be a "show kid" to be a member.

- 5.1.3e Plans are underway for 2025 ND State Fair. It was the Simmentals turn to hire the judge. The judge for the 2025 NDJRAA State Show is Caleb Boden.

- 5.1.3f NDJRAA is planning to attend the JRA Roundup in Montana July 14-18, 2025. Roundup is in the Billings MT area. NDJRAA will pay registration fees & some expenses for any NDJRAA member attending.

- 5.1.3g Bryan Ressler mentioned that Greyson Daws did not receive his buckle. His fair was late...Annette will get a buckle sent to him.

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)
4. Brandon Rusch (Member at Large)

- 5.1.4b Sale Time: Sam will report on conversation with Simmental regarding the sale start time at the next NDRAA Board meeting.

- 5.1.4c 2025 Sale Management: After much conversation it was decided to get bids for the sale management position. The deadline for the bids is May 7, 2025.

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)

5.1.5b Promoting Red Angus Influence Sales in 2025 (Committee needs to report by end of July in case we need print material).

5.1.5c Max Robison asked what the FCCP Committee did...according to the NDRAA bylaws The FCCP Sale Committee is charged with developing a plan to develop and enhance new and established FCCP sales each year. This committee will make sure that sale barns are educated about the FCCP program and that Red Angus cattle in a sale are represented fairly and accurately.

5.1.5d Annette will setup a Zoom meeting for this committee if they wish to do some brainstorming.

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

##### 5.1.6a Members

1. Annette Steffan (Secretary) Chair
2. Rick Rohrich (Board Member)
3. Tracey Koester (Member at Large)

##### 5.1.6b North Dakota Stockman Association

##### 5.1.6c Website [ndredangus.org](http://ndredangus.org)

1. Membership forms must be filled out completely so that sale dates are listed correctly on the website.
2. Working on Prorated Logos and links. These will be featured on the Breeders page. Need logos from Prorated Advertisers.

##### 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 Annette Steffan had with Taylor Ohlde, RAAA marketing team, concerning the history of Red Angus in North Dakota is on Red Angus Remarks on the RAAA website.

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

1. Possibility of it being shown at the 2025 National Convention
2. Release date to public on Web page? Sometime after convention.
3. Facebook Reels: This may take more funds and will require a conversation at some point.  
-Do we approach sponsors to fund a Reel? Ideas
4. The Junior Video will start in June.

##### 5.1.6h Red Angus Association of America

1. 2025 National Convention (Sponsorship) See new business

**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  
-need to be in contact with them so that they get pictures and are getting lined up so that we can do justice promoting and we are ready to go for convention.
2. 2026 Donation Heifer Raffle donor is Missouri River Red Angus
3. Annette sent a donation acknowledgement for 2024 Donation Heifer to Forster Red Angus.
4. Annette asked the board's opinion on featuring the donation heifer ranch for early advertising. The board agreed that this would be a good recognition for the ranch donating the heifer.

5.1.7c Directory/Sponsorships

1. There will be a directory auction in 2025

**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
- \*JRA Roundup, Billings MT, July 14-18, 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 61<sup>th</sup> 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. Paul Lee (Member at Large) Bryant Bolduc
4. (Member at Large)

5.1.9a What do we do with the members that have not renewed yet? Currently 63 members

Members that have not renewed yet:

- Bauman Ranch
- Dahners Ranch
- Dahl Land and Cattle
- Diamond T Ranch

- Furstenau
- Grassy Meadow-also has an ad in directory
- Holm Family Red Angus
- Jacobson Red Angus
- Job Ranch
- Kuhns Red Angus
- Kuhnenn Ranch
- Minton Family Red Angus
- OCC Cattle Company
- Tri E Red Angus

5.1.9b New/Renewed:

6.0 Old Business:

6.1 Valley City Sponsorship: Annette paid invoice for NDRAA Sponsorship.

6.2 New Officer/Director Code of Ethics has been electronically signed by all board members.

7.0 New Business

7.1.1 ~~2025 Red Select Sale Management~~ (this will be discussed at the next meeting)

**Motion:**

**Second:**

**Discussion:**

**Action:**

7.1.2 2025 RAAA Convention Sponsorship

**Motion:** Rick Rohrick moved that the NDRAA sponsor the \$3000 Emerald Sponsorship level for the RAAA Convention to be held at Loveland, CO September 10-12, 2025.

**Second:** Ryan Clemetson

**Discussion:** It is felt that the NDRAA booth is worth setting up at the convention.

**Action:** Motion **PASSED**.

7.1.3 Member to get the 2025 RAAA Convention Sponsorship free registration fees that come with the Emerald sponsorship. Usually this is given to the person who hauls the NDRAA display.

**Motion:** Sam Twedt moved that Annette Steffan get the free registration associated with the convention sponsorship.

**Second:** Ben Lodoen

**Discussion:** Chuck and Annette are going to convention and will haul the NDRAA display.

**Action:** Motion **PASSED**.

7.1.4 ND Red Select Drawings at RAAA Convention (2-\$500 drawings)

**Motion:** Ryan Clemetson moved to have 2 (two) \$500 ND Red Select Sale Credit drawings be given away at the 2025 RAAA Convention.

**Second:** Blake Wold

**Discussion:** The 2-\$500 credits were used at the 2024 NDRSS.

**Action:** Motion **PASSED**.

7.1.5 NDRAA Sponsor golf hole at the RAA Convention (usually \$100)

**Motion:** Sam Twedt moved that the NDRAA sponsor a golf hole at the RAAA Convention.

**Second:** Rick Rohrich

