



Fall 2017 Board Meeting Highlights

1. The Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors met Sunday, September 24–Tuesday, September 26 at Angus Central. They held a joint meeting with the Canadian Angus Foundation Board of Directors who met Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24.
2. The Fall board meeting traditionally includes a significant educational component. This meeting, the focus was on identifying and overcoming preconceived notions to enhance board communication with each other and with members. The Board looks forward to applying this learning immediately at the member engagement sessions throughout the fall.
3. The Board invited the Canadian Angus Association insurance provider to provide an overview of the Association’s insurance coverage. The Board is satisfied that the Association has adequate insurance coverage for Angus Central, its contents, liability, etc. There were no specific concerns prior to this meeting, rather, the Board wished to practice due diligence and fiduciary responsibility in engaging the insurer. The Canadian Angus Association obtains competitive quotes on an annual basis to ensure we have the best coverage at the best price.
4. The Board assessed the CEO’s proposed 2018 budget as part of their annual review of the CEO’s compliance with regard to “Planning”. The CEO presented a balanced budget and the Board found the CEO in compliance with their policy, including the standard annual contribution to the Board’s ‘restricted reserve’ fund based on ‘member activity’.
5. Building on work done at their Convention meeting, the Board of Directors has set annual Angus tag sales targets for the CEO to achieve in 2018 through 2022. The Angus tag program is already a significant component of the strategic planning member engagement sessions currently underway, and the Board looks forward to input from members about how we can increase tag sales across Canada.
6. During the annual general meeting, a request was made for the Board to consider revising the national show rotation to permit Agribition to host the Canadian Angus National Show in 2020 in conjunction with Agribition’s 50th anniversary. The Board has amended their policy to enable this change. Thus the rotation for hosting the national show is:
 - 2018: open for bids
 - 2019: Ontario
 - 2020: Saskatchewan
 - 2021: Alberta (no change from previous rotation)

The Board will decide upon the location of the 2018 national show at their January 2018 meeting. Subsequently, anyone wanting to bid on the 2018 national show is encouraged to do so before December 31.

7. Effective immediately, there will no longer be a fee assessed for changing a pedigree as a result of a DNA test. The Board has decided that the \$66.67 fee discourages voluntary parentage verification.
8. The \$4 fee to update a performance certificate has been removed from the fee schedule. Since the Canadian Angus Association began offering members e-storage, we have not assessed this fee and it has thus been declared redundant.
9. Effective immediately, DNA samples sent to the lab without the accompanying test request will be assessed a fee of \$36. Members who submit DNA samples to the lab with the appropriate CAA-generated forms will continue to pay \$18 per parentage test.
10. The 2018 Canadian Angus Fee Schedule was updated by the Board of Directors to also include the new ACE (Angus Cow Enrollment) annual fee of \$65/cow. With the exception of 3rd-party-billed fees like genetic condition testing, this new fee provides access to every service the CAA provides and, additionally, provides one Angus tag (the RFID button) and one parentage verification test.
11. The Board of Directors is committed to working with the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef and the Verified Beef Production Plus program. Canadian Angus Association members can expect to learn more about opportunities for them in the coming months.
12. The Board of Directors invited Cargill to give them a presentation and update on the Canadian Beef Sustainability Acceleration pilot project announced at the Canadian Beef Industry Conference last month. Canadian Angus Association members can look forward to hearing more about how they can become involved in the coming months.
13. Including some of the above-listed, the Board of Directors has ensured that all three (3) of the “Recommendations from the Floor” of the 111th Annual General Meeting at CAA’s National Convention in Brandon, MB last June have been positively addressed. The Board wishes to thank Darren Ippolito, Betty Lou Scott and Trent Liebreich for their formal input from the AGM.