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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Apologies are obviously in order for the delay in publication of this issue of the Bulletin. However, we feel that we have been working for the association almost non-stop. The number of inquiries on Dexters as a result of the Farmstead Magazine article has far exceeded that from other articles combined! And, we know we are not the only ones answering them, either.

1982 ADCA General Meeting - - Minutes as submitted by Kay Baker:

American Dexter Cattle Association 1982 Meeting
Cliffhouse Motel, Decorah, Iowa
September 18, 1982

President Jim Johnson officially called the meeting to order. Officers present:
President - James Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer - Daisy Moore

Daisy Moore has been ill for a few months. Kay Baker is sitting in taking the minutes in place of her mother.

The President called for a reading of the 1981 Financial Report. Kay Baker read the report. This gave all expenses and income and stated there was a balance on hand of \$4,155.26.

Move to accept - Dan Harrell
2nd - John Hays
Approved

So far, expenses and income in 1982 leave us with a balance of \$8,080.31.

	1981	1982 (as of 9/15)
Transfers	57	91
Registrations	100	125
New Members		38

Dean Fleharty inquired if we were still getting mail and interest in Dexters. Kay Baker replied "Yes!" especially because of the Spring article in Countryside and the Fall article in Farmstead. Jim Johnson has received a number of inquiries and also telephone calls. Jim Mitchell has received 150 to 200 inquiries from the Farmstead article.

Kay Baker has a couple other pieces of correspondence.

1. Letter from Secretary of The Dexter Cattle Breeders' Society of Zimbabwe (Northern Rhodesia). Advising us they held an Inaugural Meeting 7/24/82. Eager to form liaisons and exchange information with our Society. Also Dexter Association in South Africa.
2. William Walczak has 4 Dexters for sale - - See ad on For Sale page.

Dan Harrell suggests that we exchange bulletins with these other two organizations. Curious as to size of South Africa organization.

Jim Johnson states we have been exchanging bulletins with the English Society. Their bulletin is mostly the results of shows. Eric Lawlor - Dexters are shown extensively throughout England. Dean Fleharty - showing has really helped goats to grow. We need to consider that with Dexters. In showing you get really serious people. Lois Johnson mentioned that in the last English bulletin it was stated that nobody has the courage to show a dairy cow. Eric Lawlor stated that Mrs. Rutherford used to show her dairy herd but doesn't have time now. Dean Fleharty curious as to how we would respond to having our Dexters judged by someone who is not a Dexter Breeder - - a stranger; but that is how it is done. Criticism is hard to take, but necessary.

Don Piehota raised the question should Regional Directors promote showing in their region?

Iowa State fair - has no class for Dexters - several Missouri breeders close by to compete with. Missouri shows them as "Cattle of the World". In Ohio, Jim Johnson states they had 29 animals at the Cuyahoga County fair. All the facilities needed for judging, showing and display are furnished. Need to be registered by February if anyone interested. Mileage is consideration. Discussion about members participation in

Minutes - continued

state fairs. Probably have to show them in a dairy class. Then maybe we can get them into a dairy herd and get some records. Russ Berry milks a 5 year old cow who lost her calf - never milked before - milks out of 3 quarters - gets 3 litres (between 6 and 7 quarts a day).

Farmstead article stated Dexter milk is homogenized. It is not homogenized. Probably more so than other breeds. Various members stated the length of time it took the cream to rise for them. Varied amounts of time. Possibly because of the smaller fat globule.

Don Piehota - regarding this matter of showing - would it be out of order to make a motion to get consensus of membership regarding someone to take the responsibility for promoting and showing our animals. Otherwise it just drifts. People like the idea but don't get around to it. Need someone to remind us. Jim Johnson - better discussed under New Business.

Jim Johnson has two announcements:

1. Registration blanks - using up old forms - Transfer is \$10.00. Cross out \$1.00 and \$2.00 on the forms picked up at the farm. Hadn't been done in these books yet.
2. Membership hasn't been paid by some. Check with Kay Baker before we depart.

President Johnson thanked Daisy Moore for having us to her farm to see all her cattle. Top shape - looked beautiful. Thanked Kay Baker for program and meal this evening - - - hospitality and conversation last night.

Applause

Old Business:

Committee Reports

I	Standards Committee - Chairman	Don Piehota
	Members Present	Dean Fleharty
		Eric Lawlor
		Wilmer Schmell
	Could not attend - -	Sandy Thomas

Don Piehota - - We accepted a request to come up with standards for a Dexter. Can we do the whole thing? Too much to handle at one time. Start with standards for the bull (printed in the Spring 1982 Bulletin). Aren't suggesting that these standards are a threat to anyone. If you don't have animals that exactly fit you will not be penalized. These are a voluntary guide. People have leeway to what they prefer. Periodic review of standards. Bull that met these standards should be recognized. Select Sires Concept. If he drops bulldog calves - removed from special designation. This designation is above and beyond pedigree. We were harder on bulls. Don went through the standards as they had been printed. The other members of the committee helped to explain what they had changed, what they had kept and why.

President - - Great start. Hasn't been modified for 60 years. Thanked committee for all the time and work. Continue as chairman on a permanent basis. Cow, next standard.

Motion - - Hays

2nd - - Osters

Approved

Two amendments to bull standards will be added and reprinted in the bulletin:

1. bulls at three years of age
2. may have a little white on organs of generation

Approved

Select Sire concept was given considerable discussion by the members. 3-Yr old bull might not have had time to prove his worth. Open to use by anyone or by A. I. Some kind of guarantee. Competition. President Johnson expressed his appreciation on the input in reference to the "Select Sire". The idea was referred back to Don's drawing board for some further consideration. Too many differences to adopt at this time.

Eric Lawlor congratulated Don Piehota for getting job done with all the obstacles to the task. Thousands of miles separation between committee members.

Minutes - continued

Committee Reports

- II Dr. Bob Hermann has been working on a book. Hasn't completed due to family medical problems. Going to ship to John Hays for review. See if he can work out a book for the association on Dexter Breed of Cattle. Rough draft - lots of material.
- III Revising brochure that we have. Some of the material is re-written. Need good black and white photographs to be reproduced along with written permission to use.
- IV Advertising program to have been started by John Howard - - has not progressed. Take up at Director's Meeting.

It was noted that we have gotten free advertising with the article in Countryside and Farmstead.

Suggested that we get page printed up with general information on it such as membership and bulletin subscription. This information basically is included on revised brochure.

Possibility of raising subscription price to \$10.00?? Not losing money at \$5.00. Discussion among members - leave as is. Hashed over many times. Directors will take up again tomorrow.

- V President Johnson states that questions on artificial insemination are arising. Policy of Central Ohio Breeders Association /Select Sires is that semen collected on farm can only be used on the farm for the individual's own animals. If semen is collected in laboratory or collecting plant it can be shipped because it can be certified. Animals are quarantined for 90 days before being collected. Animal being collected as well as its' dam and sire are blood typed. \$25.00 per blood sample. Need for guidelines. Discussion.

Question was raised - at what point can a grade animal be bred up? After 5 or 6 generations of breeding grade animals could the progeny be an acceptable animal for registration. No up-breeding in Dexters. 90% of members against. Been discussed many times. We are a small society. Dexter Society per se.

New Business

Drawing - Thanks to Sandy and Al Thomas for the two Dexter hats. Thanks to Paula Marie and Dan Randall for the pen.

New member wanted to know if he would receive a copy of the By-Laws and Code of Ethics. Have been printed in the bulletin. Will run off copies and each new member will receive them.

Julie Jones passed out directions to open house at Bob Bright's farm in Spring Green, WI for Sunday, September 19 after the Director's Meeting.

It was suggested that the members be thinking of new ideas for next year's meeting. This is a progressive organization and we need new input.

President Johnson thanked members for coming.

Motion to adjourn - Eric Lawlor
2nd - Dean Fleharty

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR !!

DESCRIPTION and STANDARDS for the DEXTER BULL

As Amended and Adopted at 1982 ADCA Annual Meeting

The following standards for the Dexter bull are meant as a guide to Dexter enthusiasts and breeders, and represent ADCA consensus as to desired characteristics. These standards are not used to determine the registration of animals which is solely a matter of pedigree.

1. The Dexter is both a milk-producing and a beef-making breed.
2. Color - Whole black, red or dun, the three colors being of equal merit. A little white on organs of generation is permissible.
3. Head - broad forehead, tapering gracefully toward the muzzle which should be broad, with wide distended nostrils. Strong lower jaw with jaws meeting properly. Eyes should be bright and prominent.
4. Neck - well set into the shoulders which, when viewed in front, should be wide.
5. Horns - these should be moderately thick, springing well from the head, with an inward and slightly upward curve. Removal of the horns is allowed without penalization.
6. Body - well-proportioned regarding height to length; shoulders of medium thickness, full and well filled in behind, which, when viewed from the front show thickness through the heart, the breast coming well forward, the chest with a wide floor resulting in ample width between the legs. Hips wide; quarters thick and deep and well spring, wide across the loins. Legs short to moderate but not excessively long, and well placed under the body; forelegs straight, wide apart and squarely placed; hindlegs nearly perpendicular from hock to pastern from the side, and straight and wide apart from the rear; feet short, well rounded with deep heel, level sole and toes properly spaced. Tail well set and level with the back.
7. Skin - skin should be soft and mellow, and handle well; hair fine, plentiful and silky.
8. Weight - Bulls at three years old and over should not exceed 1,000 lbs. live weight.
9. Height - Bulls should not exceed more than 44 inches in height nor stand less than 38 inches in height at the shoulder, at three years of age.

ADCA FEES :

Membership - - - - - 1st Year	\$25.00
Membership - Annual Renewal	15.00
Transfers	10.00
Registrations	10.00
Bulletin Subscription only	5.00

Note: Full memberships include your bulletin subscription and herd books.

REPORT FROM NORTH PLAINS REGION

A Few Minutes in the Land of Lilliputt

by Julie Jones

I. 12 Hours to D-Day (Dexter Day)

We left the convention following the annual meeting to prepare for the onslaught of Dexter gazers, and to scan the ceilings for domestic spiders. During our trip home we compared notes on our various conversations with other Dexter devotees - - attempting to ascertain potential party goers, noting their prospective appetites. The question, will we attract enough people to reduce the carefully hoarded containers of gazpacho, Cornish Pastries, potted ham, rolls, triscuits and rye thins patiently awaiting release from the freezer?! We console ourselves by going over the list of friends we invited weeks ago, (all possessing renowned gastronomic credentials). Home at last . . . I could tell by the look on Bob's face, as he stretched out on the couch, he would not sleep until I had everything ready for tomorrow.

II. The Fine Art of Fence Jumping

I busied myself washing windows, when at last some friends arrive to rescue me from my labor. Within the hour the Dexters arrive, (not ours - - Fred and Shirley of Oswego, Ill.). Bob begins walking tours of the farm, one of many he would perform. Duke, our Welsh Corgi, not to be outdone, begins collecting cattle. I begin introductions and announce the futility of continuing such a practice. I hustle everyone out of the kitchen in order to put the finishing touches on the buffet. Soon, I find myself introducing the Bob Bakers of Mineral Point, Ws. (prospective Dexter purchasers) to the Jim Donovans of Endeavor, Ws. (recent Dexter purchasers). More friends arrive, among them the Jim Mitchells of Paris, Mo. By the time the Dan Randalls of California, Mo. arrive the cattle have staked out a quiet corner of pasture and refuse to budge. Even Duke gives up and resorts to chasing departing autos. After a short course in sliding under fences (while trying to maintain one's composure) the Randalls made the trek with me to view the herd. As they came, so they went.

III. Aftermath

The unopened cases of soda, beer and various other sundries were evidence of what transpired to Ruth Dunn and Adelaide Richter. They stopped in the following day on their way back to New Jersey. After I made a mad dash to change from my bed clothes, we had a nice chat.

The cattle, free of their social obligations, are foraging on what's left of pasture before winter settles. Duke, Bob and I are back to "normal". We thank you for a wonderful gathering.

Bob Bright & Julie Jones
Lilliputt Farm
Spring Green, WI.

Jim Mitchell of Paris, Mo. writes - a note to let you know we enjoyed another informative Dexter meeting. We were happy to talk with many familiar Dexter breeders and to meet several others for the first time.

The first weekend in October I went with Dan Randall to Hays, KS to pick up the Dexters he had bought there. We put one cow and two young heifers in the back of his Datsun and an adult bull and cow in the horse trailer which we pulled. The truck handled the trip fine and so did the cattle. Missouri now has around 70 Dexters with about 60 of them within an hour of Columbia.

We are looking forward to next year's meeting in the Northwest, and hope we can attend.

Report from North Plains Region, continued:

Dexter Promotion at Ozark Empire Fair

On Aug 3, we arrived at 3:00 pm, set up our exhibit and our camp. Our cattle were supposed to be presentable from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. At about 9:00 pm, we watered, fed and re-did the beds for the night.

The next day we get up about 5:00 am, get dressed, go down to the barns and see the cattle. Mom and Sis would exercise the cattle while I re-did the beds which consists of taking off "clean" straw, digging out the dirty straw and throwing it in the pits. Put the "clean" straw on the bottom, water it (so it gets solid) then break open a new bale of straw and put enough watered straw to make a bed about 8 inches solid. By the time I got the bed fixed, Mom and Sis were back with the cattle. We watered and fed the cattle and went back to the tent to eat breakfast. At 8:00 am, Mom takes off so she can do chores at home. She leaves Sis and me during the day and comes back about 8:00 pm so we're not alone during the night.

In the course of the day I talk to lots of people. some of the most common questions:



What are they?
Where are they from?
Weaning weight?
Amount of Milk?
Do they hang a good carcass?
If so, why?
By the end of 6 days,
I had given away 100
Dexter pamphlets and
could have used more.

We sold a 3-mo old
bull calf for an FFA
project.

Concha De Lane' Fairgrove, MO

Nice going, Concha!

REPORT FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

As will have been made known elsewhere, the Board of Directors of ADCA has agreed that the Pacific Region may host next year's annual meeting and Gary Prichard has undertaken to arrange for it to be held in Eugene, OR. I very much hope all the Pacific Region ADCA members and others interested in the breed will plan to attend and support what I am sure will be an outstanding meeting.

Results of my "census" of Dexters in California show a total of 30 in this state. This makes a total of about 75 Dexters in the Pacific Region, all to be found in the three coastal states. With predictable calving, no doubt augmented by acquisitions, we should soon have a respectable Pacific Region colony. So far as I have definite knowledge, the four we imported from Indiana in 1974 represented the first Dexters west of the Rockies (except for reports of some in British Columbia, the disposition of which I could never trace).

John Hays, Director

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Florida

8-mo old bull calf, sale or trade
photo on request

E J Dreaden
Rt 4, Box 38
Crestview, FL 32536

* Canada

* Cranworth Farm still has a few '82 heifers
* and bull calves.

* Doris Crowe
* R R 2 Portland
* Ontario, Canada KOG-IVO
*

FOR SALE *** FOR SALE *** FOR SALE *** FOR SALE *** FOR SALE ***

Massachusetts

Bull calf, born 9/18/81

Registr. #2445

Tim Harte

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Carlisle, MA 01741

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* Missouri* Good starter herd! 2 bred cows & unrelated
* bull. Also, young heifer calf.

Jim Mitchell

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Paris, MO 65275

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Amboy, WA 98601

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* 5 pm to 10 pm

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William Walczak

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Rosalie Beard

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#1949. For details:

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* to be held in Eugene, Oregon.
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