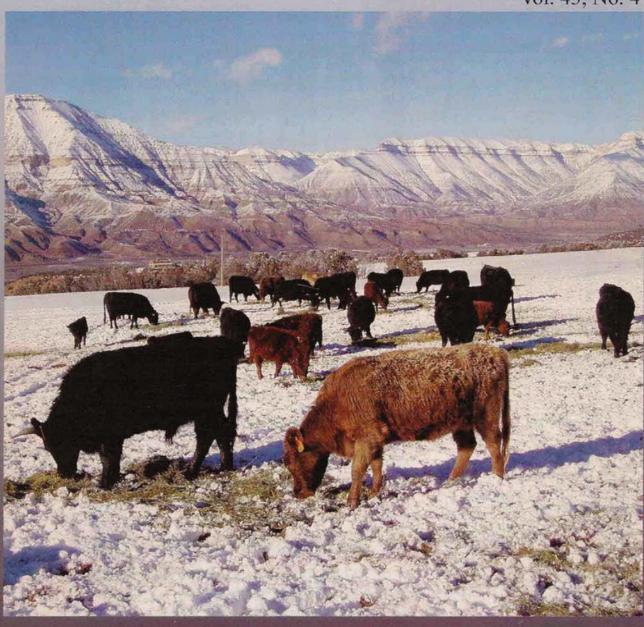


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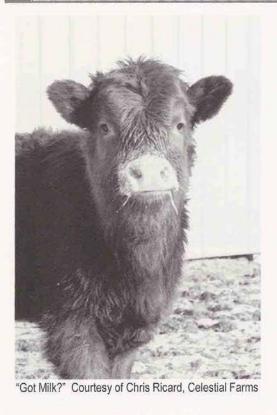
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Dues <u>MUST</u> be paid by <u>March 1, 2005</u> in order for your name to be published in the 2005 Membership Directory

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# FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2005

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Bulls up to 2 years old	\$20.00	Inner-Herd Transfers (any age)	\$10.00
Cows over 1 year old	\$40.00		
Bulls over 2 years old	\$40.00		
Steer and Oxen (any age)	\$10.00		

<sup>\*</sup>Heifers under 1 year old and Bulls under 2 years old can be registered and transferred to new owner for \$20 (one fee).

Registrations and Transfers for non-members: \$100.00

<u>Please note</u>: Names of animals to be registered cannot exceed 21 letters and spaces.

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New Owner Membership:	New owners that have purchased an animal that is ADCA registered	Free
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Annual Renewal of Dues:	Due January 1st of each year	\$20.00
Subscriber:	Will receive the quarterly Bulletin	\$10.00
Honorary Membership:	Individuals appointed by the Board of Directors	Free
Herd Book:		TBA

"The Association reserves the right to require blood typing of animals to prove the parentage of the animal in question if, at any time in the paperwork transactions, there is a question of parentage. The cost for the blood typing will be paid by the person requesting the registration."

From ADCA Board of Directors Meeting, 1994; Chico, California

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# Message from the President...

## Hello Fellow Dexter Breeders!

Happy New Year, everybody! I hope the holiday season treated you well and that you are ready to start another exciting year. I know that in some areas, calves have already started to hit the ground. Some of you are already making preparations for the shows, fairs and exhibits that you are going to attend this coming year with your animals.

As I said in the holiday greeting on the ADCA Web Site, I want to acknowledge the effort, support and dedication that I have seen from the members in this organization and all over the country this year. *Thank you*, each of you, for your part in continuing to make the ADCA an organization to be proud of.

In this issue, I wanted to address a couple of the most common questions that the directors and I have been asked in the last while; "How stable is the ADCA?" and "Why should I belong to this organization?"

### Stability of the ADCA

The goals of the reorganization of the ADCA were to accomplish the following;

- To spread the workload out amongst three individuals so that the business of the ADCA could carry on should anything happen to any one individual.
- To improve service to the members of the organization.

We now have 3 very competent individuals that conduct the day-to-day business of the ADCA.

To provide you, the members, with better representation we have redistricted the ADCA. It is our belief that these changes will be an asset in the way regional business is conducted.

Because of the shared workload, the services of the ADCA have also improved. Registrations and transfers are being processed in record time. The online pedigree is updated immediately once your animals have been processed and the website is being updated almost daily with new info and photos.

Financially, the ADCA is in great shape. The former

officers led you, the membership, to believe that this was not the case. Threats and scare tactics of IRS intervention were made to directors serving the membership to keep them in line. Since the resignations of those officers and directors in July, the ADCA has been cash positive and there is no IRS investigation like the former president led you to believe.

### WHY THE ADCA?

### Registrations / Transfers

Because of the efforts of Chuck Daggett, these are being returned to the breeders in a much more efficient manner. I have heard from members that have had registrations and transfers returned back to them in as little as 7 days.

There is no longer a "Return Fee" for any ADCA registrations or transfers. If you make a mistake on the date or spelling, we will change it at no charge to you. The ADCA now also has a flat rate fee for animals that are registered and transferred at the same time. This applies for Cows under a year old and Bulls under two years. Also, for ADCA members that sell animals to new Dexter owners, the new owner gets a free membership to the association for the rest of that calendar year. All of this benefits you, the members of this organization.

### The On-Line Pedigree

This is the only online Dexter pedigree in the US. It was created, and is maintained by this association for everyone's use. It is up to date for the first time since its conception. When you send your registration in to be processed, your animal is also entered into the online database. Photos of animals can be placed in it too.

For those that have not used the online system, it is an outstanding tool and I do urge you to do so. It has some great features like doing theoretical mating. As an example, you can see if that Al bull will work for you. You can see what cattle your neighbor has, progeny of a cow or a bull, and even find animals and breeders in your state.

### Registry Backup

You, the members, were lead to believe that a copy of the registry was in safekeeping and being stored offsite from the previous ADCA office. When we recovered the banking records, we found that this was not the case. The safety deposit box the ADCA was paying for had not been entered since it was established in 1991.

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Now a back up of the registry is done every night and stored on an offsite server. Should anything ever happen to the ADCA registration computer, we will have lost only one day. The ADCA registry is more secure than ever before and will continue to be the oldest and most complete registry in North America.

#### The Website

This is being updated on a regular basis with time sensitive information and pictures of livestock from you, the members. Chuck has also added some new areas like the Al Sires page where you can go and see what Al bulls are available and see photos of them. Our website is continuing to expand and will be one of the main communication tools for the ADCA.

### Chondrodysplasia Testing

This is a subject that is dear to the hearts of all Dexter owners. With Jon Beever disbanding testing for the ADCA and not relinquishing his license, we the breeders did not have any options open to us.

I am pleased to announce that through the efforts of John Potter and Yves Plante, we, the ADCA, have an agreement for Bova Can Labs and the Saskatchewan Research Council to offer Chondrodysplasia testing for American Dexter Cattle Association breeders.

Testing through Bova Can will be for ADCA members. The animal must be registered with the ADCA prior to being submitted for testing or, if not registered, the animal(s) must be from an ADCA registered Dam and Sire. More detail on the procedures for the test can be found in this issue of the Bulletin.

### Steers (Oxen) can now be registered

The ADCA is the only registry that does accept oxen and steers. This is great if you would like to see the progeny of an animal, have a 4H project or would just like to register your oxen.

We in the ADCA have a lot to get done this year, so let me outline what some of the ADCA objectives are for 2005:

#### Elections

Elections for directors in several regions of the USA are happening right now. Nomination forms have been returned and ballots will be issued to members in those regions. I encourage you all to vote for your new director. This is a member driven organization and we want you to

be involved.

### Steering Committee

John Foley has formed a Steering Committee to look at developing a five-year plan for the direction of the organization. John has asked for members to assist with this effort and they have been challenged with having a draft of their proposed direction for the organization by March 1, 2005. We look forward to those findings that he and his team will share with us.

### Marketing Committee

The marketing committee headed by Shaun Lord and Carol Ann Traynor will be looking at engaging the membership of the organization to better understand how we can better promote, market and sell Dexters. Along with Allyn Nelson, the team will be posing some questions to the membership to gather information to share with all. Take the time to respond to the survey. It will not only help all of the members of the ADCA but will give us, as an organization, a better understanding on where we can focus our efforts to promote the breed.

### AGM

The ADCA annual show and sale will take place in Springfield, MO on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11th and 12<sup>th</sup>. This show will bring together ADCA breeders from all over the country in one place to exhibit the best of the breed. It is going to be a great show and one that you will want to mark on your calendar to attend. You can find registration details and forms in this and upcoming issues of the *Bulletin* as well the ADCA web site.

We need to take a moment and ask ourselves why the ADCA exists. It is for you the breeders of the livestock that you have come to care for. You need some place to register your livestock in a secure manner, however, keep in mind that this organization would not exist without your support. I personally think that we have a wonderful group of people that have the best interests of the breed in mind and look forward to seeing this organization grow and move forward.

The ADCA is still the *only* American Dexter Cattle Association. We will continue to work both internally and externally through our international organizations to promote our breed. These are very exciting times in the ADCA as this organization evolves and continues to grow. The ADCA is in wonderful shape because of your support and, because of that, we are going to have a very successful year.

Chris Ricard ADCA President

# Message from the Vice President...

The past six months have been very productive for the ADCA. We have started to put the corporation back to where it is supposed to be with the Board making decisions and the officers and the employees carrying out those decisions. We have made great progress in that the regions have now been realigned and have been reduced from 15 to 12. This will make for a more manageable board and better representation for the membership. An interim Director has been appointed to fill out a term for one who resigned.

Committees have been working hard to pull things together making this a more comprehensive organization. Nomination forms have been sent out and elections for 2005 will be held the early part of this year.

The Board has hired a new Editor for the publications and the Bulletin will be back on schedule from now on. The new Editor is Lucy Glover from Hayward, Wisconsin.

The AGM has been organized and will be held in Springfield, Missouri on June 10-13, 2005. It appears

as if it will be an informative meeting, show and sale. The speaker this year will be a classifier and judge from New Zealand.

Plan to attend.

The classification agreement is still in force with the Swiss organization and the information on the classification can be found in this Bulletin.

We need members to become more involved in their organization. If you have questions, comments or ideas, please get in touch with any of the Directors and/or Officers.

Happy New Year to all and we hope the ADCA will grow and prosper in the coming year.

> Tom Gray Vice President

## The tattoo letter for 2005 is "R'



"Are you talkin' to me?" Indy Courtesy of Charlee Townsend, Mini Meadows

# TATTOO LETTERS

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B-1992	H-1998	N-2003	U-2008
C-1993	J-1999	P-2004	V-2009
D-1994	K-2000	R-2005	W-2010
E-1995	L-2001	S-2006	X-2011
F-1996			Y-2012

# A Note from the Secretary's Desk:



With winter in full swing we are all busy keeping our animals happy.

This past six months has been very busy for your officers and directors. Your directors have worked very hard picking up the many pieces and moving forward with the ADCA needs always in mind.

We are here to answer your many questions. Let any of us know your suggestions to keep your ADCA moving forward.

Many things are being worked on and ways to help all of us. The on-line registrations and bulletin are just a couple of them.

> Bonnie Boudreau **ADCA Secretary**

### **BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Deadlines for submission of articles, photos and advertising for the 2005 Dexter Bulletin are as follows:

> Spring Issue: March 15 Summer Issue: May 15

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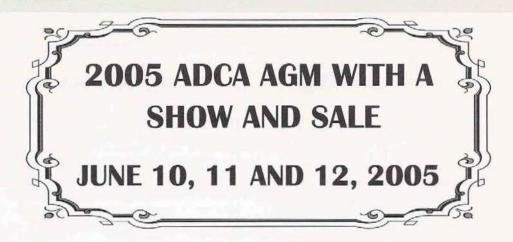


# And from the Editor...

I am pleased to be writing to you today as ADCA Editor. Who am I? Well, I'm a city-girl from Chicago turned country and now making my home in Hayward, Wisconsin. My real passion has always been in graphics and publishing. Thanks to the ADCA for giving me this opportunity to do what I love best. I'm very proud of my first issue and hope you will all enjoy it.

Thanks, also, to all of you who have helped me through the mountains of information I have received over the past 5 weeks. You have all made me feel very welcome and helped me to communicate the most important information through the Bulletin. I look forward to a long and happy future with the ADCA.

Lucy Glover



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### **AGENDA**

FRIDAY NIGHT -Video Show and Fellowship

SATURDAY-Show and Sale & Annual General Meeting

Saturday's Noon Meal will be catered at the meeting location.

Saturday's Banquet Meal will be catered at the meeting location.

White Dexter Sale after the Banquet Meal.

#### SPEAKER

Nancy Edge, from New Zealand, will speak on classifying cattle and will also judge the show. Mrs. Edge has been involved with cattle since she was a child. She has successfully run her own Jersey dairy. She also has been involved in breeding commercial beef cattle. In 1991, she started breeding Dexters. She is a founding member of the New Zealand Dexter Society and was its secretary for 8 years and president for 2 years. Mrs. Edge is a trained all-breeds Beef Judge with the Royal Agricultural Society. She and her husband currently run over 50 Dexters on 27 acres. She successfully brings together her dairy and beef knowledge in her breeding practices and in the show ring.

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# 2005 AGM Registration Form

# Air Conditioned Sale Area and Meeting Rooms Registration Deadline: May 1, 2005

(Please copy as needed)

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Region 1
John Foley, Director

# Meeting Minutes—October 2, 2004

The Region 1 meeting was held on October 2nd following the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association meeting at 8:00 pm at Ziggies Restaurant in Springfield, Missouri. There were 36 individuals in attendance at the meeting.

When asked if anyone needed to have the Special Meeting in June or the last AGM reviewed it was decided that the information was in the Dexter Bulletin and there was no need to review at this time.

A question was asked concerning the testing for chondrodysplasia. The latest information concerning the possibility of using Bova-Can to do this testing for ADCA was discussed.

The Missouri Dexter Breeder Association has decided to make available to members of ADCA copies of "The Breeding History of Kerrys and Irish Dexter Cattle In North America", this is a book written by Dan Randall and sponsored by Missouri Dexter Breeders Association in 1987, for a fee of \$25.00. This book uses the Herd books from number 1 to list the Dexter and Kerry Cattle in the United States. It is a difficult read but has a lot of good information if you are interested in the history of Dexters in America.

A suggestion was also made that the Champion and Reserve Champions from the National Show and Sale be placed on the ADCA Web Site. Also all members were encouraged to get on the ADCA web site and to use the On-Line Pedigree.

A member asked what was the hold up on the elections for vacant ADCA regions. The redistricting of some of the regions was discussed and was given for the reason some of the regions would not have an election until after the first of the year.

John Foley Director, Region 1



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DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!

Region 2 Sandi Thomas, Director

# Greetings to all from Oregon!

This letter was written in August 2004. It was left out of the last ADCA Bulletin.

At this time I am writing to you as Director of Region 2; Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and as Temporary Director for Regions 3 and 9; Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, B.C., California, Nevada, and Arizona.

The State of Oregon has been breaking heat records this summer. The dryland grasses have dried up prematurely and we're feeding hay to our herd already!

The market for Dexters continues to grow. I have been contacted by several interested buyers looking for stock (particularly weanling to yearling heifers). Please let me know if you have animals for sale and I will pass your name on to potential buyers.

I would also like to know of the location and dates of any fairs, shows, or exhibits you may have scheduled. We have had several requests for this type of information recently. Callers would like to attend these events and see Dexters being handled.

The unexpected formation of an additional Dexter Registry before the Annual Meeting in PA, and the delay we experienced in receiving the ADCA records, made conducting the business of the Association difficult. We have a very competent, reliable team and are currently able to provide registrations and transfers, and to perform other business requests for the ADCA Members.

I am proud to share that my conscience is clear, knowing I made decisions for the good of the breed and for the members I've represented these last few months. I have not knowingly or intentionally acted in any manner to harm, or benefit, any individuals.

If you have questions or concerns about the recent changes within the ADCA, please contact any of the current Officers/Directors for information. We appreciate your continued support.

The original ADCA Registry of full-blooded Dexters is alive and well and will continue to grow and improve with the good efforts of all its members.

Thank You.
Sandi Thomas
Director Region 2
Temporary Director for Regions 3 and 9



Chifon & Velvet, Courtesy of Sandi Thomas, Thomas' Dexters

## **Adventures in Marketing**

Having recently completed my first 5-animal Dexter "production sale," I've learned a little about how to sell a boutique breed like Dexters. Probably the most important lesson learned came not from the bovine arena but rather from the canine one. As a breeder of the rather uncommon Welsh Terrier, I've learned that educating people about the breed and showing them my animals, always a pleasant activity for me, is rather like casting my bread upon the waters.

A good first impression of the breed and the breeder(s) will transition into good word-of-mouth advertising. Even if Dexters aren't for a certain retired Angus rancher from Wyoming, his neighbor may be interested in hearing about "them little cows" and might even want to come down to see them. This is hardly high-pressure salesmanship, rather a longer-term building of Dexter awareness. We have a surprisingly large number of Dexters in Colorado, but almost half my inquiries came from people like my Wyoming rancher who just wanted to know what they were!

Unless your aim is just to get rid of cattle, the one avenue of sales to avoid is the sale barn. I've heard over and over about the bad results of sending any unusual breed like Highlands, Dexters, mini-Herefords or

Lowlines through the auction ring. Apparently the boys at the sale barn care mostly about weight which puts our cattle at a severe disadvantage. Prices characterized as "nothing" are typical.

Three low-cost advertising venues here seem to give good results though I didn't have to use all three. I used our regional farm and ranch paper, *The Fence Post*, with excellent results. The Colorado Rural Electric magazine (ours is called *Colorado Country Life*) is another good way to reach everybody in the REA system. Free advertising newsletters/in-house computer bulletin boards at work are also worth a try, though I was told that advertising "Veal Calf for Sale" in the People's Republic of Boulder might not bring the kind of positive response I wanted!

Oddly enough, I don't yet have the cheapest marketing tool of all – a sign on the road. Fortunately, ADCA's logo may be freely used by members so my Dexter sign will be coming soon to start "educating" passersby. After all, I'll have more calves to sell next year!

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# **Chondrodysplasia Testing Resumes**

By John Potter, ADCA Genetics Committee

The Officers and Board of Directors of the American Dexter Cattle Association are pleased to announce an agreement between the ADCA and Bova-Can Laboratories of the Research Council for Saskatchewan Chondrodysplasia ("bulldog gene") testing of Testing will be done U.S. Dexter cattle. quarterly, and John Potter, the chairman of the Genetics and Science Committee, will serve as the liaison between the ADCA and Bova-Can for the testing. Applications, instructions, and the required Bova-Can sample envelopes are obtained by sending a written request specifying the number of samples to be tested to John by USPS mail at 2524 W. Elm Valley Road, Galien, MI 49113 or by email at jpotter@remc11.k12.mi.us. Please do not request the materials by telephone.

The cost per sample of \$35 is contingent

upon the following conditions being met: Each sample must be submitted by an ADCA member in good standing, and the sample must be from a Dexter that is ADCA-registered or, if not yet registered, from an ADCA-registered sire and dam. If the preceding criteria are not met, the cost per sample is \$70. A check made payable to the ADCA must accompany each application and its sample(s). Each breeder will receive an individual written report for each sample submitted.

The Dun Factor test is also available from Bova-Can through the ADCA. The same procedures apply to this test as those for the Chondrodysplasia test, and the cost is \$47 per sample.

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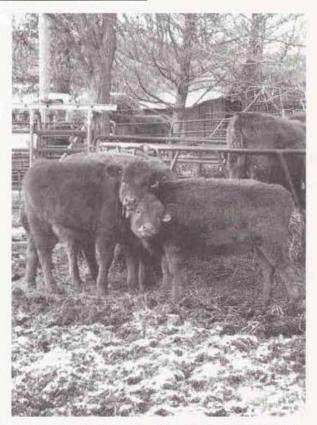
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# 2005 ADCA ANNUAL DEXTER VIDEO SHOW

The 2005 AGM will have the video show on Friday night at the sale arena in the Springfield Livestock Marketing Center L.L.C. This arena is air-conditioned and has theater seating so there are no bad seats.

Any ADCA member can enter. Only one animal can be shown per tape and it is not essential to enter every animal in your herd, except in the Best Herd Class. The tapes will not be mailed back to you, but can be picked up at the annual meeting and the ADCA reserves the right to use any or all tapes for promotional purposes.

#### Video Show Rules

- 1. The animal must be identified in the video through signage or audio identification indicating:
  - a. Class
  - b. Animal Name
  - c. Registration Number
  - d. Date of Birth
  - e. Height at shoulder (real or estimate)
  - f. Weight (real or estimate)
- The video tape must be the standard (large) size that will play in a normal VCR. No small cassettes please! If you have a small one, just have the tape copied onto a large size before sending it in.
- 3. The first shot should be a 30 second side view from about 20 feet away.
- The second shot should be a 15 second view of at least two feet (front and rear) while the animal is standing on a hard surface.
- The third shot should be a 20 second rear view from about 12 feet away showing the rear quarters, legs, and udder or testicles as applicable.
- 6. The fourth, a 20 second front view showing head, shoulders and front legs.
- 7. The fifth and final view is a 30 second side view while the animal is moving in a clockwise direction.
- 8. Send a copy of your registration papers in with the entry form.

The entire tape should not exceed 2 ½ minutes. The class, animal ID, DOB, and owners name, address and email address should appear on the tape. If the animal is for sale this also should be indicated on the tape label.

All tapes must be received by May 1, 2005 or they will not be accepted. Please enclose entry fee of \$10 per animal with the entry form. Make checks payable to ADCA.

Mail Tapes To: John H. Foley

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Any questions: Call John at 417-833-2186 or email at jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org

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### **CLASS TITLES**

All ages are to be as of 6/11/2005

Class Number	Description
1	Heifer calf less than 6 months of age
2	Heifer calf 6 months to one year of age
3	Yearling heifer
4	Young cow two to four years of age
5	Mature cow over four years of age
6	Cow/calf pair
8	Bull calf less than 6 months of age
9	Bull calf 6 months to one year of age
10	Yearling bull

### American Dexter Cattle Association Annual Membership Meeting July 17, 2004 Meadville, PA

Breakfast was served in the barn and was followed by the Dexter Show and Sale. (I'm sorry. I wasn't furnished any information regarding the participants or results of these activities.)

Lunch was served followed by a presentation concerning Bull Fertility by Gerald Fry.

Mark Muir introduced ADCA President Kathleen Smith and the Membership Meeting began at 3:10 p.m. with Kathleen thanking our hosts, Mark and Edlyn Muir.

Rosemary Fleharty was introduced.

Ms. Smith gave a history of the American Dexter Cattle Association and where it is today. She discussed the Charter and how the ADCA funds would be distributed in the event of the corporation's dissolution. She stated it was imprudent to have interlocking Directors and that we should never underestimate our income.

She then introduced the attending Officers and Directors: Vice President Stan Cass; new Region 15 Director Terry Parsons; Region 1, John Foley; Region 2, Sandi Thomas; Region 3, Dick Gradwohl not with us today; Region 4, Carol Ann Traynor; Region 5; Allyn Nelson not with us today; Region 6, Joanie Storck; Region 7, Keith Wertz; Donna Martin, Region 8; Wes Patton, Region 9; Region 10, Mark Muir; Region 11, Shaun Ann Lord; Region 12, Sally Coad; Region 13, Rick Seydel and Region 14, John Potter.

Kathleen commented that we have had 2 secretaries and were working from two agendas. She asked that the audience read the 2003 General Meeting Minutes for approval. A question was raised about an unpublished addition to the minutes. Rosemary stated that part of the Minutes for the Board meeting were lost when they were sent to Patrice and were being added to the 2003 Board Meetings Minutes for approval at this meeting. She advised they were published wrong in the Bulletin. The Minutes for the General Meeting 2003 were read and approved.

Kathleen asked Sandi Thomas if she had anything to report as the current Secretary. Sandi stated that she had only recently received one CD with a Membership listing from Rosemary and nothing else so she really didn't have anything to report. Sandi mentioned that she

had corrected today's agenda, as requested by the President during Friday's Board Meeting, and it was distributed for this meeting.

Rosemary Fleharty was asked to give a Secretary/Treasurer report for the year. She reported we had 285 new members last year, 1,300 registrations and 1,500 transfers. We are as big as the Shorthorn Group and we are now clearing \$3200.00 per week. We continue to grow. She said we are not a 4-H Club anymore and could have a full time office with a full time staff.

Rosemary was asked from the floor whether she had actually quit. She advised the group that she had not written a letter of resignation. Member, Annie Fleming, asked for clarification of their phone conversation, as 'you told me you were no longer doing ADCA work'. Rosemary responded 'I did quit for awhile.'

Kathleen shared a National Pedigree and Livestock Council Brochure she had personally received indicating how many registrations and memberships different Associations reported.

A quarterly report was requested from Rosemary but she stated it wasn't available at the time as it was at the Accountants.

Rosemary said we don't have a Financial Statement for the last 6 months of this year since this one had just come back from the auditor. We had filed a 990 form but, since we past the \$100,000 mark, we have to file a Long Form now.

Questions and discussion about the cost and production of the Herd Books followed, with concern about the cost of production versus the fee charged for the book. Frank Miles made a motion that we have a \$5.00 increase in the price of the Herd Books. Danny Thomas seconded. Discussion indicated there would be other expenses as well, including postage and envelopes, and concern was that we would still be subsidizing the production with a \$5.00 raise. The motion failed.

The President then called on Jim Smith for a Treasurer's report, and she apologized for failing to introduce him as our new Treasurer. He stated we had passed the \$100,000 mark and he requested copies of 990 forms

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and all audit reports for the last 15 years. James advised that business needs to go on. Political climate can't be an issue. We must continue the solid business part of this Association. He requested all activity numbers for reports to backup and tie to the deposits. James stated Rosemary hadn't been able to get together with him because of glitches in her programming.

Carole Davidson commented about the validity of membership payments regarding renewals made through Sandi Thomas before the June meeting.

Sally Coad addressed her eligibility to serve her Region and shared support letters from the majority of the members in her Region 12.

Rex Hensrude of Washington State commented on their current Director and requested that Washington State be re-aligned with Oregon, Idaho and Montana in the redistricting process. It's hard to be involved with Canada (with the border closed), Hawaii and Alaska he stated. He expressed concern about the responsibilities and expectations of Regional Directors.

A motion: that all Directors should resign if they don't follow the Rules and Regulations of the ADCA was made by Jim Johnson and seconded by Mark Davis. Mr. Davis immediately called for the vote. Robert Seddon requested an amendment be added to the motion to include the Officer's and Staff persons. This was seconded by Danny Thomas. Mr. Davis insisted that there couldn't be any discussion because the call for the vote was already made.

The President moved to adjourn the meeting prior to taking the vote as the evening meal was ready. Several Directors and Members reminded the President that it wasn't correct to adjourn a meeting with a motion on the floor.

Following the meal, the President called the meeting back to order and called for the vote. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Bill Yehl, and seconded by Robert Seddon, to vote for the same opportunity for the Officers and Staff members that have not, and will not, follow the Rules and Regulations to be removed or to resign immediately. The motion passed.

Carole Davidson questioned the legality of the proxies solicited for this meeting without the Board's knowledge. She read from a copy of the Delaware State Corporation Law Book addressing the procedure.

Pam Malicott reminded Kathleen that the Treasurer's report, made by Rosemary, hadn't been voted on. A vote was called to accept the report and was passed. Rosemary stated the quarterly report would be in the next Bulletin. Suggestions and discussion followed regarding the individual duties of Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar when held as three separate positions.

Sue Hensrude questioned the solicitation of the proxy votes. Marge Davis read from Corporation laws and pointed out a section interpreted to solicit proxies at a Special Meeting. Discussion followed.

The President asked if there was a Budget or Registrar Report. Rosemary replied there was none for the Registrar.

Kathleen suggested a proposed budget should include paying the expenses of some people to attend meetings of the A.L.B.C. and N.P.I.C. meetings/conventions. We might want to include attending the Classification Council next year in Ohio, as representatives of the ADCA, to find out how they operate. She also announced that the ADCA Directors would like to hear from members interested in serving on Committees.

A member commented that with our By-Laws being under question, shouldn't we hire a Corporate Attorney to review the By-Laws? Kathleen advised that in her experience Delaware Lawyers were hard to find and quite expensive.

### Old Business:

Stan Cass announced reports would be given by the Committee Chairs.

John Potter, Genetic Committee, reported the Color and Genotyping are going well, but Jon Beever, who had a Contract with Australia to perform the Chondrodysplasia testing, had notified the ADCA of his intent to quit testing June 1, 2004. Mr. Beever stated many Dexter owners were unhappy with their results. About 120 tests have been completed. He advised he was in the final steps of his paperwork for termination of the Australian contract.

John Potter stated that three companies have expressed an interest in obtaining the Contract to do the testing in the future. An update will be posted on the ADCA Website as soon as the contract is available to allow a new Laboratory to perform the testing.

John Potter addressed a question about the results of the ImmGen Parentage testing. He stated he doesn't interpret the results, but is available to assist owners when clarification is requested. ImmGen results are sent (Continued from page 21)

to the ADCA Secretary and then forwarded to the breeder submitting the request.

Genetic Visions results, the DNA test for the red factor, are sent directly to the ADCA and also to the Breeder submitting the test request.

The test reports previously processed by Jon Beever, for the dun color and/or chondrodysplasia, were private and were sent only to the Breeder submitting them.

President Smith took the microphone from John Potter and read letters of resignation from Directors Donna Martin and Mark Muir.

Mark Davis announced his resignation as an Honorary Lifetime Member and as the Delaware Corporate Agent for the ADCA. He announced that he has incorporated a new Association in Delaware and, for those interested in joining, the door is open. The name of the new group is the Purebred Dexter Cattle Association of North America.

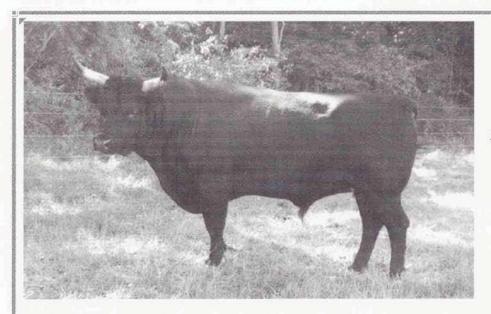
Kathleen Smith read letters of resignation from Rosemary and Dean Fleharty, Wes Patton, Keith Wertz, and Terry Parsons. The President stated she wasn't resigning "because I'll be unelected tomorrow".

Maureen McCready stated her request for the Region 6 2003 Annual Meeting funds to go to the ADCA. She was informed that the Board had addressed the report made by Joanie Storck, Region 6 Director, and action would be taken in tomorrow's Board Meeting regarding the funds.

A Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Passed.

Rosemary read a note from Anna Poole, past Regional Director, expressing her thanks for the card and flowers she had received in sympathy of her husbands passing.

Respectfully, Sandi Thomas



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# Region 2 Sandi Thomas, Director

# Happy New Year to All!

I am pleased and proud to be a part of this ADCA! Look through the messages from your hardworking Officers and Directors in this issue and note all the changes and improvements we've been able to address

With reductions in fees, additional services, an up-todate website, an on-line pedigree program, realigning of regions, as requested by the members, and reliable DNA testing for Color, Parentage and Chondrodysplasia available to us, we are truly moving into the future with the Dexter breed benefiting from our Association improvements.

The ADCA National Membership Meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, MO. It will be a grand time with a Dexter Show and Sale on Saturday. Please contact your Directors for advice on getting animals to and/or home from the event. Many Breeders are willing to assist so you can participate. Make a point to attend and be an active part of the association that represents you as a member and your cattle as the Dexter breed.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Region 2 Meeting and Open House "Daze with Dexters at the Thomas" (Antelope, Oregon) July 16th & 17th. A Dexter burger and steak Bar-B-Q will highlight this event. Please contact Sandi Thomas, 541-489-3385, thomas97001@yahoo.com or Wendy Fultz, 541-475-0570, wfultz@bendnet.com to share/request any subjects or interests you would like to see on the agenda. We have lots of parking room. Camp over if you'd like! If you are interested in hosting a meeting in Washington, Idaho, or Montana please contact me! I'd like to have a regional meeting in each state so

everyone has a better chance to attend. I'm sorry Alaska...I don't think I can make it up there this summer....but I'll sure help out in any way I can if someone wants to have a get-together there too!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests you have. I'll do my best to be of assistance. Share your suggestions and volunteer your time and abilities. We all need to participate together so we can be the best we can be!

A reminder that your ADCA dues need to be submitted for 2005 ASAP to our <u>NEW ADDRESS</u>: 4150 Merino Ave, <u>Watertown</u>, <u>MN 55388</u>. Don't get left out of important issues because your dues aren't current. Our new R&R, passed last year, indicates January 1st as our due date. Please contact Chuck if you sent your business to the old address in error.

Thank you, Sandi Thomas, Region 2 Director Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska

> Interim Director, New Region 3 California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii

Time for Region 3 to Vote for a new Director!

### OUR BROKEN PROMISES TO ANIMALS

### BY BERNARD E. ROLLIN

When Noah rescues breeding pairs of animals from the Deluge, one finds the notion that the lives of all animals rest in human hands. Elsewhere in the Bible, which expresses this and other concepts undergirding Western civilization, domestic animals - cattle, sheep, asses, goats, and other farm creatures - are singled out as the beneficiaries of special human attention. We are obligated to give them environments suiting their needs and natures, protect them from predation. provide them medical attention, and help them in birthing. In turn, they supply us with their toil and their products, such as milk and wool, and sometimes their lives. But while they live, they live well. Without human care, the lives of defenseless farm animals would be, in Hobbes' unforgettable phrase, "nasty, brutish, and short".

This ancient symbiotic contract is the basis for the theory and practice of animal husbandry, a word derived from the old Norse phrase "hus/bond," bonded to the household. Indeed, so powerful and appropriate is the contractual relationship between humans and domestic animals that when the psalmist searches for a metaphor for God's ideal relationship to humans, he chooses the shepherd. In the hauntingly beautiful, too-familiar words of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm – I say too familiar because we sometimes forget what it tells us about our obligations to animals:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

Our power over animals and our interdependence create a bond that would appear unbreakable to all but the sadists and psychopaths for whom the anticruelty laws are intended.

Yet, despite the seminal and symbolic significance of husbandry, it has shown itself vulnerable to the relentless march of modernism and technology. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the bond created by the ancient contract with farm animals was severed.

After World War II, agricultural scientists feared a shortage of food for many reasons. The Depression and the Dust Bowl had driven farmers off the land; farm land was being appropriated for spreading urban and suburban development; there were projections of unprecedented population growth; and the war had exposed rural youths to a far more exciting life than

they could experience in agricultural communities.

Industrial approaches to agriculture were developed to assure increased production, and the values of efficiency and productivity supplanted the values of husbandry and way of life. Whereas husbandry was about putting square pegs in square holes, round pegs in round holes, and creating as little friction as possible, technologic "sanders" such as antibiotics, vaccines, and air handling systems allowed us to force square pegs into round holes profitably. The huge costs were to animal welfare.

"Get big or get out" went the new mantra, and university departments of animal husbandry changed their names to animal science. One of my agricultural colleagues called this frank disavowal of traditional ethics "the worst thing that ever happened to my department."

What had been a symbolic contract was transformed into patent exploitation. In industrialized confinement agriculture, animals can no longer express their biological or psychological natures. Sows, 600-pound, highly intelligent animals, are kept in crates two feet by three feet by seven feet, with no room to stand, turn, groom themselves or interact, until they display what the industry absurdly calls "vices." Laying hens are kept in tiny cages, sometimes with one bird walking on six others, and are unable to dust-bathe, build nests, or escape cannibalism. Dairy cattle are kept confined or tied. And so on.

Without environments suiting their natures, confined animals are plagued by new diseases either nonexistent or unimportant under husbandry, including liver abscesses in feedlot cattle caused by low roughage diet.

Attention given individual animals has vanished under the replacement of labor by capital and with the tiny profit margin per animal. An excellent – and depressing – example of this phenomenon was submitted to my monthly ethics column in the Canadian Veterinary Journal:

"You [as a veterinarian] are called to a 500-sow farrow-to-finish swine operation to examine a problem with vaginal discharge in sows. There are three full-time employees and one manager overseeing approximately 5,000 animals. As you examine

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several sows in the crated gestation until, you notice one with a hind leg at an unusual angle and inquire about her status. You are told, "She broke her leg yesterday and she's due to farrow next week. We'll let her farrow in here, and then we'll shoot her and foster off her pigs." Is it ethically correct to leave the sow with a broken leg for a week while you await her farrowing?"

I spoke to the veterinarian who had experienced this. When he offered to splint the leg at cost, he was told that the operation could not afford the manpower to separate this sow and care for her. It was then that he realized confinement agriculture had gone too far. He had been brought up on a family hog farm, where the animals had names and were provided individual husbandry, and where the injured animal would have been treated or, if not, euthanized immediately.

Finally, workers who know, understand, and care about animals, who are, in the words of one of my agriculturalist friends, "animal smart," have been replaced by underpaid, inexperienced, and, in many cases, uncaring workers with no real feeling for animals. As the same friend put it, whatever intelligence exists is in the system's mechanization, not in the workers, despite that human-animal interaction has been shown to be a major factor in both animal welfare and animal productivity.

Western cow-calf ranchers are the last significant group of husbandry agriculturalists in North America. As the president of the Colorado Cattleman's Association once remarked at a seminar on animal welfare, "If I had to raise animals the way the chicken people do, I would get the hell out of the business!" These people have been characterized as romantics because they still worry about husbandry and way of life over maximizing profit. They may well be extinct in a few decades.

I was visiting a number of these ranchers in Colorado and Wyoming during a year that they were seeing a good deal of scours, a diarrhea in calves. I asked them, "How many of you have spent more money treating scours than the calf is worth?" Every one replied in the affirmative. One woman was antagonized by the question. "So what?" she snapped. "That's what we do!" One man told me that this was "part of my bargain with the animals."

At another encounter with cattle producers, one man coughed severely throughout my talk. As I explained



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the notion of husbandry and the good shepherd, he nodded vigorously. I asked him why. "Hear my coughin'?" he replied. "Well, last January a young calf fell through the ice in my pond. I jumped right in after her. She's fine, but I got pneumonia and chronic bronchitis!"

In contrast, one of my colleagues in animal science told me the following story about his son-in-law. The young man had gone to work for a confinement swine operation. One day he found sickness in the barn of the feeder pigs. Having grown up with pig husbandry, he was familiar with the disease and how to treat it. He approached his boss for permission to do so.

"We don't treat sick animals," he was told. "We kill them by knocking them over the head with a crowbar."

Appalled, he disregarded policy, purchased the relevant medication with his own money, and came in on his own time to treat the animals, which were cured. When he told his boss, the response was, "You're fired!" — although when he could prove he had spent his own time and money, he was able to keep his job with a reprimand and warning. Within a year, he had left agriculture altogether and become an electrician, commenting to his father-in-law, "This is not agriculture."

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We have, in essence, turned our backs on our contract with agricultural animals. We have bred them to depend on us, and we are dishonoring that dependency. The psalmist could not honestly pen the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm today. It would have to read like this:

The Lord is the manager of the Mega Hog

Farms: I shall not fare well.

He leadeth me into small crates:

He maketh me to lie on concrete slats on my own excrement in a space smaller than I am.

He driveth me mad.

We are too busy using technology to assure that animals have productive lives to worry about whether they live decent ones.

> The ADCA wishes to thank Mr. Rollin for the permission to reprint this article from the

November-December 2004 issue of The American Livestock Breeds Conservatory News.

Drawn from the writer's talk to the 2004 North
American Veterinary Conference. Bernard Rollin
is a university distinguished professor at
Colorado State University, where he is a
professor of philosophy, animal sciences and
biomedical science, and serves as the university
biochemist.

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Region 4
Carol Ann Traynor, Director

# Cat Tales

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since I was sitting down to write my ADCA Director's Message for the winter issue of the Bulletin. So....I would like to take this time to invite you to sit down, right now with a cup of hot chocolate, herbal tea or coffee and take a short break with me. Are you sitting down? O.K., feet up, take a sip and take a nice deep relaxing breath. (You'd better be doing this because it's not everyday someone tells you to take a few minutes and relax!)

The show at the Utah State Fair in September and Regional Membership Meeting in October at the Nocks' Ranch were very successful. Putting together a show as well as planning activities for a membership meeting require lots of organization and it is my hope that Region IV can continue to host both annual Regional events in 2005.

Region IV has been reorganized to include the four states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. The reorganization of regions removed Nebraska from Region IV and placed it with Kansas and Oklahoma in Region 6. Debbie Davis of Nathrop, CO continues as our competent and reliable webmaster. With the reorganization of the region, we no longer serve an area of mountains and plains, so encourage everyone in coming up with a new title for the Regional Website.

Judy Nocks generously volunteered to take over our newsletter, *The Lariat*, in the fall. She has been doing a tremendous job in seeing that the regional membership is informed on a timely basis of what's happening within

the region. Contact her with articles and information that is pertinent to the membership in our region.

Sales of Dexter cattle in the region continue to be strong with continued requests for information coming in on a regular basis. I keep a list of animals that I know are available and forward that information to prospective buyers who contact me, but the regional website and/or newsletter remain the best way to advertise cattle you have for sale.

Working on the ADCA Marketing Committee this coming year is an exciting challenge and I welcome any suggestions you might have to improve our strategies. Shaun Lord, Allyn Nelson and I will be putting together a list of suggestions to help the association and you, as an individual, in marketing Dexters.

I encourage you all to make early plans to attend the 2005 AGM in Missouri in June. Send in your registration and make accommodation reservations <u>early</u>. My past experience in attending these events is 'he who hesitates may have problems finding a convenient place to lay his head!'

Well, we've reached the end of my message, but continue reading other *Bulletin* articles and have some more quiet time to finish that beverage. Wishing you and yours a prosperous 2005!

Cat

Carol Ann Traynor, Region 4 Director

## "A STAR IS BORN"

Or could be...

Send your photos in now for the ADCA Spring Bulletin!

E-mail to the editor at Iglover@haywardtechnical.net



Region 5
Allyn Nelson, Director

# Goodbye 2004, Welcome 2005

2004 was an interesting year to say the least. A year (as sometimes happens) that presented us with unexpected events that, at first glance, I feared could seriously damage our Dexter registry. A fear that was soon put to rest by the dedication of the people that have spent many hours of their own time to ensure the continued success of the ADCA.

There is one individual I feel that has been key to this success and that is Chuck Daggett, who has taken the Dexter registry and given the kind of service that other breed registries can only dream of. I believe that the ADCA is stronger than ever and will be the Dexter Registry of Choice.

From a Canadian perspective, 2005 holds the promise that some of the markets for our cattle that closed with the discovery of a cow with BSE may open soon.

A few days have passed since I typed the previous sentence with a feeling of optimism that the worst was behind us and greener pastures awaited us.

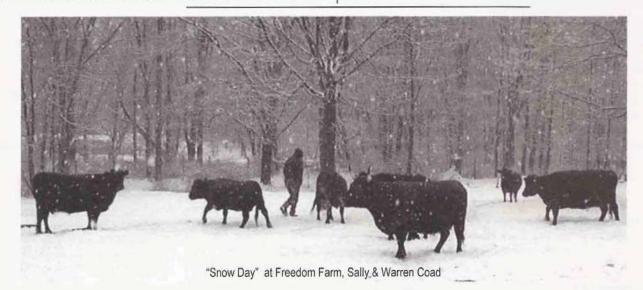
Two more cases of BSE were discovered in the last ten

days here in Alberta and our future in cattle appears a little less rosey. I feel that those of us that raise Dexters are in a better position to weather the storm, as our cows don't fit the regular commercial cow mold and we have learned to market our "little cows" independent of the traditional markets.

At a time when all cattle producers are scrambling to find new markets and different ways of marketing their livestock, Dexter owners already have experience in marketing their animals. We have a natural advantage in that we can distinguish ourselves from other breeds because of our smaller size. The smaller carcass gives smaller cuts of meat (just right for smaller portion sizes) and a side of beef that fits into a small freezer. Our bulls used on first calve heifers ensures a trouble free birth with a calf that's up and looking for that first drink almost before mom's ready to provide it. There are many things that make us unique, which is an advantage when marketing.

I think Dexters will not only survive but will be stronger than ever in the markets that evolve post BSE.

Allyn



Regions 6 & 7 Joanie Storck, Director

# Blessings from the Plains of Kansas

Well it has happened, Region Six has grown too big for it britches. We had to split the region so the members would have equal representation in decision making. We are now two regions...and we welcome two new states to the regions. Nebraska joins Kansas and Oklahoma to be Region 6. Texas and Louisiana join together to make Region 7. Congratulations to all of you that made this happen. If it had not been for effective marketing, this region could not have grown like this. The owners have put the cattle on display at fairs, auctions, parades, shows and most importantly they have welcomed the curious potential owners to their ranches to see them in their natural surroundings.

Members of both regions, please take the time to Vote for your directors. If you don't know anything about the candidates, call them or email them and find out what you need to know about them - they will represent you for the next three years in the Board of Directors meetings.

As we start off on a New Year with a new structure to our organization, we can look back with pride at what we have accomplished and look ahead with the knowledge of our errors as a guiding light. New beginnings have brought us so much to be thankful for.

We have found old friends that are anxious to come back and assist. We have found new talent in the already active and most of all we have found new hope in the future of the ADCA.

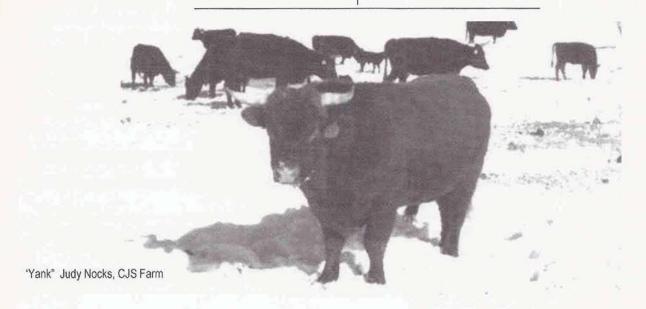
If you are going to be in any of our states in the future, give us a call and drop in. Midwest hospitality is second to none and we welcome you to our ranches to visit about our efficient little bovines.

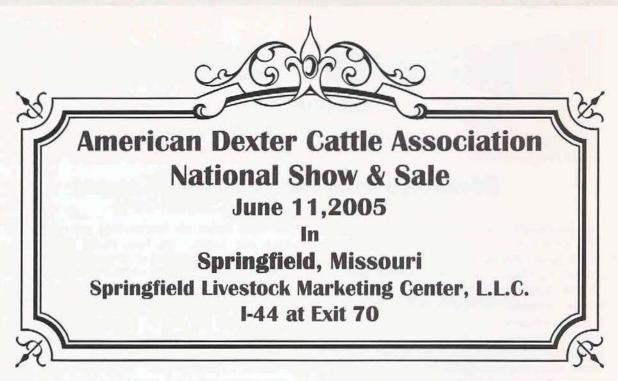
I am looking forward to having the AGM in the south central states again. The central location seems to be conducive to hauling animals to and from all locations in the U.S.

I hope you will plan your summer vacation so you can come to Springfield MO. The entertainment capitol of Branson is only 20 minutes away and the original Bass Pro Shop is right there in Springfield. Oh and there is plenty of shopping available too. Plan on coming this June, it will be great fun - with a great group of people that enjoy the same things...Dexters.

Blessings from the plains of Kansas,

Joanie





The plans are being readied for the National Show & Sale to take place in the early summer but it cannot take place without your involvement!

The following rules and regulations will be enforced for the Show & Sale:

- · All animals brought to the event must be shown
- . No animals will be brought for display purposes only
- Animals may be for Show only, but do not have to be sold
- No steers allowed
- A minimum ratio of 2:1, females to male animals must be met for the sale. You may "buddy-up" with another breeder to make this ratio of 2:1, just register for the show together. This will insure there will be enough cows/heifers to make the Show and Sale a successful event for everyone involved.
- "No sales" will be allowed if the reserve price needed is not met, however, a nominal flat rate fee will be charged \$25 or 5% of last bid, whichever is less.
- No private treaty sales allowed on the grounds before or after the sale.

### Please contact one of the individuals listed below asap with the following information:

- Name, address, email address, phone number
- 2. Tentative plans on whether you would like to:
- Sell animals
- Buy animals
- Show animals only

## For questions, please feel free to contact:

John Foley, jfoley@thearcoftheozarks.org, 417-833-2186 Jim Smith, jsmith@thearcoftheozarks.org, 417-868-8166

# 2005 NATIONAL SHOW AND SALE ENTRY FORM

## PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND COMPLETE ALL BLANKS

Division (Circle One)	Halter Division	F	en Division	
NAME OF OWNER:_				
FARM OR RANCH NA	ME:			
COMPLETE ADDRESS		-1		
ALLECTION OF MANAGEMENT	Street or Rt. & Box	City	State	Zip Code
Email address:				
Phone Number (	)			
Class Regis	stration # Name		Birth Date	Minimum Acceptable Price
vehicle or other articles harmless the ACDA, Spri persons in charge of suc	nall be occasioned by loss occu that I may send with such lives ngfield Livestock Marketing Ce th livestock and to repay to the claim or demand. I also agree	tock, I will mak enter, L.L.C. or a above mentior	e no claim therefore; any claims or demand ned groups on demar	and I further agree to hold ds of any negligence of
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For Complete ADCA 2005 Show and Sale Rules and Regulations, please visit our website at: www.dextercattle.org

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Entry Form

If you have cattle in 2 Divisions (Halter and Pen) please complete a separate entry form for each division. If in halter class, then animal must be halter broke.

A \$25 entry fee per animal is charged for both show and sale animals.

Sale fee is 5% of sale price. If no sale, then fee is \$25 or 5% of last bid, whichever is less.

All animals must have a legible tattoo, or have a permanent metal ear tag, a registration number or calfhood vaccination # (for females) is acceptable. The number must appear on health papers.

Each animal must have a separate health paper attached to the original registration paper at the time of check-in and unloading. These papers (registration and health) must be given to staff checking-in animals.

The numbers mentioned above will be checked at the time of check-in and animals without proper permanent numbers will not be accepted or allowed to unload.

#### Please Note:

- 1. Sellers will pay a 5% commission plus transfer fee on every animal sold.
- 2. Sellers settlement date will be approximately 2 weeks after verification of buyer's check clearing the bank.

### **CLASS TITLES**

### All ages are to be as of 6/11/2005

Class Number	Description
1	Heifer calf less than 6 months of age
2	Heifer calf 6 months to one year
3	Yearling heifer
4	Young cow two to four years of age
5	Mature cow over four years of age
6	Cow/calf pair
8	Bull calf less than 6 months of age
9	Bull calf 6 months to one year
10	Yearling bull
11	Mature bull

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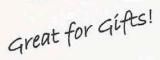
#### HATS

Assorted Colors With ADCA Logo \$8.00

# ADCA promotional Items

ADCA
MEMBER DECALS

3x3 White with
Black Print
Inside Window
Or Outside
Window Application
\$1.00



### **DENIM SHIRTS**

Embroidered Dexter Head Logo Red or Black Head\*\*

Made by Wrangler™

Sizes: SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL\*

Short Sleeved (faded blue) \$25.00 With your Farm Name \$30.00

Long Sleeved (dark blue) \$28.00 With your Farm Name \$33.00

\*additional \$2.00 charge for XXL \*\*\*Please specify Red or Blue Head

### **KOOZIES**

Green with White ADCA Logo
Holds 12 oz beverage can
\$1.50
\$3.00 shipping\*

\*No additional charge to ship Koozies when added to shirt order.

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### T-SHIRTS

Full Dexter Head Logo

Ash Gray with Black Logo

Small Dexter Head Logo (upper left front) Light Gray with Forest Green Logo

All Fruit-of-the Loom<sup>™</sup> 5.6 oz. 50/50 blend Sizes: SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL\* \$10.00

\*additional \$2.00 charge for XXL

### **SWEATSHIRTS**

Full Dexter Head Logo
Ash Gray with Black Logo
Fruit-of-the Loom™
Medium Weight, 90/10 blend
Sizes: SM, MED, LG, XL, XXL\*

CREW NECK \$20.00 HOODED \$25.00

\*additional \$2.00 charge for XXL

#### SHIPPING

1 to 3 items \$5.00 4 to 8 items \$8.00 9 to 12 items \$12.00

13 to 17 items \$17.00

Please make checks or money orders to **ADCA**. Payment must accompany order.

Prices do not include shipping charges.

### Send to:

Robert Seddon 775 Spring Road Mineral, VA 23117 540-894-5571 robert5721@firstva.com

Regions 8 & 15 Sally Coad, Director

# Seasons Greetings!



Here in North Carolina it is only fitting that, after a summer riddled with hurricanes, we enjoy sunny 70 degree weather on New Year's Day. It has been a very busy time behind the scenes at the ADCA, most of which I am sure will be highlighted in this issue of the bulletin. There is a new venue for the AGM this summer so that perhaps the summer travel won't be so hazardous for you or your stock.., redistricting of some of the regions.., nominations, elections and such. It is a busy time. Stack on top of that the holiday season and it is no wonder that this bulletin with a brand new editor, no less, is a bit late.

On a personal and serious note I want to remind people with farm ponds how potentially hazardous such a pond may be. We went away for the holiday to deliver a "Christmas" heifer and to spend time with our families in New England. While we were gone we had a full time caretaker stay at our place (mostly for our spoiled brat dogs rather than our reasonably self sufficient Dexters), and the unthinkable happened. We came back home not only to broken water pipes but a drowned steer in the middle of our pond. Obviously the latter being the more devastating of the two dilemmas. We are not sure of the

circumstances.., but do know, once we pulled the steer for a proper burial.., that there were no wounds, no weeds wrapped around his legs.., no mud caked legs, simply a drowned steer.

We have now closed off our pond lot and will open it only in emergencies when, for some reason, we are out of water and until we have the funds to drain it and excavate it so that easy exits can be made from anywhere in the water (half of the pond is VERY shallow and evidently half of the pond is fairly deep). Please learn from our mistakes and monitor your ponds and water courses appropriately.

Also for the first time ever, we had our first premature calf born. Luckily we happened to have North Carolina State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital here at the farm vaccinating our 60 head of Dexters on the day the calf was born. After tube feeding it synthetic colostrum.., the calf is fine – it took a week for the calf to act like a 2 day old.., but now at over 2 months old.., he is as spunky and mischievous as any young bull calf should be! We attribute the early delivery to a stressful trailer ride from the person we bought the dam from ..., but though she was not due for at least 2 or 3 months. The calf it turns out, according to his body condition was only a couple to a few weeks early.

We also had the first incident of a first time heifer not accepting or having milk for her calf. In fact as the calf literally shot out of one end the heifer ran as fast as she could to the other end of the pasture..., terrified of what had just happened! That calf was taken inside for the cold damp night and bottled but returned to his dam the next day. Not overly motherly..., but not aggressive the calf stayed on a bottle and with the dam. Two weeks on a bottle and it was clear that the dam was slowly but surely starting to let the calf drink and by the end of the two weeks the calf was completely off the bottle and doted over by his dam.

The lesson in this? Be patient. Especially with first time heifers. The best place for a calf is with their dam and if at all possible this should be facilitated if it is not a threat to the calf. Amazingly these two "difficult" calves were by a mother-daughter pair that we recently purchased. It

will be interesting to see how next season turns out for them.

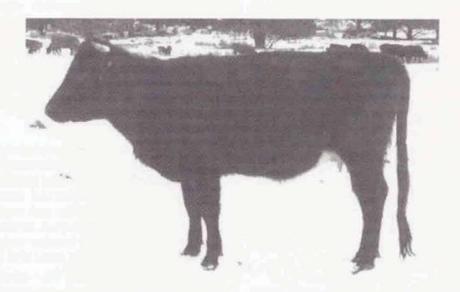
I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and Dexter filled 2005 and remind you to get involved in this organization. It is reliant on members like you and needs your support and input to make it the best organization it can be.., the organization YOU want it to be!

Gotta Love the South in the "Winter Time" so sunny you need a hat and the cattle are still grazing on semi-green grasses!

Sally Coad Interim Region 8 & Interim Region 15 Director



# 2005 AGM FUND RAISING



This Black Dexter Female "Denna" (born 3/3/03) will be offered at the Annual Meeting in Springfield, Missouri as a fund raiser for the ADCA.

(Donated by Thomas' Dexters, Antelope, Oregon)

Also "highlighting" the fund raising events at the 2005 AGM is a hand-quilted Queen Size Amish Quilt from the oldest New York State Amish community.

Watch for more pictures in the Spring Bulletin!

The traditional "White Elephant Sale" will be held so please bring your donation of unusual or interesting items from your area to be auctioned.

# Region 9 Robert Seddon, Interim Director

# Dear ADCA Members,

This letter concerns the special election for the director of the ADCA's new Region 9 left open by the resignation of Mark C. Muir at this year's AGM in Pennsylvania. Thanks go to Shaun Lord who has been filling that position on an interim basis. As this term is in its last year, and to avoid re-scheduling of all of the elections to maintain a balance of active directors on the board, I have been appointed as the Region 9 director until the scheduled election in November of 2005. At that time I will also run for the elected position.

I have owned Dexters since moving to Mineral, Virginia, in 1999, and have 20+ head at this time; I have been a member of the ADCA since 1999. Previously I had English Red Holsteins and Jerseys on my farm in Northfield, Vermont, for 15 years, so I have some knowledge of farming, cattle production and bloodlines. My interest in running for this position is that I want to see the ADCA become a frontrunner organization in the cattle world. We have a winning team here in the ADCA, and I want to be a part of making it better than it has been, so that all may benefit.

There are many ways that Region 9 can be made better for all members, including a quarterly newsletter and possibly a Region 9 website so that communication to and among members could improve. I have a web address for this site, <a href="www.adcaregion9.org">www.adcaregion9.org</a> and will try to get the site up and going as soon as is possible. Expect a notice on the ADCA website <a href="www.dextercattle.org">www.dextercattle.org</a> soon about it going active. There will be a message board as well as space for advertising what you have for sale or what it is you are looking for, all free to Region 9 members. I will personally cover the cost of the site itself, its upkeep and the cost of having it hosted on a web server.

We could host more meetings in different parts of the region so that all get a chance to attend at least one over the course of a year. I also will remain open to suggestions from any member of the region and ask only for input from all.

As an organization, we need to pull the flush handle on

all of this past conflict in the ADCA and begin to move forward. Together, let's figure out where we want to be in five years and begin to formulate a plan of how to get there in three years. I will need the talent and expertise of all within the region to carry this out and will gratefully accept any offers to volunteer and opinions/information/donations offered to this end.

I am asking for your support in this position as I believe that I can give you fair and just representation of your goals and concerns on the Board of Directors, but I DO NEED YOUR VOICE AND INPUT to carry this objective out.

I am asking for suggestions as to places to hold meetings this year. If you have an event near you that would be appropriate for this, please let me know by letter or email or phone at the addresses below. We need to pick some FAST so that arrangements can be made and the word gotten out so that ADCA members can attend.

Also, I want to hear what your concerns are with the ADCA, and whatever suggestions that you may have to make the ADCA more user friendly and of service to you.

Please feel free to contact me, call, email or write any time—now and in the future.



Many , Many thanks, Robert Seddon, Olde Towne Farm

# Director's Message

#### Region 10 John Potter, Director

The heavy rain on Saturday, October 23rd, didn't dampen the spirits of members of Region 10 as they gathered on the farm of Jerry and Linda Rininger near Mattawan, Michigan for a potluck dinner and meeting. We were pleased to welcome a special guest from Region 11, Carol Koller, who drove from New York to join us for our event.

Helen Sill, DVM, the Riningers' veterinarian, gave a helpful, hands-on presentation about the care of cattle. Her presentation covered management issues such as winter feeding and nutrition and included a demonstration of handling cattle and giving them shots. After Dr. Sill's presentation, we discussed the events of the 2004 AGM in Pennsylvania and the plans for the 2005 AGM.

Later in the afternoon the weather cleared so that Lee and Roberta Wieringa were able to demonstrate handling and showing cattle using two very handsome bulls which they had brought from their farm near Middleville, Michigan. Every year Lee and Roberta spend a great deal of time showing their animals and promoting Dexters, and everyone enjoyed their presentation in the show ring that Jerry and Linda had set up.

My sincere thanks go to Jerry and Linda for their generosity and hospitality in hosting the meeting, to Dr.

Sill for taking time out of her busy schedule to give her presentation, to Lee and Roberta for their excellent demonstration, and to everyone who attended the meeting.

Please send your ideas to me (<u>ipotter@remc11.k12.mi.us</u>) for this year's autumn meeting. It is also time to start thinking about nominations for our next regional director since my term as director expires in November.

I encourage all members of Region 10 to check the ADCA website (<a href="www.dextercattle.org">www.dextercattle.org</a>) frequently for news and information. Be sure to take advantage of the information that is available in the On-Line Registry (OLR) on the website. Chuck Daggett, our Registrar, processes the registrations and transfers as soon as he receives them, and he posts the information immediately on the OLR

I hope that all of you, and your animals, survive the floods, snowstorms, and other weather challenges and have a very successful 2005 calving season.

John Potter Director, Region 10



Antonia and her polled bull calf are in the front, and Bele and her horned bull calf are in the back.

Leggy little buggers, aren't they?

#### 2005 Classification

#### By Tom Gray, ADCA Classification Committee

I was asked to head up the classification for the ADCA in October. Since that time I have had many questions and comments about classification so I will try to answer some of them here so everyone will have an idea as to what classification is.

The most asked question is what is classification and why should I have it done. Classification is the evaluation of your cattle using a score card to rate certain traits. These are then given a value with then is calculated to a numerical score which gives an idea where your animals compare to the average. This is done by a third impartial party so that there should be no bias. The information is kept by the organization for reference to see where the problems lie within the breed.

For the individual, it is a tool to see the faults in their animals and to correct those faults with the right type of matings. If the female has an udder problem, in that she has poor udder attachment which allows the udder to become pendulous, you can then breed to a bull which will correct that problem in the offspring within a couple of generations. The alternative is to sell the animal to slaughter then buy an animal without the defect.

When used as a breeding tool and an evaluation of the animals, it can be a very useful addition to your decision to better your animals and the Dexter breed as a whole.

For additional information regarding classification, please visit our website at: www.dextercattle.org

#### **Regional Realignment**



After several months of working closely with members in the regions and with the regional directors, the Board of Directors voted unanimously the following changes to the structure of the regions. It is our sincere desire that these changes will be an asset by way of the officers and directors' service to you, the members of the ADCA. Please review the map and if you have any questions contact: Joanie Storck, Chairman or Chris Ricard.

#### **2005 TYPE CLASSIFICATION TOURS**

Tour Dates	Days	Area	Send App By	App Due	Send for Herd Inv	# Apps Sent 2004 / 2005	Last Classifier	2005 Classifier
*Jan	8/5	KY, TN	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		LJ	G
	10/8	IN	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		SM	BS
	10/6	IL	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		BM, LJ	G
Jan	7	AL,FL,GA,LA,MS,NC,SC	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 10		GH	G
*Feb	20/12	ОН	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		JM	BS
	6/2	MI	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		LJ	G
Feb	4	AZ, NM	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 10		-	G
Mar	40/26	WI	Dec 15	Jan 15	Feb 10		All	All
April	19/10	AR, KS, MO, NE	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 10		SM	BS
May	18/10	IA	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 10		LJ,TA,BM	G
	28/12	MN, ND, SD	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 10		JM, SJ	BS
June	11/5	CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 10		JM	BS
	17/10	NY	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 10		JM	BS
July	24/16	PA, NJ	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 10		RG,BR,LJ	G
	12/6	DE, MD, VA, WVA	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 10		JM .	BS
Aug	14/8	OR, WA	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15		GH	G
	4/2	ID, UT	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 10		JL	G
Aug	3	CO, WY, MT	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 10		JL	G
Sept	8/4	ок, тх	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 10		GH	BS
	10/7	CA, NV	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 10		JM	BS
Oct	8/5	KY, TN	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 10		G	BS
	10/8	IN	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 10		BS	G
	10/6	IL	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 10		G	BS
Nov	20/12	он	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 10		BS	G
	6/2	MI	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 10		G	BS
*Dec	40/26	WI	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 10		All	All

<sup>\* =</sup> additional mini-tours

Bold Italic = 12 month rotation tours

Cla	ssifie	rs	No.	City	Cla	ssifie	rs	No.	City
1	BS	George Harris	056	New Milford, CT	8	BS	Russ Giesy	144	Leesburg, FL
2	BS	Bernard Monson	092	Gowrie, IA	9	BS	Bob Reuter		Modesto, CA
3	BS	Leonard Johnson	114	Edgerton, WI	10	G	John Batchelder	071	Orland, CA
4	BS	Roger Neitzel	117	Beloit, WI	11	G	Seth Johnson	112	Reynoldsburg, OH
5	BS	Jerry Luttropp	136	Berlin, WI	12	G	Bill Wachtel	119	Big Prairie, OH
6	BS	David Kendall	137	Beloit, WI	13	G	Steve Mills	139	Saluda, SC
7	BS	Tom Agnew	143	Oconomowoc, WI	14	G	Josey Morris	142	Reynoldsburg, OH

# Director's Message

Region 11 Shaun Ann Lord, Director

### News from Region 11

Winter has been a season of wildly fluctuating temperature changes- just when I think mud season has ended a warming trend brings rain. The Dexters look glum- especially those kept on the outskirts of the herd due to whatever cow injustice they have committed. Last winter, one of the old cows, a boss for years, was ostracized by her herd. She was banished to the other side of the creek that runs behind the barnyard. Even her daughters and granddaughters participated in sending her off. This winter I brought her into the barn, in a box stall, so I am sure she gets her share of hay, grain, and has shelter. She's miffed over being removed from the herd, but I know she'll be in better condition for calving in late spring.

There are "special case" Dexters here on the farms, as I am sure some of you also deal with them. Lately, two old, arthritic cows, and two very timid young cows are driven to the outer circles of the herd. In extreme heat or cold, I have to stay on top of where the "special cases" are, and how they are managing. This winter, both old cows are in box stalls and the timid ones are holding their own. Some beef producer friends ask why I bother with old cows- I always thought after years of raising calves and never giving me any trouble, the old girls deserve extra TLC. Besides, their personalities still amaze and amuse me, they continue to remind me that I don't know much concerning how complex and self contained they are.

As you have read in this Bulletin, lots of activity is going on in the ADCA. Hopefully, some of you in Region 11 are planning to attend the 2005 AGM in Missouri.

As a member of the Marketing Committee, I've been looking into ways to better market Dexters. The Committee is preparing a questionnaire which will be

inserted into the Spring Bulletin issue, which will help us better understand how the membership regards marketing as it pertains to them on an individual basis. We would like to know how you expect the ADCA to help with marketing, either on a Regional or National level.

As we all know, there is great diversity among Dexter owners. What works, and what we do in one area, doesn't necessarily apply in another Region when it comes to buying and selling Dexters. We can't focus on just one type of buyer.

Please take time to review the marketing questionnaire and respond, your input is needed so we can implement programs and policy promoting our Dexters.

One area which needs membership input is Youth Programs. The ADCA would like to support and acknowledge youngsters working with their Dexters, either showing their animals at the fair or demonstrating working oxen.

If you have experience working with youth in livestock programs, please consider contacting Carol Ann Traynor (Region 4 Director), Allyn Nelson (Region 5 Director) or me, with your suggestions. We would like photos and a write up for our Bulletins regarding kids with Dexters.

Establishing a Charitable and/or Educational Fund is in the works, which will tie in with Youth Programs.

As always, any questions, concerns, or input, please be in contact.

Shaun Ann Lord Director, Region 11

# Director's Message

#### Region 12 Rick Seydel, Director

### Greetings Region 12

The holiday season has come and passed with great memories that I'll once again cherish. We had a new arrival to our herd just before Christmas so I guess I can't claim the first Dexter calf of 2005. I never checked, but don't think presents or gifts are awarded to the proud owners of the New Year's first calf. It would be fun to see pictures of all the Dexter calves born on January 1, 2005.

We are getting ready for the first severe winter storm of the year. Our weather forecasters are predicting a foot of

snow or better. Guess we can be thankful we have only received 3" of snow up until this point of time.

Greetings to the members of the "New" Region 12. A committee was formed last fall to reorganize the Regions to better serve the members. Some Regions had become so large that it was virtually impossible for a director to travel around the region and meet the members. Due to this reorganization, the Region 13" is now Region 12. The ADCA website has a very nice map that outlines the new regions.

Winter in Iowa. "Timberview Dexter's" Rick & Macheal Seydel

Since our last bulletin, many positive changes have been made within the ADCA. Our new Registrar, Chuck Daggett, has done such a great job of redesigning the ADCA website and completing the on-line pedigree. Chuck also updates the website weekly and is always asking for Dexter pictures to place on the webpage. I hope everyone takes advantage of this very valuable website and spends some time seeing what all it contains. It is also a great place to advertise cattle for

sale. I have one more feather to place in Chuck's hat -I have received many compliments concerning the turn around time when you send registration papers to him. My sincere thanks goes out to Mr. Daggett for all his hard work to keep the ADCA as strong now as it ever has been.

Another important item on the ADCA website is the 2005 AGM. It is also printed in this issue of the Bulletin. The AGM has been changed from Louisiana to Springfield, Missouri. The 2005 ADCA/AGM will be held at the

Springfield Livestock Marketing Center located at I-44 at Exit 70. The dates are June 10, 11, and 12. The Springfield facility is fabulous and there are a lot of people working to make this an AGM to remember. We are predicting a very large number of animals for the show and sale. I hope Region 12 will be well represented at this event. It is a great way to meet other people who share the same enthusiasm for this special breed of cattle.

With this issue, we will observe the talents of our Welcome to the ADCA staff

new editor, Lucy Glover. Lucy.

I enjoy hearing from members of my Region, so if any of you have any questions, problems or concerns, or just want to chat, please give me a call.

> Best wishes, Rick Seydel Director, Region 12

#### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes American Dexter Cattle Association July 18, 2004 Meadville, Pennsylvania

Present: Sally Coad, Carol Davidson (as proxy for Richard Gradwohl), John Foley, Shaun Lord, John Potter, Rick Seydel, Kathy Smith, Joanie Storck, Sandi Thomas, Carol Ann Traynor, and John Foley as Proxy for Pat Mitchell; IPP.

Absent: Stan Cass, Rosemary Fleharty, Donna Martin, Mark Muir, Allyn Nelson, Wes Patton, Terry Parsons, and Keith Wertz.

With the absence of the President and Vice President, and in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Secretary Sandi Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., at the Days Inn in Meadeville PA. (RRO (10th Ed) 443 (145) [23-25] P. 437, 1. 13-25)

Notice of the scheduled 8-a.m. time and location was given to the Officers and Directors in advance

It was moved (Shaun Lord) seconded (Sally Coad) and approved that Carol Ann Traynor be elected as Chair of this Meeting.

It was moved (John Foley) seconded (John Potter) that the Minutes of the 2003 Board of Directors Meeting be approved as read.

The Minutes of the January 17, 2004 Telephone Conference were read. It was moved by (John Foley) and seconded by (John Potter) to accept these minutes. Voted and approved.

The Board acknowledged the arrival of President Kathleen Smith and offered her the Chair. She refused and requested we continue the meeting.

James Smith requested the resignation letters she read at last night's continuance of the Annual General Meeting. She read the letters again, including her own as a member of the American Dexter Cattle Association. She clarified she had no intention of serving as the Immediate Past President of the ADCA.

Kathleen submitted checks for the Video Show from Freedom Farms, \$230, Charles Barnes \$20, Richard Clark, \$20, and Chris Ricard \$30.

It was moved (John Potter) seconded (John Foley) and approved with 1 abstention, that we deviate from our Agenda to go to items very pertinent and necessary due to out time constraints.

It was moved (John Potter) seconded (Sandi Thomas) and approved to accept and add to our Rules & Regulations, the inclusion of the use of telephonic and electronic (including email) communication and voting as a method of conducting ADCA business.

The Board agreed by consensus to meet in closed session for the election of Officers.

Carol Ann Traynor reopened the meeting and she called for the final tabulation for the election, the announcement was made of the following actions:

President - Chris Ricard; Vice President - Tom Gray; Secretary - Bonnie Boudreau; Treasurer - James Smith; Registrar/Webmaster - Chuck Daggett; Editor - Patrice Lewis.

The President accepted the Chair.

It was moved (John Foley) seconded (Carol Ann Traynor) and approved that the ADCA formally accept Roberts Rules of Order for conducting business.

It was moved (Rick Seydel) seconded (Joanie Storck) and approved that Robert Seddon be appointed as the ADCA Parliamentarian Advisor.

It was agreed by consensus that a review of Regions be done to provide representation to those Regions now vacated by Director resignations. The following assignments were made:

Bill Depew appointed to represent Region 7; Sally Coad appointed to represent Region 8; Region 9 align with Region 2; Region 10 align with Region 11; Region 12 align with Region 11; and Region 15 align with Region 8. Elections will be called for members to vote for their respective Regional Director representation this fall.

Review of Committees- Advertising- Sally Coad, Robert Seddon. Classification - Tabled. Genetics/Science-John Potter, Chair, Bob Martin, Sandi Thomas, Anthony Bauer. Finance- John Foley, Chair, James Smith. Special Funding- Tabled. Website/ Technology- Chuck Daggett, Robert Seddon, John Potter. Promotional Items- Shaun Lord, Chair, Sally Coad, Joanie Storck, Gale Seddon. R&R and By Laws- Carol Davidson, Chair, Nathan Fleming, Carol Ann Traynor, Buford Kanatzar. Redistricting- Joanie Storck, Chair. AGM/Show & Sale- Pat Mitchell, Chair, Joanie Storck, Roger Lein, Bill Werner. Pedigree Research Committee- Sandi Thomas, Chair.

Marketing- Carol Ann Traynor, Shaun Lord, Tom Gray. World Congress- Dexters International Representative-Carol Davidson.

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It was moved (James Smith) seconded (John Potter) and approved that a resolution letter for banking needs be compiled with the signatures of President Chris Ricard and Treasurer James Smith indicated be recorded on our ADCA accounts. Said letter was read and accepted.

It was moved (Rick Seydel) seconded (Sally Coad) and approved to find a new Delaware agent for the Corporation, within the next 28 days.

It was moved (Rick Seydel) seconded (John Foley) and approved that a letter to the membership be compiled as soon as possible to inform them that the ADCA and the ADCA Registry continues operation.

It was moved (Carol Davidson) seconded (Shaun Lord) and approved that the maintenance of the membership list be one of the duties of the Registrar.

It was moved (John Potter) seconded (Shaun Lord) and approved unanimously that Carol Davidson be appointed the World Congress Committee Delegate from the U.S. to replace Jim Johnson.

It was moved (John Potter) seconded (Shaun Lord) and approved unanimously that we accept all Board, Member, Officer, and Staff resignations received by the Board, including but not limited to the following:

Rosemary Fleharty, Dean Fleharty, Donna Martin, Mark Muir, Terry Parsons, Wes Patton, Kathleen Smith, and Keith Wertz.

It was moved (Rick Seydel) seconded (Sally Coad) and approved unanimously that Region 6 send in half of the White Elephant Sale proceeds from the 2003 AGM.

Sandi Thomas asked to express the Boards thanks to the Muirs, and all of those assisting, for all their hard work in hosting this years National ADCA Meeting Show and Sale.

It was moved (Rick Seydel) seconded (John Foley) and approved to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by, Sandi Thomas, ADCA Secretary

#### ADCA Special Meeting Lebanon, Missouri June 5, 2004

#### Directors present at meeting

Region No.1, John Foley

Region No.2, Sandi Thomas

Region No.4, Carol Ann Traynor

Region No.6, Joanie Storck

Region No.11, Shaun Ann Lord

Region No.12, Sally Coad

Region No.13, Rick Seydel

Region No.15, Terry Parsons

#### Directors not present and voting by Proxy

Region No.3

Richard Gradwohl (Proxy Sandi Thomas or Joanie Stork)

Region No.5

Allyn Nelson (Proxy Bill Werner)

Region No.7

Keith Wertz (Proxy Joe Gemma)

Region No.8

Donna Martin (Proxy Roger Shaw)

Region No.9

Wes Patton (Proxy Kathleen Smith, Rosemary Fleharty)

Region No.10

Mark Muir (Proxy)

Region No.14

John Potter (Proxy Sandi Thomas or Joanie Stork)

Officers present at meeting

ADCA President, Kathy Smith Immediate Past President, Pat Mitchell Secretary Treasurer, Rosemary Fleharty

Officers not present at meeting

Vice President, Stan Cass

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(Minutes to this point were taken by Rosemary Fleharty, and have not been made available.)

Kathleen requested questions from the floor. The first was "what is the financial impact of dividing the job into three parts?" No answer was given.

The second question was "What is the compelling reason to have this meeting?" Kathleen asked for a Director to respond. Shaun Lord of Region 11 addressed the question and stated because we (the Directors) were told by the President on February 22 that our Secretary/Treasurer/Registrar had quit and we were in chaos without a backup plan implemented for the positions, or for the protection of the Registry.

Kathleen said 'yes' she did call everybody and told them Rosemary was quitting. It was a lose-lose situation that day, when Rosemary told one Director she was quitting, "I had to call the other Directors to tell them she quit."

The meeting proceeded to the Agenda:

Point 1: Accept Pat Mitchell as IPP. Passed

Point 2: Review and ratify previous voting conducted by email: a) Acceptance of the use of DNA Genotyping in place of Blood typing b)Acceptance of the Rules and Regulations.

Passed

Point No.3 on Agenda was Sandi Thomas as acting Secretary until AGM elections in July Motion by John Foley 2<sup>nd</sup> Rick Seydel

- Kathy asked about qualifications for job of Secretary.
- Sandi said that she was only filling the position vacated by Rosemary as an interim until AGM in July when elections could be held.
- Kathy asked if this was effective immediately. Answer was yes.
- John was asked to amend the motion to be effective immediately.
- Terry Parsons asked if this would be a salary position due to the fact that she could not hold a salary position and be a director at the same time.
- Sandi said no not to her knowledge she did not expect to be paid and that current directors hold salary positions and have done so in the past.

- Carol Ann read the duties of the ADCA Secretary and asked Sandi if she could do these duties.
- Kathy asked about recent computer problems and Sandi said that it was a minor problem and we all have some issues with computers at some point.
- Pat Mitchell commented that this should not be an open vote due to its being a personnel issue.
- Vote was done as secret ballot and counted by Richard Henry and Justin Parsons.
- Vote count 10 Yes 6 No
- Motion Carries

Point No.4 on Agenda was to appoint Jim Smith as acting Treasurer until AGM elections in July
Motion made by John Foley 2nd Rick Seydel

- Jim Smith was introduced and Kathy read the duties for the job.
- Kathy asked about qualifications that he had for this position.
- Kathy asked what he expected to get paid for this job. Jim said that he was asked only to fill the position vacated by Rosemary as an interim until AGM in July when elections could be held.
- Jim went thru his qualifications has been a CPA or 25+ years including Vice President of Finance and controller for several companies.
- Vote was done by secret ballot.
- 12 Yes 3 No 1 abstention

Point No. 5 on Agenda was to appoint Anthony Bauer as acting Registrar until AGM elections in July Motion made by John Foley for Rosemary to keep the registry until July AGM elections.

- Sandi asked if Rosemary would accept the temporary registrar position. She said that she would but it would be difficult.
- Rosemary asked about the fact of having money in different bank account in different places.
- Sandi asked if that is currently not taking place with Mark Muir and the promotional items that he is selling, and with the Editor and Ad monies.
- It was asked who would handle the money and it was stated that it would not be Rosemary as she would be the Registrar only.
- Rosemary was worried about the depositing of the money and what is going to happen when she needs to order items.
- Kathy confirmed to Rosemary before voting that she would now be the Registrar because she had officially quit being the Registrar. Rosemary said OK go ahead.
- Kathy confirmed the vote would be a: Yes keep her

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and No she would be gone.

- Vote was done by secret ballot.
- 16 Yes none No. The motion passed.
- John asked Rosemary to do her "level best " to work with the others. If she needed an office budget to let us know what she needs to do the job as Registrar.
- John stated that we need financial controls because we are getting too large.
- Rick stated that Rosemary is doing a great job and has the support, but we had no back-up and that was his main concern when he was told she had resigned. He is still concerned.
- Dean stated that Brown Swiss would not take the registry because of the instability. Dean stated that the ADCA is not a real breed association and we have not learned how to be one yet.
- John asked for someone to audit the records of the ADCA
- Kathy was told by an attorney that it would be a very formal situation and that papers would have be drawn up like "Hold Harmless" papers and sorting.
- Dean said the CPA is working on the books for last year and the books could not be completed because a 990 needed to be filed.
- Rick asked about what the back-up plan should anything happen to Rosemary.
- Kathy stated that a copy of the registry was just sent to the Brown Swiss.
- Kathy wanted to go on record that she felt this was a poor decision and that all 3 positions should have stayed with Rosemary.
- Pat Mitchell asked if it was directed by the board to send these records to the Brown Swiss.
- Kathy said we might need to look at the Minutes; that those in the Bulletin were not complete but she has another copy.
- Joanie read from the minutes and it said nothing about sending the back-up records to the Brown Swiss and that they would act as a consultant and we would continue to look into other recourses.
- Carol Ann read email from Rosemary about the backup copy of the registry and said that she (Rosemary) had bought software herself and forwarded it on to the Brown Swiss group as the back up could not be read by anything that they run.
- John Foley asked that Chuck Daggett be sent a copy of the registry.

Point No. 6 on Agenda was ADCA office to transfer records and properties to the appointees and the Board will determine a reasonable time for the audits of the records.

Motion made by John Foley, seconded by Sally Coad

- Kathleen said the motion was too loose.
- Rosemary stated that she was told that every piece
  of paper in every folder would have to be counted
  and every program on the computer would need to
  be printed out. This was told to her by lawyers in
  Delaware.
- Carol Ann asked about transferring just the current year. The finances are at the CPA for last year, so can we just have this year for now.
- Dean commented that it is going to be very hard to sort and felt we should just leave the motion as John moved. We will need to take some time to figure it out.
- Roll call vote 12 Yes 4 No, the motion passed.
- Joanie made a motion that we reverse the order of items B and C to facilitate the adjournment to Executive Session. Seconded by Sandi
- Roll call vote 11 Yes 5 No. Passed

The next item is to Discuss and Act on the use of telephonic and electronic communication.

John Foley suggested we appoint a committee to research putting something in place at the AGM. Sandi read the By-Law inclusion of the use of email contact. Pat Mitchell stated we had used email in the past to vote on issues in good faith. Clarification is necessary to do business. Repeated as a motion, Carol Ann seconded the motion.

Roll call vote was taken 14 Yes 1 No 1 Abstention. Passed

Kathleen appointed the following committee:

Chuck Daggett - Chair

Sally Coad

Bob Seddon

Pat Mitchell

The last item on the Agenda is to Discuss and act on personnel issues regarding staff/officers. The Board retired to Executive Session.

We reconvened and Pat Mitchell made the Motion that the Board direct the President, as part of the healing process, to write a letter of apology to John Potter. Sally seconded the motion.

Vote taken by roll call. 10 yes 5 No 1 abstained.

Kathleen requested a direct quote in the minutes that she refused to do so as it would be a breach of her fiduciary duties to apologize.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Rosemary addressed the group requesting personal apologies also.

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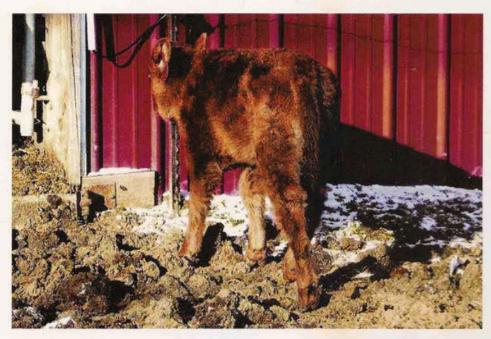
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