

North Dakota Red Angus Association

October 22, 2025

8:00 PM cst

Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

MINUTES

1.0 Roll Call: Bryan Ressler, Ben Lodoen, Sam Twedt, Chuck Steffan, Annette Steffan, Ryan Clementson, Rick Rohrich, Max Robison, Blake Wold

2.0 Called to order by President Bryan Ressler at 8:02 PM cst

3.0 Secretary Report (Annette Steffan)

3.1.1 Minutes from October 1, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting.

Corrections:

Motion: Rick Rohrich moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2025, NDRAA Board Meeting.

Second: Ryan Clemetson

Action: Minutes of October 1, 2025 NDRAA Board Meeting **APPROVED.**

4.0 Treasurer Report **NDRAA** (Annette Steffan) **No Report**

4.1.1 (See attached): Fiscal Year to Present

Total Expenses (FY 2024-2025)	\$
Total Income (FY 2024-2025)	\$
Net Income (FY 2024-2025)	\$

CD at Dakota Community Bank:	\$
<small>Renewed 5-11-2025</small>	

Checking Account Balance:	\$
Total Checking/Savings:	\$

Accounts Receivable:	\$ 0.00
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Total Assets:	\$
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Total Liabilities & Equity	\$
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4.1.1a Budget: Chuck Steffan

Amy Wanous-\$500 credit at Red Select Sale (Grand Champion Female Ward County Fair)

Sawyer Brossart-\$500 credit at Red Select Sale (Grand Champion Female Pierce County Fair)

\$1000 needs to be put into the budget for the 2025 ND Red Select Sale.

Need to add \$1000 for Heifer Grant Program

4.1.1b Taxes: Chuck Steffan

4.1.2 ND Junior Red Angus Association (Annette Steffan): **No Report**

Income:	\$
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Accounts Receivable:	\$
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Expenses: \$
 Net Income: \$
 Checking Account Balance: \$

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 Amendments to the By-Laws for 2025 presentation

Article IV. Membership: Section 1: 1D

Honorary Life-time Membership: ~~(Dues are waived)~~. Honorary Life-time Membership is the highest recognition that can be awarded to a member by the Association. It is bestowed upon an individual or organizational member in acknowledgement of loyal and outstanding service and contributions that the individual or organization has contributed significantly to benefit to programs and goals of the NDRAA over an extended period of time. To be considered for Honorary Lifetime Membership recommendation must be brought forth from the Nominating Committee to the Board of Directors. To be considered the individual or organization must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have been an active member of NDRAA in good standing.
2. Must at the time of consideration continue to show a genuine interest in the mission and goals of the NDRAA.
3. 3. Must have been a Red Angus breeder that maintained Registered Membership status in the NDRAA and resides in either in any state of the United States or any province of Canada.
4. This class of membership shall complete the necessary enrollment form, be at least 18 years of age, and maintain current dues status.
5. This class of membership does not have to have an active registered animal in the RAAA database.
6. This is a voting class of membership and must adhere to the voting requirements in these By-Laws.

Reason: If an Honorary Life-time Member wishes to vote they must pay annual dues.

Article VI. Election of Officers and Directors, Term of Office: Section 1: 1E The Secretary/Treasurer may serve unlimited consecutive terms but must be elected upon expiration of each three-year term. ***The term of the Secretary/Treasurer will expire at the end of the fiscal year.***

Reason: So that the old Secretary/Treasurer can cleanup books, close out the ND Red Select Sale and train the new Secretary/Treasurer.

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.

Article XII: Section 4. 4E Standing Committees. ~~FCCP (Feeder Calf Certification Program) Sale~~ **Marketing** Committee. The **Marketing** ~~FCCP Sale~~ Committee is charged with developing a plan to develop and enhance new and established **Red Angus Influence** ~~FCCP~~ sales each year. The **Marketing** ~~FCCP~~ Committee will be comprised of four members appointed by the President, including a board member (who will be the committee chair), the President and two members at large. This committee will make sure that sale barns are educated about the **Marketing** ~~FCCP~~ program and that Red Angus cattle in a sale are represented fairly and accurately. The committee will refer to the **Angus Access** ~~FCCP~~ book set forth by the RAAA.

Reason for change: The FCCP (Feeder Calf Certification Program) changed its name to Angus Access and NDRAA will refer to it in a broader sense as the Marketing Committee.

5.1.2 Nominating Committee. (Sam Twedt)

5.1.2a Members:

1. Sam Twedt (Immediate Past President) Chair

2. Mark Barentsen
3. Robert Campbell

5.1.2b Award Nominations:

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 County Buckle Program: To date 25 buckle winners have notified Annette and have been verified by their county agents/ag teachers.

Ava Schmidt:	Grand Female	Kidder County
	**Reserve Market	Kidder County
Braylon Alfstad	Grand Female	Wells County
Cale Bell	Grand % Female	ND State NDJRAA Show
Asher Bullinger	Grand Female	Stark/Billings County
Ava Bullinger	Grand Reg Bred & Owned Female	ND State NDJRAA Show
Colbie Furstenuau	Grand Comm Female	ND State NDJRAA Show
Kail Heitkamp	Grand Female	Richland County
Tana Lee	Grand Female	Mountrail County
Regan Rusch	Grand Female	Morton County
Amy Wanous	Grand Female	Ward County
Eli Alfstad	Reserve Female	Wells County
Cade Bohlman	Reserve Female	Stark/Billings County
Sawyer Brossart	Reserve Female	Pierce County
Adalyn Bullinger	Reserve Female	Mountrail County
Sydney Crimmins	Reserve Female	Sheridan County
Tegan Lee	Reserve Female	ND State NDJRAA Show
Emery Maddock	Reserve Female	Benson County
Brekka Berger	Grand Market	Mercer County
Eric Fettes	Grand Market	ND State NDJRAA Show
Reese Janikowski	Grand Market	Bowman County
Carson Kohler	Grand Market	Ward County
Hadley Janikowski	Reserve Market	Bowman County
Wendel Meyer	Reserve Market	Cass County

5.1.3c It was brought to the attention of the board that the following individuals requested buckles.

Graysen Daws	Grand Champion Preview Steer	Walsh County
Tristyn Daws	Reserve Champion Preview Steer	Walsh County

The criteria for the County Buckle states that "To receive a buckle, individuals must win Grand or Reserve in Breeding (Female or Bull) or Market". Preview Steers do not meet the criteria. Sam will call Karissa and clarify.

5.1.3d ND Red Angus Queen.

5.1.3e The Junior Incentive program

1. There will be a page in Red Select Catalog that promotes the Junior Incentive and the Heifer Grant Programs.

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5.1.3f Heifer Grant Program

Have 4 application submitted so far...these will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5.1.3g NDJRAA Semen Sale

1. The Austin Berwald Family would like to donate 3 straws of PIE Craftsman 4045 who is a black-red carrier. This donation would be exclusive and will not be available on the market.

Motion: Ryan Clemetson moved to allow the Berwald semen donation of the black-red carrier bull, PIE Craftsman 4045 in the NDJRAA Semen Auction.

Second: Sam Twedt

Discussion: Because this is not a live animal and because it is part of the NDJRAA Semen Sale it does not fall under the color requirement of the Red Select Sale. In addition, the funds raised go towards the betterment of NDJRAA members.

Action: The Berwald semen donation of the black-red carrier bull, PIE Craftsman 4045 in the NDJRAA Semen Auction **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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 Management: (Logan Hoffman-Sale Mgr) Will not be on this call.

5.1.4c In 2024 the NDRAA charged the ND Red Select Sale 1% of the sale gross to pay for catalog printing, catalog design and postage. This will be discussed Thursday night before the sale but will remain as an agenda item.

5.1.4d Red Select Sale lunch menu: ND Simmental Association Secretary, Kim Meyers usually lined this up. Annette will contact the Kist Café manager to set up the ND Red Select meal. Board suggested Philly Sandwiches and Gravy Fries. Kim will also make bars for the morning.

5.1.5 **Marketing Committee ~~FCCP (Feeder Calf Certification Program) Sale Committee.~~** (Max Robison, Blake Wold)

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.

- Ad with sale dates is made and will be posted in RAAA & Stockman Magazine.
- Annette is working with designer for Sale Barn Posters.

5.1.5c Need to change the name of this committee to the Marketing Committee. This requires a change in the bylaws.

5.1.6 **Advertising & Promotion Committee.** (Annette Steffan) **NO REPORT**

5.1.6a Members

1. Annette Steffan (Secretary) Chair
2. Rick Rohrich (Board Member)

3. Tracey Koester (Member at Large)

5.1.6b Website ndredangus.org

5.1.6d Facebook page

5.1.6e Prorated Advertising

5.1.6f Video:

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) Lodoen (Member at Large)

5.1.7b Donation Heifer Raffle

1. 2025 Donation Heifer Raffle donor is Wasem Red Angus.
2. 2026 Donation Heifer Raffle donor is Missouri River Red Angus
3. 2027 Donation Heifer Raffle donor will need to be established at the annual meeting.
4. Raffle Permit-Chuck has the application form completed.

5.1.7c Directory/Sponsorships

1. Directory auction in 2025. Board members to get directory ads.
2. Marketing Agents/Livestock Publication Companies NDRAA Directory Incentive.
-Tony Heins/Western Livestock Marketing will take out a directory ad.

5.1.8 **National/Regional/State Events Committee.** (Rick Rohrich)

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 30, 2026, 4-H Camp, Washburn ND

*JRA Show "Red Carpet Red" June 8 – 12, 2026

*ND State Fair (NDJRAA STATE SHOW): Tuesday, July 21, 2026

*National Convention: September 9-11, 2026, Hershey PA

*ND Stockman's Convention: September 16-20, 2026, Bismarck ND

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

*ND Red Angus Association 61th 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.

1. The new RAAA Executive Vice President is Greg Ruehle. Annette will extend an invitation to him for the NDRAA Annual Meeting/Banquet and ND Red Select Sale.
2. Argentine Beef Imports concerning President Donald Trump's comments:

MOTION: Sam Twedt moved that Chuck Steffan, on behalf of the NDRAA, draft and send a letter to the North Dakota Legislators addressing the displeasure of additional Argentine Beef imports in the US Beef supply.

SECOND: Ben Lodoen

ACTION: Motion that Chuck Steffan, on behalf of the NDRAA, draft and send a letter to the North Dakota Legislators addressing the displeasure of additional Argentine Beef imports in the US Beef supply **PASSED**.

5.1.9 **Membership Committee. NO REPORT**

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)

5.1.9a New/Renewed:

6.0 Old Business

- 6.1.1 NDRAA Display Booth. Annette has ordered an updated banner
- 6.1.2 North Star Classic Red Angus Show. Jackie has contacted Annette.

7.0 New Business

7.1.1 2025 Annual Meeting

7.1.1a Annual Meeting Notice includes:

1. Letter of 30-day notice
2. Membership Renewal
3. Heifer Grant and Incentive Information
4. Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting
5. Agenda
6. Sheet with Bylaws Amendment changes.

7.1.1b Other items for Annual Meeting

1. Officer Election ballots
Secretary/Treasurer Position
2. Evaluation Forms: There will be a compiled result available. Annette will also have new forms for them to return.
3. Information will be sent to Craig Bieber/Stephanie Jung/Elizabeth Caskell
4. It all sale consigners are expected to be at the Annual Meeting. This is something that should not be taken advantage of.
5. 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Financial Report NDRAA and NDJRAA
6. 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget
7. NDRAA Bylaws
8. NDJRAA Bylaws
9. Detail agenda for board members
10. Chuck Steffan asked for NDRAA member achievements.
11. Steph Jung and Craig Beiber will report under the National/Regional/State Events Committee.

12. Elizabeth Caskell and/or new RAAA executive vice president will report under new business.
13. Bylaws Committee report will move to 10.2 and FCCP/Pro Cow Committee will move to 10.7
14. Bryan Ressler will contact Karissa Daws to report on the ND Stockman's Association Purebred Council.

7.1.1c Registration Process needs much improvement.

1. Junior Treasurer (Tana Lee) will help register. Will need 2 additional people to help register.
2. Annette will check with Ranch House Designs to see if there can be a pay point on the website.

7.1.2 2025 Annual Banquet

7.1.2a Invitations

1. Invitations with RSVP are being made. There will be a QR code on the mailed RSVP which will link to the website online RSVP. Annette will also check into a pay point.
2. RSVP can be done through the website
3. Extra People to send invitations to and possible complimentary tickets
 - Elizabeth Caskey (Speaker) Complimentary 2 (NDRAA)
 - County Buckle Winners Complimentary possible 23 (1 complimentary ticket per buckle winner paid through the Junior Campaign Sponsor.
 - Parents and Guardians-2 tickets are paid by NDRAA (46))
 - Honorary Lifetime Members Complimentary 6 or more possible
 - Founders Award Complimentary 2 (NDRAA)
 - Commercial Cattleman Complimentary 2 (NDRAA)
 - Young Producer Award Complimentary 2 (NDRAA)
 - Service Award Complimentary 2 (NDRAA)
 - ND Red Angus Queen 3 (NDRAA)
 - Mentor Award Complimentary 2 (Jrs pay for)
 - Rise Up Award Complimentary 2 (Jrs pay for)
 - Junior Officers & Advisors Complimentary 7 (Jrs pay for)

7.1.2c Banquet Program. Annette has started organizing this.

7.1.2d Entertainment

1. Juniors will do Heads or Tails again. \$5 to play (1/2 to Juniors, 1/2 to Winner)

7.1.2e 1 Junior Travel Scholarship winner and the 2025 Heifer Grant Winner will report at the Annual Banquet.

7.1.2f Video. The final version of "Standing the Test of Time-60 Years of the ND Red Angus Association will be played.

1. Copies will be available via USB drive. Cost will cover the costs of producing the USB drive.

7.1.2g Directory Auction

1. Auctioneer: Col. Kyle Gilchrist and Col. Ryan Clemetson

7.1.2h Donation Heifer Raffle

7.1.3 ND Stockman's Contract (Next Meeting)

7.1.4 Secretary Stipend 2024-2025. Need to pay in the current fiscal year by October 31, 2025

Motion: Ben Lodoen moved to pay \$6000 for the 2024-2025 Secretary Stipend.

Second: Rick Rohrich

Action: Motion to pay \$6000 for the 2024-2025 Secretary Stipend **PASSED**.

8.0 Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Time: 8:00 PM CST

Location: Zoom

9.0 Adjourn

Motion: Sam Twedt moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Rick Rohrich

Action: Meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM cst.

Respectfully submitted

Annette Steffan

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Co Secretary/Treasurer

ND Red Angus Association