

# Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors Meeting Summary

Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Regina, Saskatchewan

The Board has approved the philosophy of working toward an amalgamation, wherever possible, of the Annual Convention and Showdown. They realize the schedule does not work for this to happen a whole lot, but the Board supports the philosophy that this is the best possible outcome to assure involvement and engagement in both National events.

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The Board approved the 2011 CAA audited financial statement as prepared by KPMG.

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After deliberation occurring over two meetings, the Board modified the wording of **End E-6** to read:  
*Membership value is enhanced for current, and promoted to potential new, Angus breeders.*  
The Board established in October that this is one of their primary 'Ends', and is a #1 priority for CAA.

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Again, after much deliberation commencing last fall, the Board approved the following change”

<i>Current <b>Genetic Defect Policy:</b></i>	<i>Proposed <b>Genetic Defect Policy:</b></i>
<i>Calves that have known carriers of a genetic defect in the first two generations (parental and grandparental) of their pedigree, without an intervening free result, will need to be tested for the causative gene to be eligible for registration.</i>	<i>Calves that have known carriers of a genetic defect in the first two generations (parental and grandparental) of their pedigree, without an intervening free result, will need to be tested free for the causative gene to be eligible for registration.</i>  <i>Alternatively, the intervening parent can be tested free.</i>
<i>Calves born on or after January 1 of the year after a Canadian Angus Association-approved test becomes commercially available must be tested free of the causative gene to be eligible for registration.</i>	
<i>The Association will maintain a list of known carrier animals and animals that test free of causative genes for monitored defects on the Association website.</i>	<i>The Association will maintain a list of known carrier animals and animals that test free of causative genes for monitored defects on the Association website.</i>
<i>The Association will send an email notification to all members with registered animals (purebred breeders) summarizing the information on any new developments</i>	<i>The Association will send an email notification to all members with registered animals (purebred breeders) summarizing the information on any new developments</i>

<i>on genetic defects, newly available tests, and the genetic defect policy affecting the members. The notification will refer members to the Association website.</i>	<i>on genetic defects, newly available tests, and the genetic defect policy affecting the members. The notification will refer members to the Association website.</i>
<i>Members are required to submit genetic defect test results to the Association within 30 days of the test result being reported to them. Failure to comply may subject the member to disciplinary action, suspension, or expulsion.</i>	<i>Members are required to submit genetic defect test results to the Association within 30 days of the test result being reported to them. Failure to comply may subject the member to disciplinary action, suspension, or expulsion.</i>

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The Board approved the following schedule for the 2012 Annual Convention in Lethbridge hosted by the Alberta Angus Association, so please mark your calendars and make all necessary arrangements!

*Board of Directors arrive through the day on **Wednesday**, June 13<sup>th</sup> with a start time of around 4:00 p.m. The President's 'in service' or Board Education starts the Board Meeting followed by working through the Agenda.*

**Thursday**, June 14<sup>th</sup> - Board meets all day;

- The Can-Prov Meeting will take place in the afternoon;
- Some form of program option needs to be created for the spouses of our Directors;
- The Ambassador competition starts here;
- President David's 'Welcome Reception' takes place this evening;

**Friday**, June 15<sup>th</sup> - Commercial Cattleman Day (CAA / AAA to promote this to commercial cattlemen);

- Starts out with Can-Prov / Board joint breakfast and working group until about 10:30 a.m.;
- Morning starts at 11:00 a.m. involving a tour around the area: i.e. research station, et al;
- We lunch somewhere outside of the hotel, while on the tour;
- We have another tour or two in the afternoon;
- We arrive back at the hotel for dinner and the Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed Commercial Cattleman's Roundtable panel discussion in the evening;

**Saturday**, June 16<sup>th</sup> - Annual General Meeting day: CAA and Canadian Angus Foundation;

- Morning is made up of 'break-out' sessions, essentially for CAA members. These start at 9:00 a.m. and run 2 or 3 concurrent sessions for about 45 minutes each;
- Everyone convenes in the lunch room at noon for lunch;
- We have a very strong guest speaker (someone from industry: Robert Meijer, for example) at 1:00 p.m. with the Meeting to immediately follow around 1:30 – 1:45.

**Sunday**, June 17<sup>th</sup> - New Board meets again until around noon or shortly thereafter, absent retired Directors Frank Strimbold, Shane Castle, Roger Hardy and Kirk Wildman.

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The Board requested proposals and/or protocols for both breeding in the condition of Multiple Sire Pasture Exposure as well as Registration and Transfer of Embryos. Further to this, the fee for "Importing A Foreign Animal" was increased from \$50 to \$75 in order to recover a new cost we are incurring from our foreign counterparts for provision of this service.

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The funding offset provided to the Regional Associations as well as the Canadian Red Angus Promotional Society is now provided, in a slightly reduced fashion, to the Canadian Junior Angus Association. The Board motioned to provide \$1000 total funding for two CJAA representatives to attend the Annual Convention and, specifically, the Can-Prov meetings. Further, the Board will solicit the CJAA on an annual basis to provide a presentation of their annual activity to occur sometime during the Convention, quite possibly during the Annual General Meeting on Saturday afternoon.

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In the latter half of 2012, CAA Administration will begin investigating the logistics of taking our Registry 'live' so that members will perform their own registrations, transfers and weight submission directly into the Herd Book information database. This upgrade should create greater Administrative efficiency and responsiveness to the membership. A test with approximately 20 – 25 members will occur through 2013 with the intention to 'go live' for the membership on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

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CAA is 'on track' to complete the conversion to SNP's parentage verification effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

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Results of the Membership Survey will be available and presented at the 2012 National Convention.

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The Board requested development of a specific protocol for Longstanding Membership Recognition. For 2012, these are the honourees, each of them at the 50-Year "Heritage Member" award level:

**British Columbia:**

CAA Member #5051003 – Frank Plain, Sunniebend – FPP – Surrey, BC

**Saskatchewan:**

CAA Member #5050845 – Wayne F. Bone, Silver Willow Stock Farm – DSJ – Paynton, SK

CAA Member #5051810 – Brian McNinch, Rolling Stock Farm – MCA – Turtleford, SK

**Quebec:**

CAA Member #5051007 / 5131413 – The Sample Family: Mac Angus Farms – NSA – Havelock, QC

CAA Member #5051027 / 5206306 – The Noiseux Family: Ranch Angus Noiseux – FXZ – Marieville, QC

As the CAA approaches the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Red Angus cattle in Canada, the Board recommends maintaining the membership year standards in awarding these pioneering breeders. Subsequently the first exclusively Red Angus – oriented members of the CAA will be acknowledged in 2018.

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Further, the Board approved the following Honourary Presidents for 2012:

- ❖ British Columbia – Doug Haughton, Kamloops;
- ❖ Alberta – Don Mackenzie, Mountain View;
- ❖ Saskatchewan – Laird Senft, Lipton;
- ❖ Manitoba – Lloyd Cavers, Neepawa;
- ❖ Ontario – Brian Whitwell, Hagersville;
- ❖ Quebec – ???;
- ❖ Maritimes – Dr. Les Halliday, Charlottetown.

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Although time is tight, the Board suggested developing the “Angus Gives Back” fundraiser sale concept including Advisory Committee Cecilie Fleming, Kevin Blair and Shane Castle working with CAA Administration. The purpose of this sale, which will focus on top quality ‘frozen’ genetics, is to fundraise for the Canadian Angus Foundation on an annual basis thought the Annual Convention. The details are not complete, and information will be shared in the coming weeks with a ‘beg’ of you to share this information with your membership as quickly and effectively as you can.

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The Board approved, and is pleased to have joining their rank, new CAA Directors Lorraine Sanford and Jon Fox, respectively representing the British Columbia and Saskatchewan regions.

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There is starting to be some discussion about the World Angus Forum in New Zealand next year. There will be a competitive Youth Team Contest that Canada wants to send one or two teams to participate in. The Board would like to see a proposed cost for each youth to participate as well as suggestions as to how to offset this cost at their June meeting. If your Regional Association or Society is interested in contributing, please let the CAA Administration know.

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Here is the currently proposed schedule for the CAA’s “National Beef Centre” office building project:

- ✓ *April, 2012: finalizing of occupancy and space requirements, including legal “Letters of Intent” from shareholder partners and lease holders & determination of final layout plans and specifications;*
- ✓ *May, 2012: construction/design tender period;*
- ✓ *Q2 - 2012: selection and negotiation of successful construction/builder contract by equity shareholders ;*
- ✓ *Q2/Q3 - 2012: break ground with construction;*
- ✓ *Q2/Q3 - 2012 to Q3/Q4 - 2013: construction and completion phase;*
- ✓ *Q4 - 2012 and Q1 - 2013: all equity partners invest monies into the holding company to complete construction (unless building does not exceed 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> which is what CAA has secured funding to complete);*
- ✓ *Q2 & Q4-2013: acceptance of construction and occupancy.*