

The Iowa Angus Auxiliary members met August 13, 2023 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, Iowa. Auxiliary President Mary Kate Mardesen called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Members in attendance included Mary Kate Mardesen (President), Jessica Moffitt (Vice President and Secretary), Karla Knapp (Treasurer), Mary Greiman (Scholarship & Awards Committee), Bree Brandt (Royalty Committee), Julie Conover (American Angus Auxiliary President), Shelly Mardesen, Darci Maas, Lexi Knapp, Morgan Knapp, Amy Harder, Cassidy Becker, Glenda Schroeder, Cara Jensen, Lauren Britton, Kristen Patchin

Glenda Schroeder moved to approve minutes from the January 25, 2023 meeting. Mary Greiman seconded. Motion carried.

Shelly Mardesen moved to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of reviewing scholarship amounts in New Business. Morgan Knapp seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Kate Mardesen gave a president's report with an overview of the Auxiliary for new members, a recap of the Iowa Beef Expo breakfast provided by the IA Angus Auxiliary.

Karla Knapp gave a financial report. Noted there was a \$193.29 EFT error from the Square payment processing setup that will be reconciled. Several Queen Belt Buckle sponsorship invoices are unpaid. Shelly Mardesen moved to approve the financial report. Glenda Schroeder seconded. Motion carried.

Bree Brandt gave the Royalty Committee report. Introduced Cheyenne Houk as the incoming 2023-2024 Miss Iowa Angus. The use and need for a separate royalty bank account was discussed. Lexi Knapp moved to merge the Royalty bank account up and into the General Fund bank account. Jessica Moffitt seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Greiman gave the Scholarship and Awards report. The following scholarships were awarded by the Iowa Angus Auxiliary at the Iowa Preview Show held in June 2023: Eliza Patchin (\$600), Emma Deppe (\$300), Sam Greiman (\$600), and Jude Moser (\$300). Major awards were given to Junior members at the banquet held in February. It was discussed that the awards guidelines be reviewed for the next awards year beginning in October. Due to this timing, the guidelines will be updated for the 2024-2025 year. Cara Jensen moved to approve the scholarship and awards report. Glenda Shroeder seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Greiman informed the Iowa Angus Auxiliary has no ownership stake in the enclosed trailer. Matter considered closed.

Lauren Britton informed online dues are now available to be paid online.

Mary Kate Mardesen handed out copies of printed Iowa Angus Auxiliary bylaws for the membership to review prior to the next meeting. A digital copy will be distributed prior to the next meeting where a review of the bylaws, committees and guidelines will be conducted.

Darci Maas moved to activate a Social/Historical Committee led by the Vice President to establish Iowa Angus Auxiliary social media accounts with each elected officer having administration access to said accounts. Morgan Knapp seconded. Motion carried.

Cassidy Becker moved to reimburse Mary Kate Mardesen for \$200 for her donation of jewelry and planters to the American Angus Auxiliary Full Circle Online Auction. Glenda Schroeder seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Moffitt welcomed special guest, Julie Conover, American Angus Auxiliary President, to the meeting. Julie introduced herself and thanked the Iowa Angus Auxiliary for the kind invitation noting it's the first invitation to attend a state meeting other than her home state of Missouri.

Bree Brandt requested a sponsor for the 2023-2024 Miss Iowa Angus belt buckle to be presented at the 2024 Iowa Beef Expo. Mardesen Family Angus graciously volunteered to sponsor. Starting with the 2024-2025 term, Miss Iowa Angus will receive her crown, sash, and belt buckle at the beginning of her term in August. Verbiage will be added to the Code of Conduct that if Miss Iowa Angus does not complete her duties, she will be responsible for reimbursing the Iowa Angus Auxiliary for the amount of the buckle. Current cost of the buckle is \$150.

Mary Kate Mardesen stressed the need to identify donors early and to promote the Iowa Angus Auxiliary scholarship donation.

Mary Greiman moved for a member vote to increase the scholarship amounts from \$600/\$300 to \$1,000/\$500 (see chart below). Aye's = Majority / No's = 0. Motion carried.

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
Top Female	\$600	\$1,000
Top Male	\$600	\$1,000
1st Runner-up	\$300	\$500
2nd Runner-up	\$300	\$500
Total	\$1,800	\$3,000

Mary Kate Mardesen asked for nominations for the open Secretary position. Jessica Moffitt nominated Darci Maas and was accepted. No other nominations were presented. Mary Greiman moved for a member vote to elect Darci Maas as Secretary. Aye's = Majority / No's = 0. Motion carried. Congratulations Darci!

Mary Kate Mardesen asked for nominations for the open Treasurer position. Jessica Moffitt nominated Glenda Schroeder and was accepted. No other nominations were presented. Jessica

Moffitt moved for a member vote to elect Glenda Schroeder as Treasurer. Aye's = Majority / No's = 0. Motion carried. Congratulations Glenda!

The Iowa Angus Auxiliary presented Karla Knapp with a Commemorative 150th Year of Angus Being in America wood cutting board to show appreciation of her service as Treasurer to the Iowa Angus Auxiliary. The Iowa Angus Auxiliary wishes Karla Knapp all the best in her appointment as President of the American Angus Auxiliary beginning November 2024.

Glenda Schroeder reported that the Iowa Angus Auxiliary will be responsible for the center pieces, entertainment and guest gifts at the American Angus Auxiliary breakfast held in conjunction with the Angus Convention in November 2024. It is custom for the state of the outgoing president of the American Angus Auxiliary to support in this way. A committee will be assembled. Mary Greiman, Glenda Schroeder, Mary Kate Mardesen and Kristen Patchin voiced they would be willing to support.

The next meeting of the Iowa Angus Auxiliary will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 9:30am at the Iowa Cattlemen's Association located in Ames. A virtual Teams meeting option will also be made available.

Morgan Knapp motioned to adjourn the meeting. Glenda Schroeder seconded.