



# The Missouri Red Angus Association

## MORAA Board Meeting March 21, 2017, 8:30 PM

**Attendees:** Bud Thomas, Dan Lacy, Gregg Bailey, Kelly Massey, Buck Massey, Scott Liebhart, Matt Boatright, JC Andras

### **Discussion:**

- Resignation of Mark Garges as President, open floor for ideas for replacement - none
- Option for any current Board members to step up to presidential position - none
  - Bud feels that he is not able to give the time and effort that he feels is adequate for the presidential position at this time.
  - Pro and Con discussion of voting in an interim president vs. not voting in an interim president.
- Option to wait a week, research options, and call a special meeting to vote and fill the position
- Option to ask an outside Board member to fill the vacancy.
- President is not a position up for membership vote in 2018, so bylaws state that MORAA Board is able to appoint a president for remainder of interim term (expiring at annual meeting in April 2018).
- Biggest Goal of MORAA Board - to move forward as a team, a united front, rather than divided
- Board overall needs to have active board members who have the best interest of the association in mind, are willing and able to participate throughout the year.
- Buck - motion to offer Scott Bachman the Interim Presidential position, Kelly 2nd.
  - (4) In Favor - Gregg, JC, Kelly, Buck
  - (3) Not in Favor - Matt, Dan, Scott
  - Bud did not vote, as he is the acting president in the meeting
  - Motion passes by majority vote to offer Scott Bachman Interim Position of MORAA President as of March 22, 2017.
  - Bud to notify Scott immediately (March 22), Scott will take office immediately.

### **Important Sale Discussion:**

- Springfield Livestock Marketing Center has scheduled a second sale (dispersal of 400 mama cows) on April 15, at 5:00 PM.
- MORAA will be sale clerking in Vet Office
- Need to make the best of it
- Communicate to consignors at consignor meeting in a positive way
- All bulls will be charged registered commission (12%), regardless of % red angus parentage (unanimous decision by Board)



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## **Bull Test Info.**

### - Improving Bull Test for future

- Let membership know that we as a Board are here to support them, we hear their suggestions, and will do our best to serve the best interest of the MORAA as a whole.
- Bud to reach out to Kent Abele, as one of our test locations.
- Find out limitations to each location, how few bulls will they feed?
- Dan - encourages all members to voice their opinion to their regional director
- Matt - send out a questionnaire to those who have fed out bulls?
  - leave part open-ended, to allow for input
  - ask a few specific questions
    - what are some things that have worked well or benefited you as a producer?
    - what are some things that you see helpful in a bull test?
- \*\* Matt to compile a questionnaire to present to Board, send to Kelly, Kelly to send back to Board. Mention the survey of bull test ideas in next notification to membership. In a written way, not opening the door for a large verbal discussion.
- \*\* Dan - maybe have the questionnaire to hand out to members at the annual meeting, maybe large postcard size
- \*\* Bud - maybe 5-6 questions, simple, easy, short, maybe options of important - not important. Everybody send ideas to Kelly, Kelly will send out to Board, and we will compile a list by e-mail.
- \*\* Gregg - might run this by the bull consignors at the consignor meeting

## **2017 Board Positions Up For Re-Election:**

NE Area Director  
NW Area Director  
Vice President  
Secretary



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## **Affiliate Grant Program:**

- Kelly to e-mail Board about what we have done in the past, more suggestions always welcome.
- No limit on how much to ask for.
- More states are involved now, need to be creative to receive \$
- Deadline to submit information is May 1.

**Motion to end meeting by Matt, 2nd Buck, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

## **Action Items:**

- Bud to call Scott Bachman to announce newly elected presidential position.
- Bud to reach out to Kent Abele about possible bull test location and quantity of bulls required to participate.
- Matt to compile a list of questions for the questionnaire to be presented at the annual meeting. E-mail to Kelly to distribute to Board for approval/changes.
- Kelly to e-mail Board information on Affiliate Grant Program, what we submitted and what we received for 2016/2017.