

Montana Red Angus 2023 Fall Newsletter

From the President's Desk:

Hello MTRAA Members!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the first signs of fall and the livestock markets are putting a smile on your face!

This year we celebrate the sponsorship of the Montana Red Angus Association's Annual 40th Prestigious Red Angus Sale! The sale started in 1982 and was the first sale to promote Red Angus cattle being sold by area breeders. This sale has had a genetic impact on the Red Angus Breed. Come help us celebrate on October 20th, preview of sale cattle and lunch at noon, sale at 1 p.m. at the Montana Pavilion.

The MTRAA Board of Directors have been busy working for the members again this year. In April, we held a DNA Launch and Learn with the National Red Angus DNA department team. Then on June 6th the MTRAA members and 180 commercial cattlemen were invited to listen to Rachel Oliver and the marketing team on marketing programs that are offered through the Red Angus Office. These educational opportunities are very informative. If you have any suggestions of what topics you would like covered on the Launch and Learn meetings, please contact one of the board of directors. The board of directors voted in April to improve the Montana Red Angus website. They felt that the website is a service that can benefit all of our membership. The goal for the upgrade was to be able to have online forms, make it user friendly, a calendar to list events and sales, a place to join sellers and buyers and above all promote Red Angus cattle. The upgrade will occur in different phases as budget allows. The first phase by the time you receive this newsletter should be "LIVE" with a couple of areas yet to be completed. Please let us know what else you would like to see on this website.

As our annual meeting is approaching, this newsletter serves as the official thirty-day notice. I encourage you to come to the annual meeting on October 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Stillwater Room (under the Metra seating behind the roping chutes). The meeting is a time for the membership to get together, review what is happening with the association and supply input as to the direction of the association. This year at the meeting the membership will be voting on recommendations from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. In this newsletter, attached is a copy of the MTRAA Constitution and By-Laws, the changes and additions are in red.

I would like to THANK! All the people that have been willing to serve on committees the past two years. When I started this tenure, my goal was to put one young or new member, one or more members with experience, and a board of director on each committee to assimilate knowledge and mentor the future of the MTRAA. When I made the phone calls to ask members to serve on the committees the feedback I received was very positive. An association like ours functions effectively with membership involvement through committee structure. I am encouraged with the future for MTRAA!

Thank you for letting me serve you, the members of the MTRAA, the past two years! -- **Tena Ketchum, MTRAA President**



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MTRAA Annual Meeting Notice

October 19, 2023, 2:00 P.M.

Stillwater Room, Underneath the Metra

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Jenni Moke – Chair
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COMMERCIAL MARKETING

Luke Larson - Chair
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Kara Herbst – Chair
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Madri Blom – Chair
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NILE BANQUET

Tena Ketchum - Chair
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Jeremy Dunbar

NILE SALE

Luke Larson – Chair
Ryan Clark
Kyle Shobe
Chad Sutherlin
Tim Geib

NILE SHOW

Tim Geib- Chair
Lacey Sutherlin
Vern Stensvad
Dana Weatherford

Agenda for the 2023 MTRAA Annual Meeting

1. Invocation
2. Call Meeting to order- President Tena Ketchum
3. Roll Call- Kara Herbst
4. Minutes of Last Meeting- Kara Herbst
5. Treasurer's Report- Kara Herbst
6. Report of Board Secretary – Kara Herbst
7. Introduction of Guests- Tena Ketchum
 - a -National Red Angus Staff
 - b -Morgan Kuntz, FFA
8. National Report – Kay Klompier
9. Committee Reports
 - a. NILE
 - i. Show/Barn Superintendent – Tim Geib
 - ii. Sale – Luke Larson
- Thomas Livestock Services
 - iii. Futurity – Tom Morton
 - iv. Banquet – Tena Ketchum
 - b. Advertising/Promotion – Jenny Moke
 - i. Grants – Luke Larson
 - c. Membership – Madri Blom
 - d. Marketing - Luke Larson
 - e. Juniors – Kara Herbst
 - i. Advisors Report - Veronica Christensen, Chris Pierce
 - f. Constitution and By-laws Committee – Bruce Ketchum
10. Old Business
 - a. Launch and Learn – Madri Blom
 - b. Photo Contest – Kara Herbst
 - c. 2023 Calendar – Tim Geib
 - d. MTRAA Tour – Tena Ketchum
 - e. MTRAA Website – Tena Ketchum
10. New Business
 - a. 2025 Calendar Auction held at Banquet
 - b. 2024-2025 Directory
11. Elections- Chris Pierce
 - *President
 - *Vice President
 - *Secretary
 - *Director
12. Adjournment

2023 NILE HAPPENINGS

Oct. 18 9 am - Barn Available

Oct. 19 10 am to 12 pm - Check-in
2 pm - Annual Meeting – Stillwater Room
5 pm – Futurity – Montana Pavilion

Oct. 20 1 pm - 40th Annual Prestigious Red Angus Sale
5:30 pm – Social Hour
6:30 pm – Banquet – The Hampton Inn

Oct. 21 8:00 am - Red Angus Junior Show
Red Angus Open Show to follow
Release of animals after the show

Mark it on your Calendar!!!

2023 NILE MTRAA Headquarters

Hampton Inn Billings

5110 Southgate Drive
Billings, MT 59101
(406) 248-4949

Rates: 1 King or 2 Queen Bed at \$139 + tax
Dates: October 17-21 2023
Cut Off Date: September 30, 2023

Tell them you are with MTRAA

2023 NILE Banquet

40th Anniversary NILE Sale and we are going to celebrate at the Hampton Inn – social starts at 5:30pm and banquet starts at 6:30pm.

Join our MTRAA family for a night of food and comradery. Please contact Kara to reserve your seat at the banquet – mtraasecretary@gmail.com by October 10. Seating area is limited.

REMINDER:

September 15th is the deadline for the NILE Futurity Entry Forms.

They are available at:
www.montanaredangus.org If you are close to the deadline

Just send me an email.

mtraasecretary@gmail.com

Website Update:

**We have revamped the
Montana Red Angus Website**

www.montanaredangus.org

Let us know what you think!

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