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So much news to report!

Message from the President

First, a HUGE thank you goes out to Warren and Sally Coad for hosting the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM). When they took on this giant endeavor, little did they realize that in the middle of it all, they would be moving their entire farming operation from North Carolina to Tennessee. This move was necessary to care for Sally's parents.

On behalf of the ADCA board and membership, thank you and all your helpers for being such gracious hosts.

One of the first items of business facing the board when we arrived was the resignation of two of our directors, Dan Butterfield from Region 12 and Mike Vaughn from Region 9.

Dan has started a new business venture that is taking up all of his time, and he felt that he couldn't serve his region justly. Mike has had some very serious medical problems in the past nine months and also felt he couldn't serve his region.

Thank you, Dan and Mike, for serving on the board and for doing so much for the ADCA.

Both of these regions have one year left in the term, so the board is allowed to appoint interim directors per our bylaws. There wasn't time to send

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out notices to the members of these regions, get them back and processed and still have these regions represented at the AGM.

In each case, the past directors have stepped up to be interims for the balance of these terms. Rick Seydel will be Region 12 director, and Robert Seddon will be Region 9

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Savannah Neal participated in the PeeWee Division Showmanship Class at the Annual General Meeting.

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Region 3

West Texas (Term ends 12/31/2013)

Region 4

Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming (Terms ends 12/31/2012)

Region 6

Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma (Term ends 12/31/2010)

Region 7

Louisiana, East Texas (Term ends 12/31/2010)

Region 8

South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee (Term ends 12/31/2010)

Region 9

Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia (Term ends 12/31/2011)

Region 10

Indiana, Michigan, Ohio (Term ends 12/31/2011)

Region 11

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont (Term ends 12/31/2012)

Region 12

Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota (Term ends 12/31/2011)

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CLASSIFICATION

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CODE OF CONDUCT/ETHICS

Pam Malcuit (Co-Chair), Linda Rininger (Co-Chair), Rick Seydel, Carol Koller, Carol Ann Traynor, Robert Seddon and Judy Nocks

HISTORICAL

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Jim Smith (Co-Chair), Roberta Wieringa (Co-Chair), John Derrick, Rick Seydel and Clay Adams

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Assigned as needed

MARKETING & ADVERTISING

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Sandi Thomas (Chair), Tom Gray, Carol Ann Traynor and Rick Seydel

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Pam Malcuit (Chair), John Wine and Susan Yehl

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Roberta Wieringa (Chair), Belle Hays (Honorary), Sally Coad, Kay Moore-Baker, Marcia Read and Tom Gray

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Chuck Daggett (Chair) and Robert Seddon

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Warren Coad (Co-Chair), Sally Coad (Co-Chair), John Derrick, Don Giles and Charles Townson

(continued from p. 1) director until the next election in 2011. Thanks, guys, and welcome back!

During the past year, it has become apparent that the board needs to put some policies into the certificate of incorporation, bylaws and standard operating procedures (SOPs) that will protect the ADCA from ever suffering another attempted "hostile" takeover as was experienced in 2004. We have added to these documents an amendment that states, "Anyone who has ever held an office, director or staff position in a competing U.S. Dexter cattle registry may never hold such a position in the ADCA." There were some who felt these persons should never be able to join the ADCA again – period.

Members of the board, staff and officers who were in office during the split formed a committee to help educate the current board about the events that took place in 2004. Many current board members were not aware of some of the actions that were taken by the splinter group to destroy the ADCA.

Joanie Storck headed up this project and presented to the board the history and recommendations of the committee. Thank you, Joanie. This was not an easy task because of the high emotions involved.

After much discussion and the committee recommendations, it was decided that for the betterment of the Dexter breed, a new membership category would be formed. Members in this new registration membership status will own Dexter cattle and be able to register and transfer cattle and receive all publications as members but will have no member voting rights and will not be eligible to hold any office, committee or staff position.

A new Code of Conduct & Ethics Committee was formed to review anyone in the registration membership who would like to have his or her status changed to a regular membership with voting rights. Also, this committee may take recommendations to the board pertaining to current members whose actions are a detriment to the association and the Dexter breed. Such actions may warrant changing a member's status to registration membership – with no vote.

The board is still working on the exact wording and implementation for the registration membership and the Code of Conduct & Ethics Committee.

I will try my very best to keep you informed of events and help quide you in your decisions.

The board feels that by taking these steps, we are protecting our association for the future. We have been criticized for not having any "teeth" in our bylaws and SOPs when it comes to persons whose conduct is harmful to the ADCA and the Dexter breed. Hopefully, these new policies are a start in changing that perception.

Another task at hand was looking at each region by the number of members. The Delaware statutes state we must have equal representation of all members in the region.

Pam Malcuit and Judy Nocks worked on this project right after last year's AGM and presented their recommendations to the board.

Again, this was something that carried a lot of emotions. No one wanted to change his or her territory, and we tried to change as little as possible. We also needed to take into account when elections would take place in regions that may be affected.

The new region alignments will be as follows:

- ▶Regions 3 and 4 will merge and become **Region 4** (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming)
- ▶Region 7 will become two regions as determined by area code: Region 3 (West Texas) and Re**gion 7** (East Texas and Louisiana).
- ▶ All other regions remain the same.

In closing, thank you, board, for electing me as your president for another year. I will try my very best to keep you informed of events and help guide you in your decisions.

Roberta Wieringa

We're strong financially

Report from the Treasurer

Fellow members, if you were not at the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June, why not???

I presented the 2009 financial results, which are reprinted in this issue on p.

11 and on the ADCA web site at

The Annual General Meeting was AGM was a a tremendous financial success.

\$130,136. This resulted in a considerable favorable difference from the budget.

Some of the expenses that were budgeted were not incurred, and

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tremendous financial

success, generating a net positive result of \$8,198.

Next bulletin, I will report on final financial results of the 2010 AGM.

Jim Smith

www.dextercattle.org. The IRS tax form 990 for 2009 was filled in a timely manner in May 2010.

The 2009 year generated revenues of \$184,610 and expenses of \$165,175, resulting in expenses over revenues by \$19,435, and we ended the year with funds of

Regional Directors' Messages

REGION 1

Hello from Missouri! July is going out in a blaze; 107° heat index today. Good hay-drying weather if you can stand it ... cut it and one hour later bale it!

The weather at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Athens, Tenn., was also very hot. However, with the fans running for the animals, they seemed to take it in stride. It was great to see some of the Region 1 members there and hope to see more in Oklahoma next year.

My wife and I had a good time showing our Sac Valley animals and enjoyed some really good food. The white elephant sale was great as usual. Rick Seydel displayed the items for sale with his normal flair that only he can do. A big thanks to Rick for his time and talents at the auction.

My first board meeting was an experience. I would like to thank all involved for making me feel welcomed. The board got a lot of items taken care of in those few days. I will elaborate more at our regional meeting this fall.

Speaking of the fall Region 1 meeting, I asked in the last *Bulletin* for input from the Region 1 members regarding your desire to have more Region 1 meetings. It would appear that there is not a need for more than this publication and the fall meeting.

Our fall Region 1 meeting is being combined with the Missouri Dexter Breeders Association fall meeting. It is held following the Ozarks Fall FarmFest activities on the first Saturday in October. This year, that will be on Oct. 2.

For those of you who are not familiar with FarmFest, it is one of the largest agricultural trade shows in the Midwest. The 31st annual FarmFest offers over 750 booths of products and services for the farm and ranch as well as more than 500

head of purebred livestock on display. It is a great time, and I would love to meet you. I will be there with other Dexter breeders displaying these great little cattle.

Here is the link for the event: http://www.ozarkempirefair.com/pdf/Ozark-Fall-Farmfest.pdf.

I hope all of your calving was a big success. It would be nice to post some pictures of those calves on the Region 1 picture page on facebook.

This is a great opportunity for those who were unable to make it to the AGM.

The Missouri Dexter Breeders Association is hosting a show and sale Aug. 27-28 in Lebanon, Mo. The details can be seen on its web site: www.MissouriDexter.com. This is a great opportunity for those who were unable to make it to this year's AGM in Tennessee due to the

distance and the economy.

From the banks of the Sac River, I wish you all a cooler fall than the summer has been and hope to see you at the Lebanon show/sale or the Ozarks Fall FarmFest.

Vance Mattson

REGION 4

The ADCA had another very successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) last month in Athens, Tenn. One of the agenda items at this year's AGM was the realignment of regions. Since Regions 3 and 4 were directly affected, I thought it would be best to address it here in this message.

At the 2009 AGM, a committee was formed to research and decide how best to serve all of our members. I served on that committee, as I felt we needed some changes here in the western states. After a lot of research and "number crunching," we as a committee decided it would be best to combine Regions 3 and 4



into one region. It was brought before the Board of Directors and unanimously passed.

Region 4 now consists of members from Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. I will remain as the regional director and would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of you former Region 3 members to our Region 4 family.

I have a young lady in our region whose story I would like to share.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Again, welcome aboard!

Region 4 has always been involved with youth participation in the Dexter breed. I have a young lady in our region whose story I would like to share with you.

Catie is a 15-year-old-girl from Silt, Colo. She called me last year and asked if she could come for a visit to see our animals and get some answers to all of her questions regarding the Dexter breed. Arrangements were made, and she and her Dad came to our ranch.

At this first meeting, I was so impressed with her. As we talked that day, she explained how she had been in 4-H for many years, showing large-breed steers.

Her goal was to be able to raise animals that her younger and smaller 4-H friends could handle in a show ring. When she heard about Dexters' smaller size and quiet temperament, she wanted to know more.

After our visit, Catie was convinced. She, with the support of her grandfather, purchased two weanling heifers (owned by Gail and Max Martin) and one of our bred yearling heifers.

She had her work cut out for her. None of the three animals had ever been halter-broke, but that was of little concern to her. She picked up the animals and started to work. We kept in touch over the following months. This spring, Catie had her first calf. I went to visit with her and her animals and was totally impressed with what she had accomplished.

Our local county fair had never had Dexters participate before. Through many hours of work by Catie and her mom, Dexters will now be in the Garfield County Fair.

I would like to thank Catie for her dedication and hard work for the Dexter breed. While she was training her animals, she was also training and showing her horses and participating in multiple sports in school.

What a tremendous young lady and quite the role model for her younger 4-H friends. Thanks, Catie!!

Judy Nocks

REGION 6

I was joined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Athens, Tenn., by fellow Region 6 members Deb and Danielle Hawkins, Rita Fox and the Randy and Karen Hall family, all from Oklahoma. A special thanks to Warren and Sally Coad and Region 8 for their work in hosting the AGM.

Region 6 will be hosting the AGM in Stillwater, Okla., next year, June 8-12. Deb Hawkins has been doing a tremendous job getting the location reserved, making lodging and catering arrangements and selecting judges, as well as recruiting some sponsors. When Deb calls you to volunteer, please say YES!

There will be three state fairs featuring Dexters in our region this fall. First will be the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 31. The fair is being held at a new location with brand-new facilities. Contact Jeff Chambers for more information about this fair.

This will be followed by the Kansas State Fair in Hutchison, Kan., Sept. 10-12. Contact Clay Adams for more information.

The last state fair will be in

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 31-Oct. 2. Deb Hawkins and others put a great deal of effort to make this show a great event for adults and youth. Contact Deb if you are interested in this fair.

More information on all of these fairs can be found at the ADCA web site on the left side of the home page.

I would like to put out a special plea for members to participate in the Kansas State Fair. Last year we had only two families and ended up with an exhibit of Dexters instead of a judged show. We had a great time visiting with all several people, as the location gets a lot of traffic.

Please let me know if you are interested in showing at this fair.

Lastly, I have decided not to stand for re-election to a second term as your director. Work commitments have prevented me from doing the job that I had hoped and promised to do.

When Deb calls you to volunteer, please say YES!

Nomination letters will be mailed out mid August and must be submitted by Sept. 11. If you or someone you know is interested, please submit a nomination.

I hope to make it to all the fairs this fall and look forward to visiting with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail or call me.

Clay Adams

REGION 7

Just returned from a great Annual General Meeting (agm) in Athens, Tenn. It was every bit as hot in Tennessee as it has been here in Texas, but folks still managed to put on a great show with some REALLY fabulous animals to represent our Dexter breed.

As sometimes happens, the auction was a little underwhelming. I am not sure the audience realized

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that the animals being sold were breeder-select animals of very high quality. Several did bring some nice purses, however, so all was not gloomy.

Check the ADCA web site ar www.dextercattle.org or p. 26 of this *Bulletin* for show results.

Our hosts, Warren and Sally Coad, worked very hard to put on a nice event, and we were all appreciative of their efforts. The drive out and back was uneventful and scenic, and the area around Athens is very beautiful.

The greatest change that the meeting brought about is the realignment of Region 7, OUR region, and the combination of some of the western regions to consolidate and equalize representation. As of February of this year, Region 7 had over 225 members ... far too many to be properly represented by a single director. Thus, the region has been split into two separate regions which will be West Texas in one region and East Texas and Louisiana in another. Meetings for each region are to be held separately and held within their own regional boundaries. I will outline all of this in a written newsletter sent out to all our regional members.

Please do consider running for directorship.

This is election year for Region 7 – and consequently it will now be election year for both the new regions – making this an appropriate time to do the realignment. You will soon (in August) be getting a request for nominations for your directors from the ADCA secretary, Carol Ann Traynor.

Please do consider running for directorship. If you nominate someone, please do ask them FIRST whether or not they would be willing to serve. Keep in mind the person must have been an ADCA member for at least three years, own cattle and **not** be a member of a competing Dexter cattle registry.

Being computer-literate is essential, as much of the correspondence between board members is done online. I have served for six years and will be happy to help answer any questions that prospective nominees might have.

In addition, I was happily able to announce that Texas A&M's lab will once again be able to do testing for A2 milk. Licensing has been obtained from New Zealand and has been approved by A&M's legal team, so testing should be up and running in a few weeks.

At the request of many members, Sandi Thomas and I have worked to put together a "Dexters for Dummies" type of Membership Handbook. It will be available online in a few days.

This is to be a constantly changing or "living" document which can be modified or added to any time more information becomes available or members request new items to add. The booklet is downloadable from the ADCA web site for you to print and put in a loose-leaf type binder so you will have the information ready at hand and won't have to dig through past bulletins, etc., to find your desired article. Included are testing forms and many items of interest to Dexter owners. In addition, you could copy the bylaws and standard operating procedures of the ADCA and keep in there if you wish. I hope this instrument will be useful to you. If you have articles that you would like to see included, please let me know so that I may add them.

Finally, at Sunday's board meeting, the election of officers and staff was conducted. You should be pleased to know that confidence was so high regarding the past year's performance of these individuals that the entire slate of officers and staff will remain the same.

Thanks to all the membership for your support, suggestions and willingness to continue to improve our American Dexter Cattle Association.

Pam Malcuit

REGION 8

There is enough about the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in this bulletin, so I will say one last big THANK YOU to all our helpers, sponsors and participants! I must also apologize that I was so busy during the AGM taking care of everything that needed taken care of that I did not get to meet and greet everyone personally. I hope that you all found the opportunity to hunt me or my wife Sally down and introduce yourselves.

I also found myself out of board meetings more than I was in, again taking care of AGM business. In the future, it may be a better idea for a non-director or non-officer of the

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association to be responsible for hosting the event as it takes so much time out of the already hectic director's schedule!

Okay, let's look on down the road and see what is happening in our region.

A lot of folks are just starting to show their Dexters, realizing this is a fantastic way not only to market their own quality stock, but also to market and promote Dexters as a whole. Everyone who walks a Dexter into a show ring, especially in an "open beef breed" show, stands out in the crowd, and with that will come onlookers and inquiries about this great breed. You may not win these shows, but it is the most valuable type of venue to introduce folks who do not know the breed to our great little cattle.

Some of the shows within our region we hope to attend and see y'all at are coming up quickly. First will be the largest fair in Tennessee and one of the largest in the U.S. with over a half-million visitors.

We got them to add a Dexter show to the venue this year, and it is a show and go! No hotel stays, no keeping cattle tied all night in a strange place.

The Wilson County Fair in Lebanon, Tenn., will host its first Dexter show on Thursday, Aug, 19. The show starts at 7 p.m.; check in by 6 p.m.! Lots of classes, lots of fun!

Entries for THAT show are being handled by us, so contact Sally or me for an entry form and class schedule, etc. We also need a couple of volunteers for that show as well as lots of participants!

The next show in our region will be Sept. 11-13 in Fletcher, N.C., at the North Carolina State Mountain Fair. Juniors (under 21 as of Jan. 1, 2010) arrive Sept. 11 and show Sept. 12 for the Junior AOB (All Other Breed) and must be registered for the Beef Heifer Show.

The Open Show (meaning anyone and everyone, kids and adults in the ring) All Breed Heifer show is Sept. 13. If at least 10 Dexters compete in the AOB class at this event, we are all but promised a Dexter show at the venue next year.

This is a very casual, friendly, small show and a great one to get your feet wet at showing Dexters! If you decide you want to show at this fair but need help or guidance through it or even need to borrow equipment to show, we can help you out.

Next we will be at the Tennessee Valley Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., with arrival on Sept. 14 and showing in Open Beef AOB on Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. This will be our first time at this show, and we will work hard to get the thought of a 2011 Dexter show in their heads!

The next show on our schedule, though not in our region, is VERY close to our region, is the Virginia State Fair, right near Kings Dominion Amusement Park. It puts on a great Open Dexter Show. This show, we check in Sept. 28, show at 5 p.m. Sept. 29 and check out Sept. 30 after the supreme championship round.

Additional shows later in the fall may include the North Carolina State Fair in October – also an AOB show this year. We are already working on 2011 and are looking for help within our region to contact state fairs, county fairs and junior beef associations to help get Dexter shows started.

It would be a short-term goal of mine to have at least one junior Dexter show in each state of our region before the end of this year (even if the show is scheduled for a 2011 show date).

The biggest and best venue we are working on for getting a Dexter show secured at and scheduled for 2011 – and we have already started the necessary ball rolling – is the world-famous North American International Livestock Exposition (NAILE) in Kentucky. Even though this does not fall within our region, it will hugely benefit our breeders and all breeders throughout the U.S.

We will need some sponsors and some commitments from breeders who are willing to come to the international-level show in November 2011. Contact us for details.

We will work hard to get the thought of a 2011 Dexter show in their heads!

We will be doing a field trip to this event this year to view the low-line show Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. and would love to meet other Dexter breeders interested in showing next year there! Following the NAILE we will be holding our regional meeting Saturday, Nov. 20.

We would be glad to host this meeting at our farm in Philadelphia, Tenn., but would be very open to suggestions as to where it would be most convenient for most of the folks able to attend. PLEASE let us know this ASAP. The date can also be changed but must fall within the month of November per the election standard operating procedures.

Hope to see you all soon.

Warren Coad

REGION 9

In the words of Ahnold, I'm BAAAAAACCKKKKkkk! I really hope that you ALL can send a getbetter-quick note or e-mail to Mike Vaughn. I saw that Region 9 would have no vote on the board of directors with Mike resigned, so I offered to take the interim position for the last year of his term. I realize that this may aggravate a few members, but no one else was available at the time.

Please feel free to contact me with any problems or concerns that you have with your Dexters, and I will do my best to get answers for you or try to help you out with whatever the problem is.

This situation leaves me with a problem, like WHO would be willing to take this position from me at the end of 2011? Please think about it and get in touch with me about it, as you all may be without a representative in 2012 if no one wants to take it on.

There are many decisions to be made on DNA testing, registration of polled animals and scurs and a whole batch of other stuff, so feel free to contact me and let me know what your feelings and positions are so I can attempt to represent your interests well. Please remember that majority rules, however, so only one opinion may not sway everything in your favor. As usual, I will do the best I can for you and Dexter cattle as a whole.

Robert Seddon

REGION 10

First, I would like to thank Sally and Warren Coad for all their hard work in hosting this year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Athens, Tenn. They have been through many trials this past year and still managed to pull it off.

Second, I would like to thank all Region 10 members for attending the AGM. We had two breeders showing and three other members attending. If there were more, I am sorry I didn't get to meet you.

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As some of you know, Region 10 is the proud group to be hosting the AGM in 2012. Plans are under way for locating a place. We have checked into many different locations with a couple more to visit before this is printed. We voted on having it centrally located within our region for the work aspect and close to Interstate 80/90 for the convenience of travelers coming in from both coasts.

I will be sending out a newsletter to current members listed on ADCA web site in August with a meeting to follow in October to decide on the location for hosting AGM in 2012. At that time, I will list the people I have to do different jobs and will asking for more help with our region members. Remember, many things can be done well in advance.

Even if you can't make the AGM in 2012, there are still many things you can do from home. It takes several people to put something like this together good enough to be PROUD of.

It is also an excellent time to plan your calving season so you can spread your bloodlines throughout the states by selling at 2012 AGM. There still is time to coordinate this for your breeding programs. Please continue to check our facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Re gion-10-

dexters/177043706673?v=wall to check for current updates.

I would like to thank you all for

A2 Milk Testing Now Available

Dr. Gus Cothran at the Texas A&M Lab has advised us that the lab has been approved by New Zealand for A2 milk testing. The last few legalities are being processed, and the lab should be able to start testing in the next few weeks. A testing form is available in the new Membership Handbook.

electing me to represent you at our annual meeting/show. I am still learning the ways of the association, but feel I have a better grasp of what is expected and hope to serve you better. If you have any animals for sale, please post them on our facebook page. If you have concerns or questions, comments, put them on there, too, or e-mail me at lrininger@netzero.net. I will do my best to serve you as director.

Linda Rininger

REGION 11

Just back from the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Tennessee, and it was HOT!!! FUN is another word to describe what attending and meeting everyone is like at an AGM.

In the future, I would strongly suggest that if you can attend one, you should. You would be surprised at how much you can learn.

Warren and Sally Coad and Region 8 did a wonderful job at hosting this year's AGM. Take time to read through this *Bulletin* and see all that went on at the AGM.

A2 testing is going to be happening in our favorite Texas A&M lab, so keep your eye on the ADCA web site for the form and cost. It's just one new thing that was announced at the AGM, but there are several others.

Show season is up and going around here in the Northwest. Some of the upcoming show dates are the Skagit County Fair (Aug. 13-14), the Southwest Washington Fair in Chehalis (Aug. 20-22) and the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe (Aug. 30-Sept. 2).

There will be a Dexter show on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Evergreen. Sometimes they change the show time, but the day normally stays the same. If you are planning on attending and want to make sure of the show time, please contact me.

If you are attending a fair that was left out, I would enjoy hearing from you. Some other Dexter owners may want to attend and help support the show in your area.

Hope everyone is taking some time to enjoy the summer and get ready for winter.

Monica Dexter

Dexter Buyers' Checklist

- ► Never buy an animal sight unseen.
- ▶ Be sure the animal has a registration certificate. If not, ask for it to be registered BEFORE you purchase it; at the very least, make sure it can be. Animals without registration papers may not be able to be registered. If there is any question about the registration paper of the animal to be purchased, its sire or dam, it may be a grade animal. If there is a question about registration, contact the ADCA registrar.
- ► Heifers and cows over 1 year and bulls over 2 years may require parentage verification.
- ▶Be sure the tattoo number on the paper matches the number in the animal's ear.
- ► Make sure the animal can meet your state's health requirements.
- ► As a precaution, ask that the animal receive any necessary shots prior to shipping.
- ►If buying a bull, you may want to request semen testing.
- ▶Be sure the price is right. Shop around. Call other breeders. Visit several herds, if possible.
- ►Ask to see the animal's progeny or sire and dam. Anything you can see will help you make your decision.
- ► If you purchase a bred cow, be sure to get the proper signatures on the white application for registry so you can get your calf registered.
- Make sure the animal fits your needs (for example, a milk cow should have a sound udder).
- Make sure you see copies of any genetic testing, that they are on file with the ADCA and will be printed on your registration certificate.

Financial Statement—Year 2009

Description	Amount	Bank Charges - Returned Checks	0.00
	440 700 00	Book Purchases	0.00
Funds Account Balance - Beg	110,700.82	Classification Fees	0.00
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Revenues Duos Momborshin	21,440.00	Donations - Chris Odom Memorial Award	1,500.00
Dues - Membership Dues - New Member	0.00	Franchise Tax Fee	135.00
Registrations	24,580.00	Genetics Testing Exp Insurance - Directors	23,467.00
Registrations - A I	0.00	Insurance - Show & Sale	1,338.00 999.00
Registrations - Late	5,200.00	Legal Expense	0.00
Registrations - Reject Fees	0.00	Meetings - Regional Directors	50.00
Registrations - Steers	670.00	Meetings - Regional Directors Meetings - Shows HLSR	500.00
Registration Certificate Replacement	92.00	Overpaid Fees Returned	0.00
Transfer Fees	25,620.00	Postage	8,990.49
AGM Fundraising Proceeds	6,442.00	Pay Pal Transaction Fees - Charge cards	1,322.70
AGM Meal & General Proceeds	9,426.00	Professional Fees - Accounting	0.00
AGM Show/Sale Entry	3,355.00	Professional Fees - Corporate Agent	90.00
AGM Sale Proceeds	46,925.00	Professional Fees - Online Pedigree	0.00
AGM Video Show Proceeds	0.00	Professional Fees - Software	4,087.50
Genetics Testing Revenue	29,845.00	Professional Fees - Web Connection	0.00
Advertising Revenues - Bulletin	1,965.00	Professional Fees - Web Host	1,500.00
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Advertising Revenues - Membership Book		Promotional Items - Purchase	21.36
Advertising Revenues - Herd Book	40.00	Publications - Brochures	836.03
Advertising Revenues - Web Site Book Sales Revenue - Cattle Books	1,400.00 387.50	Publications - Bulletin	16,321.64
Book Sales Revenue - Herd Books	1,039.00	Publications - Herd Book	0.00
Subscriptions - Bulletin	0.00	Publications - Membership Book	0.00
Classification Fees	100.00	Publications - Newsletters	0.00
Promotional Item Sales	2,651.90	Stipend - Advertising	750.00
Donation Revenue	20.00	Stipend - Rulletin	2,000.00
Donation Revenue - Exp Paid by Member	1,873.77	Stipend - Membership Book	0.00
Interest Income	0.00	Stipend - Miscellaneous	0.00
Returned Check Replacement	1,538.00	Stipend - Registrations	7,365.00
Overpaid Fees	0.00	Stipend - Secretary	2,500.00
Charge Card Contra Sales Fee - Pay Pal	0.00	Stipend - Transfers	6,650.00
Postage Reimbursement	0.00	Stipend - Treasurer	7,000.00
Undetermined		Stipend - Travel Allowances AGM	3,500.00
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Expenses Advertising Rappers	0.00	Miscellaneous	0.00
Advertising - Banners			0.00
Advertising - Fairs Advertising - Magazines	1,800.00	Total Expenses	165,174.94
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Advertising - Internet-Media AGM - General Exp		Tetal Bassacca Constitution 5	40 425 22
AGM - Sale Cattle Payout Exp	15,791.72 43,697.50	Total Revenue Over (Under) Expenses	19,435.23
Bank Charges - Foreign Exchange Fees	43,697.50		
Bank Charges - Misc	20.00		400 400 00
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Membership Form American Dexter Cattle Association

You can update or correct personal information online at www.dextercattle.org/.

(Print)				
Name				
Street address or rural route				
City	State Zip			
Farm or herd name	Animal name prefix			
(If there is a duplication of herd name	or animal prefix, you will be contacted.)			
E-mail address	Web site			
Date Submitted/ Phone Number				
New member (with cattle) New member (without cattle) Former member Yearly dues	Free * \$30 \$30 \$30 \$30 \$30 (\$25 if paid before Feb. 1)			
*New members who own or become owners of ADCA-registered cattle will receive their first-year membership free for the calendar year.				
Registrations are a separate cost, ever	n if done at the same time as the transfer.			
Cows up to 1 year old Bulls up to 2 years old Cows over 1 year old Bulls over 2 years old Steers	\$20 \$20 \$40 \$40 \$10			
Transfers				
Regular transfers	\$20 (any age)			
Write check to ADCA and mail to:				
American Dexter Cattle Association 4150 Merino Ave. Watertown MN 55388				

Download Your ADCA Membership Handbook Now!

At the request of many members, we have put together a "Dexters for Dummies" type of handbook for the ADCA membership.

This is a living and growing booklet of information vital to Dexter cattle owners and breeders. It is designed to be downloaded from the ADCA web site and kept in a looseleaf binder so that you may add new information when it comes out or delete/correct old information when changes are made.

In this new format, we have tried to address many of the questions members have about their cattle and about procedures. It includes testing forms and many other useful forms for managing your herds.

If you have suggestions for other information you would like to have included, please contact Pam Malcuit at mornstarranch@cs.com or 936-394-2606.

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1/4 p.	\$30	\$60	\$100	\$200
1/2 p.	\$60	\$120	\$200	\$400
Full p.	\$120	\$240	\$400	\$800

Vet's Corner

by Jeff Collins. DVM

Dealing with Pinkeye

Mid to late summer usually always means fly season for cattle producers, and that means having to deal with pinkeye in calves or even cows. Prevention is key, as affected eyes can easily leave a permanent scar on the cornea, which may impair vision.

There are various pinkeye vaccines out there to help prevent the disease, but even more important than that is fly control.

All pinkeye vaccines will need a booster dose the first year they are given, which is usually about four to six weeks after the initial dose.

When planning to vaccinate make sure you plan to catch your cattle twice, and plan the first dose at least two weeks before your area's worst "fly/pinkeye season." It is also important to consult your local veterinarian regarding which strains of pinkeye are most prevalent in your area, as that will determine which vaccine to use.

When it comes to fly control, there are basically two families of drugs used to repel and kill flies: organophosphates and permethrins. If you use these, it would be wise to alternate them every other year in order to take care of those flies that are resistant to the other drug.

The products available come in various forms: pour-ons, fly tags and those that are used in misters and back rubbers. Pour-ons and fly tags are the most effective in keeping flies away from the eyes.

What if you're getting pinkeye in your herd, regardless of preventative strategies? It could be that the strain of pinkeye you're experiencing was not included in the vaccine you used and/or your fly control

The earlier you get those eyes treated, the greater your chance of protecting them from being scarred.

could be ineffective due to resistance or overwhelming weather conditions. Either way, the earlier you get those eyes treated, the greater chance you have of protecting them from being scarred.

The best way to determine an active pinkeye infection is whether or not the eye is draining. If the eye is irritated, with or without a white spot, and you notice excessive tearing, there is active infection and it should be treated. If there is no drainage but there is a white spot on the cornea, the infection is likely gone; the trauma to the eye is in

the process of repairing itself, and no treatment is necessary.

The traditional treatment of pinkeye includes a dose of Oxytetracycline (antibiotic), a dose of Vitamin AD and 1 milliter of Penicillin directly into the eye (your veterinarian may actually inject the penicillin into the upper lid of the eye). All infected eyes should be patched (if both eyes are affected, patch just the worst one) with a piece of cloth (denim works best) and contact cement (commonly called sale-barn

glue). The patch does two things: It protects the affected eye to speed healing, and it acts as a physical barrier to keep flies from spreading the bacteria to other cattle.

Occasional, animals will need to be retreated in three or four days, but most of the time one treatment is sufficient. Hopefully, you don't have to deal with pinkeye, but if you do, treat those eyes in hopes that when the flies are gone your cattle will be seeing clearly!

If you have any questions or suggestions for future Vet's Corner articles, please e-mail me directly at: cowvet03@yahoo.com (note that (vetscorner@live.com will no longer be used).

Tattoos: The Basics for Dexter Owners

by Charles Townson, BeaverTree Farm, Cowpens S.C.

Permanent identification of a Dexter is required for registration with the American Dexter Cattle Association. The most commonly accepted method is a tattoo placed inside the cow's ear.

While this procedure and process seems straightforward, tattoos are often the source of problems for Dexter owners for a variety reasons, including illegibility, poor placement, improper technique, fading quickly, etc. This, in turn, leads to additional work on the part of the owner when a tattoo has to be reapplied, and addi-

tional stress is put on the cow as well. This article pro-

vides some basic information and suggestions to improve your overall tattoo program.

First, the ADCA has a system that must be followed for tattoos. Each animal you register is required to have a properly coded tattoo placed in one ear. The system includes a code to identify your farm, a number that indicates a unique cow and a letter that specifies the year of birth.

For example, we use the letter B to identify our farm, and we have had four calves born on the farm so far in 2010. So, our first calf carries the tattoo B1X in his ear, the second B2X, etc. The X signifies the year 2010. A listing of the yearly codes is available on the ADCA web site and on p. 13 of this *Bulletin*.

Once you establish your farm code, that should stay with your identification program forever. You might want to give this a fair amount of thought, as it impacts your tattoo system.

For example, we use a single letter B for our farm. It is very common for a two- or three- character code to be used, but this means you will be tattooing more characters in the ear of every calf born.

If your farm is small and you are not going to have more than nine calves per year, this is probably no big deal, but if your herd has 10 or more calves to be registered each year, that will result in yet another digit to be placed in the tattoo.

Assume your farm code is BT and you are getting ready to tattoo your 11th calf of 2010, the proper code would be BT11X – five digits to be placed in the calf's ear. Getting correct placement and a good legible tattoo is more difficult with more digits.

or top portion of the ear between the ridges; these are typically the widest and most accessible areas to place the tattoo. Avoid the ridges when you place the tattoo, as they will bleed if you pierce them, and it also makes the tattoo more difficult to read.

Secondly, get a good tattoo device. There are a variety of well-made units that range in price from about \$40 to over \$200. You will also need at least one set of numbers and letters to be placed in the tattoo equipment.

I recommend you buy all these at the same time to make sure they are uniform in size and fit your tattoo equipment

well. Remember, you may need more than one of each letter/ number based on the size of your operation and codes!

In addition to the tattoo equipment, permanent ink is required. Typically, you can find the ink in a few colors and in either a liquid or paste form.

We have found that some ink colors show up better than others. We prefer to use green ink – particularly in our black cows. It seems to last longer and be more legible. You might want to experiment with some different tints based on the predominant color of your herd (photo 2).

You have your plan and the proper equipment and are now ready to place the tattoo. Insert the proper characters into your equipment. IMPORTANT: Test it on a piece of paper or cardboard to make sure it is correct and right side up before you place the tattoo in the cow's ear!

Secure the animal you want to tattoo. At a minimum, we recommend a head gate or squeeze chute. Regardless of how you secure the animal, make sure the cow's head

The ADCA requires each animal registered to have a properly coded tattoo in one ear.

On to the tattooing process! Have you ever closely looked at the inside of a cow's ear (photo 1)? Now is a good time *before* you try to place that tattoo!

You will notice there are ridges inside the ear. Between the ridges, the ear is relatively smooth; this is where the tattoo should go.

We suggest going in the middle





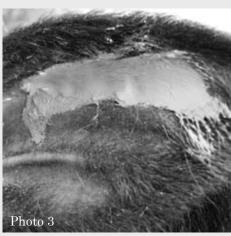
cannot move much. The animal is going to jerk violently away when the tattoo is placed.

If the cow's head is not properly secured, the tattoo result will not be acceptable. We usually have the animal in a head gate with a halter either tied or held to keep head movement to a minimum.

After securing the animal, place a layer of ink in the ear where the tattoo will be positioned. Make sure to cover the entire area with ink to ensure a good image; I tend to coat the entire smooth area between the two ridges with ink (photo 3).

Once the ink is in the ear, align the tattoo unit to place the mark. Take your time and make sure you are properly aligned before squeezing the unit shut on the ear. When you squeeze the unit shut, do it firmly; you should feel like you are driving the pins all the way through the ear. HOLD the pliers shut for at LEAST 10 SECONDS!

The cow is going to be squirming and trying to move his/her head; hang on and don't let go. This ensures good penetration and allows





Tattoo Letters and Their Years

1991 - A	2001 - L
1992 - B	2002 - M
1993 - C	2003 - N
1994 - D	2004 - P
1995 - E	2005 - R
1996 - F	2006 - S
1997 - G	2007 - T
1998 - H	2008 - U
1999 - J	2009 - W
2000 - K	2010 - X

*Consistent with Canadian Livestock Records Corporation guidelines, the ADCA has deleted the letter V from its year designations because it could be misread as U.

the holes to open and ink to be absorbed.

Once you remove the tattoo pliers, work the ink into the holes by hand to further ensure a good mark. You may even want to put some more ink in the ear and rub it in by hand at this point. The tattoo you just placed should be very visible at this point (photo 4).

The cow can now be released. If you are doing more than one cow, remember to change out the characters on the tattoo equipment to make sure you don't give the same tattoo to more than one cow; yes, this happens!

Repeat the process based on the number of cows you are processing. Then clean up the equipment so it is ready to go next time. Wash the ink off your hands as soon as possible if you did not use gloves. I have had some green finger tips more than once for a few days.

By following these procedures and tips, your identification program will be greatly improved in terms of legibility and duration. If you are showing cows or selling and transporting them, the tattoo becomes very important for identification. A visible tattoo assists the veterinarian when a health certificate is needed and helps to process your cows quickly when checking them in at a show.

We have found that a solid tattoo program pays dividends over time!

Your ADCA Board in Motion: WorkYoke

MAY 2010 SUMMARY

Administrative WorkYoke Area

The area is for notices from the administrator to the participants about how things need to be done or to request changes in the site. The 2009 Guidelines—motions leading to a vote on WorkYoke – were reviewed.

Membership Qualifications

While many Board of Directors (BOD) members and officers believe that one registry (ADCA) would be in the best interest of Dexter cattle, that is currently not the case, and there is concern that hate and revenge tactics between the two registries could hurt the ADCA and the Dexter breed in the U.S. With those things in mind, the ADCA leadership is encouraged to make decisions that help the breed and don't just seek revenge for the past actions of former members.

Secretary Report

Material and brochures were mailed out to 11 inquires (two of the requests mentioned the ad in *Small Farms Journal*).

A "get well" card was mailed to Mike Vaughn, Region 9 director.

Items Considered Necessary for Hosting an AGM

- ► Easy access
- ► Easy and close to all locations (lodging, meeting, show/sale facilities)
- ▶ Airports
- ▶ Car rentals
- **▶**Campgrounds
- ► A location for cattle (a place to house 120-150 animals with a place to wash animals, facilities to host a cattle show, facilities to host

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an animal auction and snack bar availability during events

- ► Meeting/banquet facility (capacity for 150-175 people, preferably with air conditioning, tables and chairs available and restrooms; a kitchen area would be helpful)
- ► Hotels (able to block at least 50 rooms for ADCA, other hotels close by for overflow, close to restaurants, breakfast bar for convenience and area for socializing after hours).

Annual General Meeting Jobs/ Committees

Event Coordinator

Oversees and coordinates with the following:

Barn Supervisor

- ►Oversees all barn activities, the "go to" person when there are malfunctions in the barn
- ► Locates a veterinarian, brand inspector (if needed), squeeze chute and possibly a scale for event
- ► Arranges for bedding/feed to be available for the event
- ►Knows where all panels are for show/auction set-up
- ► Works with cattle check-in people when needed
- ► Dismisses cattle after the sale, making sure vet traveling papers are in order before they can leave, making sure of correct ownership
- ► Makes sure all clean-up has been done with proper guidelines of the location
- ► Checks cattle in and out (sched-

ules hours to be at the barn)

- ► Sets up unloading area, making sure tattoos match registration papers
- Arranges hours to receive animals, set up locations for animals coming in, divides barn into specific stalls for incoming farms, numbers cattle for show/sale according to preset catalog, hands out stall cards
- ▶ Prepares welcome packet (to include show numbers, etc.) for breeders/ those responsible for animals

Show Coordinator

- ► Sets show classes with the final order by the time of show
- ► Locates a judge for both youth and open classes
- ► Locates a judge and sets classes for video and photo show (if held)
- ► Locates an announcer in advance, someone able to announce cattle and breeder names
- ► Makes sure the arena is set to work the best for facility
- ►Is available to all show people for questions on schedule, rules and regulations
- ► Makes sure the next class is all up and ready before the first one is finished, knowing if someone is showing in back-to-back classes, needing more time, etc.
- ► Makes sure the PA system is available and working
- ► Makes sure all ribbons, prize moneys, etc., are available
- ► Orders ribbons and class awards and arranges for presentation afterclass placings (4-H, FFA or local county fair royalties are often available)
- ► Documents class placings and records for future use/publication
- ► Locates photographer for winners or anyone who would like to purchase photos

Auction Coordinator

- ► Contacts an auctioneer for the sale and an announcer to introduce the animals
- ► Chooses the line-up for animals to be sold, making sure they are lined up and ready to go into ring

North Carolina Junior Beef Roundup

Jackson Neal, age 9, of Castalia N.C., exhibited two Dexter heifers in the North Carolina Junior Beef Roundup, June 4-6 in Raleigh, N.C.

Grandma's Martha Washington, a dun heifer, placed first in her All Other Breeds (AOB) class of late summer calves, while YRF Magno-

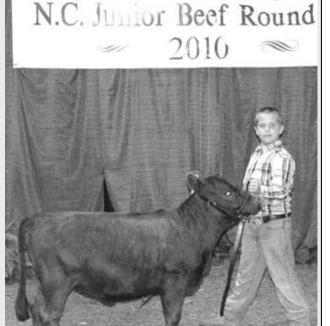
lia placed fifth in the junior yearlings class.

Martha and Magnolia are owned by David Marik of Marik Farms, Cowpens, S.C.

Jackson also participated in other activities at the competition, placing third in the Skill-a-thon, Junior Division, ages 6-14. He placed fifth out of 11 exhibitors in Novice Division Showmanship.

In 2008, the Dexter breed was recognized at the North Carolina Junior Beef Roundup and allowed to compete in its own breed class. This year, due to lack of exhibitors and animals the Dexters had to combine with the AOB class.

Plans are to continue the Dexter class at next year's event with ample participation.



- ▶Sets up the arena for the event
- ► Checks to make sure the association treasurer will be available to keep records
- ► Has a person available to register potential buyers for cattle
- ▶ Make sure PA system is working.

Registrations Coordinator (most of this job, except for handing out materials, will be done before the AGM)

- ► Sets up the goodie bags with brochures, meal tickets and schedule of events
- ►Gets goodies for the bags, makes nametags (possibly bidder numbers for auction purposes)
- ► Tries to get anything possible for free. The Chamber of Commerce is a good place to start with locating things needed.
- ►Sets up the for White Dexter Auction
- Sets up display tables for dealer displays, the ADCA promotional booth, etc.
- ► Checks in all preregistered guests (check-in usually is set up in the conference center and open most of the time)
- ► Communicates with local businesses and media outlets.

Sponsorship Coordinator (most of this job is done prior to the AGM)

- ► Lines up sponsorships for the different show classes prior to the AGM
- ▶ Helps with advertising donations
- ► Requests donations from members for White Dexter Auction (coordinates efforts with the catalog/advertising for publication and advertisement)

Catalog Advertising Coordinator (most of this job is done prior to AGM)

- ► Makes sure all cattle for auction are listed in catalog, working with sponsorship coordinator as closely as possible
- ► Oversees the printing and delivery of the sale catalog
- ▶ Works with businesses for possible

donations, advertising

► Contacts breeders without proper descriptions, pictures of animals.

Guest Speaker Coordinator

- Lines up a featured guest to speak during the AGM (best subjects include hands-on experiences, showing something, genetics, breeding, grazing, pasture rotation, etc.)
- Different seminars during AGM (possibly two days of events, five to six hours total, with activities available for kids during seminars)
- ►Sets up different functions throughout AGM

Banquet-Catering Coordinator

- ► Locates a local catering business, pricing for at least two meals
- ► Works with different options and presents them to the Show/Sale/ Event Committee to vote on
- ightharpoonup Knows exactly what is available at convention center to let caters know what to expect

► Checks into a cash bar availability for the White Dexter Sale and AGM meeting day.

APRIL 2010 SUMMARY

AGM Board Agenda Items

- ► Elimination of AGM Video Show due to lack of member interest
- ► Discussion of bylaws regarding publication of names of restricted members
- ► Membership Handbook
- ▶2012 AGM site
- ► Clarification of WorkYoke voting procedures
- ▶ Regional realignment recommendations
- ►Standardization of show classes at all ADCA-sponsored events

April Information Requests

►The secretary mailed out material and brochures to 10 inquires in April.

2010 Talisman Award Winner

Each year the ADCA presents the Talisman Award to an individual or family who has promoted the Dexter breed with passion and integrity. This award is made in memory of John Hays honoring his dedicated work with the Dexter breed. All nominations are made by the membership and selection is by committee.

As chair of this committee, it is my pleasure to present this year's Talisman Award to Sally Coad of Freedom Farms.

Sally has worked extensively with our youth by opening up showing venues, giving workshops on showing and even providing cattle for those who didn't have any.

Following is Sally's biography that was instrumental in her selection.

Roberta Wieringa

Sally Coad "The Dexter Lady"

I have been working with livestock and children for almost 40 years now. What began as a profession and passion with horses and teaching children has transferred a decade ago to Dexter cattle when I met my very first Dexter Cow, *Lady Bea*, and fell hopelessly in love with the breed. I, with my husband, Warren, have been able to turn our hobby Dexter farm into a full-time working Dexter farm.

There are many facets to my success and devotion to Dexters. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect is the work done with children. In 2005 I was requested to do a live presentation at a countywide event called "Animal Agriculture Day," where area farmers bring livestock

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(Continued from p. 17) and do a presentation in front of approximately 600 third graders. I was already well-recognized in the county for our natural Dexter beef sales, and this was the aspect to which I would be speaking. I was appalled by some of the comments made by these young children showing their complete lack of knowledge and basic misunderstanding of animals.

That day started my quest to get as many children as possible involved with Dexters. We encourage youth to become active with the Dexter breed and help them by supplying them the opportunity to work with, train and show Dexter cattle. Many of the children we work with do not have the property, finances or opportunity to work with animals any other way than on our farm.

I started what we now refer to as "Team Freedom," which is a small team of children whom we bring to local and national-level shows to promote, exhibit and compete with Dexter cattle. This aspect of my continuing efforts to promote the Dexter breed is by far the most enjoyable and rewarding.

There are many other ways I promote Dexter cattle, and in recent years these have included international coverage by a piece done by the *Wall Street Journal*



which was picked up by national and international web news sites, public radio and many different venues.

I have been featured in magazines that highlight women in business, local foods, natural lifestyles, and our farm was even featured in the *Farmer's Almanac*. I have done many different interviews with reporters from many different areas of North Carolina and beyond. I participate in many private, local and statewide tours – opening our gates to strangers. I have been a member of weekly farmers markets as well as having my own natural Dexter beef store at a large staterun farmers market in Raleigh.

Children are the future of this association.

No matter what the original article, piece, tour or conversation was supposed to be about. it always ends up being about Dexters. I, in fact, am known in my community, not so much as "Sally" but as "the Dexter Lady."

In the past I have served on the Board of Directors for the ADCA and on the Board of Directors for Franklin County Natural Beef Alliance. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Franklin County Cattlemen's Association and serve as its chair for the annual beef roast that is held to raise money for scholarships awarded to Franklin County youth.

In addition, I am a member of the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy, Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, North Carolina Cattlemen's Association and Tennessee Cattlemen's Association, National Beef Association and most recently served as co-chair of the ADCA Youth Committee.

Robert adds: Sally and Warren were also instrumental in the organization and hosting of the 2010 Annual General Meeting in Athens, Tenn. When they took on this monumental task two years ago, they did not know that in the middle of it all they would be relocating their farm from North Carolina to Tennessee. This move was necessary to care for Sally's elderly parents.

On behalf of the ADCA, thank you and congratulations to Sally Coad of Freedom Farms.

Talisman Award Acceptance

I want to thank the committee for choosing me as the recipient of the 2010 Talisman Award. Ever since I laid my eyes on our first Dexter cow, *Lady Bea*, I knew that I would devote a huge portion of my life to this special breed of cattle.

I have taken great pride and joy in the ongoing adventure of spreading the word about Dexters and introducing children to their first livestock experiences using Dexters as their guide.

Children are the future of this association, and I feel it is very important for them to learn and experience as much about the Dexter breed as possible, both in the barn and in the show ring. Before you know it, they become great ambassadors of the breed, passing their knowledge onto other children and adults new to Dexters.

Promoting Dexter cattle is really very easy – they promote themselves, given the right opportunities. It is really very easy when you love the cattle as much as I do. It is a full-time job for me.

Dexters are all we do here at Freedom Farms. It is not just a business, though. It is truly a love of these little cows. We have 65-70 Dexters, most born here; in fact, most of their dams and sires were born here. Each and every one has its own name, its own personality, its own likes and dislikes and its own, sometimes quirky, behavior. I could not imagine my world without them.

I am very honored and humbled by this award and will continue to campaign Dexters around the country, involving children and educating folks about the Dexter breed.

Sally Coad

American Dexter Cattle Association The Dexter Bulletin

Once again, the ADCA Youth Committee members were happy to see the hard work and dedication this year's applicants put into their knowledge and promotion of Dexter cattle. We had fewer applications this year than last, but the quality of the applications we did receive was admirable.

We have included this year's winners' essays for your enjoyment – keeping in mind that the essay questions are just a small part of the application process. We have also included the acceptance letters/speeches these young men gave. We hope more youth will apply for the prestigious award next year.

The Youth Committee currently is working on proposed changes in the ADCA Youth Program and would welcome volunteers who are interested to become part of the Youth Committee and assist us in developing a current and proactive program to help youth become interested and active within our association.

2010 Junior Division Winner Jackson Neal, age 9 Castalia, N.C.

Jackson's Essay

I got started showing Dexters in 2007 through 4-H. I was 6 years old. Mrs. Sally and Mr. Warren Coad taught me how to show cattle by letting me come to their farm.

First, they taught me how to walk a heifer and set her up. Then I learned how to tie and wash cattle. Vance County Fair was my first show with cattle.

I learned sportsmanship by working with Dexters. I learned that you lose without blaming and win without boasting. It don't matter about winning or losing, it is about having fun.

I have learned that Dexters can be calm. When the cows get used to

me, I can wash them and clip them. They taught me how to be calm and not run or jump near the cows.

My favorite thing about the Dexters is that they are small. I like to be taller than the cow, so it thinks I'm the boss. The Dexters are calm and don't move much. They are the right size for me to show.

If someone asks me about Dexters, then I would tell them they are small and calm and confident. The Dexters are small because of the Irish breed.

I learned that you lose without blaming and win without boasting.

Dexters are very calm, because when I wash them they are calm. The Dexters are confident, because they are prepared for whatever happens.

The Dexters come in three different colors, which are black, dun, and red. The most popular is black, and rarest is red.

They are good for milk and beef and work. The Dexters have rich

milk. They have lean beef. The Dexters can work hard and pull logs and stuff. Dexters don't take a lot of room or eat a lot, so you can have more on your farm.

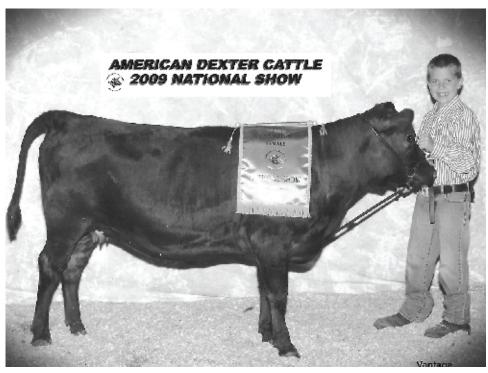
Yes, I plan to continue to work with Dexters when I'm an adult. I hope my kids can show Dexters just like I do.

I want to teach kids about Dexters. I am going to market Dexters over the years for beef. I am going to be a large animal service vet so I can work with Dexters.

My involvement with Dexters has changed my life by taking me to new places I've never been and allowing me to meet new people. I had never been Texas, Virginia, Tennessee, Iowa or South Carolina until I started showing Dexters. I have met new people showing.

Dexters taught me about Dexters and other breeds. I have learned so much about Dexters, and now I can teach others who have never heard about Dexters.

Dexters made me want to be a (Continued on p. 20)



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vet. I want to give shots to cattle.
I'm going to work night hours.

I feel that I deserve the Chris Odom Memorial Award as Junior Exhibitor of the Year because I have shown Dexters since I was 6 years old, so I have shown them for 4 years. The people I find that don't know about Dexters, I tell them about Dexters.

I have been to shows all over the USA. I worked very hard with Dexters this year and last year. I break my Dexters myself and work hard to show them so that everyone else will want to show Dexters like me.

Jackson Neal

Jackson's Acceptance

Thank you. My name is Jackson Neal, and I am 9 years old and live in White Level, N.C. I started showing Dexters when I was 5 years old.

Mr. Warren and Ms. Sally Coad taught me how to show cows. The cows

taught me a lot of things, such as responsi-

I plan to use my money from this award to go towards buying more Dexters to continue to show.

bility and how to work hard and have a good time.

I would like to thank Mr. Warren and Ms. Sally for all they have done to help me with getting involved with Dexters. I would also like to thank Mr. David Marik for helping me as well.

I want to thank the committee for selecting me as the winner of the year's Chris Odom award. This award means a lot to me. I plan to continue to show Dexters as I get older and to continue to tell people about the Dexter breed.

When I get older, my plans are to go to NC State Vet School and become a veterinarian. I plan to use my money from this award to go towards buying more Dexters to continue to show.

Thank you very much.

Jackson Neal

The 2010 Senior Division Winner is 16-year-old Josh Hall of Terrell, Texas.

Josh's Essay

Hello, my name is Josh Hall; I am 16 years old and am in the 10th grade this year. Our family was introduced to the Dexter breed mid last year by a lady who sold us one of her cows.

At first, I must admit, I wondered, "What

on earth are those little cows good for?" But in

the months that followed, I have come to adore our Dexters, especially our polled, red bull, *Dozer*, and *Brook*, the black heifer that I showed in Houston this year.

I have learned quite a few things from working with and just being around the cows, so I will name a few off the top of my head. One:

> responsibility. I was the only one responsible for the

At first, I wondered, "What are

those little cows good for?

training of my heifer (*Brook*) in preparing for the Houston Livestock Show. I spent 1 1/2 hours with

Brook five days a week, all through the fall and winter, right up to the show. Looking back ... I really enjoyed the experience.

Two: determination. Sometimes *Brook* could not seem to understand something, a certain movement, a turn, but I had to keep trying until she figured it out.

Three: commitment. I had to be willing to give up my time, go outside and spend time with *Brook*,

brush her, wash her, feed her, work with her, etc.

If I had to explain to someone what a Dexter is, assuming that they had never heard of the breed before, I would tell them different things depending on the reason for their interest. For example, if I were talking to someone interested in the beef value of the cattle, I would make note of the ability to harvest more beef per acre when using Dexters as opposed to using some of the larger breeds that require more pastures.

I would also mention the fact that Dexters are bred so as not to need to be fed out all year round, as do all of the larger cattle. With Dexters, as long as you have enough



grass, you could have a nicely conditioned steer by slaughter, having never given it a single pound of grain.

Another bonus is, Dexter mothers also rarely ever need to have their calves pulled, according to experienced Dexter ranch owners. However, if I were talking to someone who was just looking for a great family cow (possibly for milking, also), I would tell them of the gentle nature of the Dexter breed; the bulls are docile, the cows are great mothers who generally love a good petting, and, of course, the calves are cute and fun to be around.

And if they wanted to go taxexempt on some pasture land, buy several Dexters (one or two steers for your own beef), put them in the pasture ... problem solved.

By using Dexter steers, a family will never "overload" the freezer. So naturally, depending on whom I was talking to, I would point out different things, depending on their interest. And last but not least, I would encourage the individual to visit the ADCA web site and learn more about Dexters.

After I go through college and begin to settle down (possibly with a family), I want to have my own Dexter ranch. If for some reason I could not begin building a herd, I would at least want to own a few steers for beef. Hopefully, though, I will live

out in the country and be

One of the things that has changed my thinking is the way beef is raised.

able to start my own operation.

One of the most interesting things that has changed my thinking is the way beef is raised. I have realized that there is a way to raise the cattle without stuffing them full of feed (as do some of the larger breeds). The cattle in the feedlot situations are really disgusting and unhealthy.

All the medication that has to be included in the steers' (Angus, etc.) daily feed is given to keep the sick animal from just dying in the pas-

ture. Then, we eat the meat and with it, a bunch of medications that are prescribed to cattle, not human beings. Just to let you better understand what I mean, some of the cattle, when slaughtered, are found to have had their stomachs blown apart due to excessive feeding and in some cases disease.

With Dexters, however, one can raise beef the original way, raise them to be healthy for human consumption. Like it was mentioned earlier, with Dexters, as long as you have some good pastures, your steers will weigh in nicely. After all, the original way is the Dexter way.

I feel that I deserve the Chris Odom Memorial Award as Junior Exhibitor of the Year because as president of the Kaufman County-Liners 4-H Club, I have done as much as I can to promote the Dexter breed among youth and adults alike at our club meetings. I showed a heifer at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and we have also attended the Kaufman County Fair this year and showed our heifers there.

It was, for most of the people at the fair, their first time to see a Dexter. They were received with great interest. We also took our heifers to the Terrell Heritage Jubilee and let people feed and pet them.

Thank you for taking the time to

y this essay.
Hope to see you

at some of the future shows or meetings. Have a good year and God bless.

Josh's Acceptance

Hello, everyone, I am sorry to say that I have been unable to attend this year's Annual General Meeting in Dayton, Tenn.; I trust that everyone is having an enjoyable convention. I also hope that the weather has been better in Tennessee than here in North Texas. (It has been very hot and dry.)

My main reason in writing is to show my appreciation to the American Dexter Cattle Association for hosting the Junior Exhibitor of the Year Award. I am glad to be able to help promote the cattle under such a group (ADCA) who is committed to advancing the Dexter breed to a position of equality with other world-class beef breeds.

I look forward to the day when "Dexter" is a common word among places like Outback Steakhouse or in the average household.

I wish it were possible for me to attend this year's Annual General Meeting. However, hopefully we can attend next year!

I'm sure there were lots of greatlooking cattle in the show and many quality Dexters sold. I wish I could be there to see it. Thank you again, and I hope everyone continues to have a great time and a safe drive home afterward.

> God bless, Joshua Hall

2010 Chris Odom Award Runner-up Applicants

Seth Hall, Terrell, Texas Kenaniah Hall, Terrell, Texas Rachel Huddleston, Spartanburg, S.C.

Joan Short, Ojai, Calif. Raina Townson, Cowpens, S.C.

Thank you all for taking the time to complete your applications. All of the applications were quite good, and we as a committee commend you for the hard work and dedication you have shown toward the Dexter breed.

We hope you will continue your journey with Dexters and share your experience again with us next year as award applicants and continue to spread the word and the knowledge of the Dexter breed.

Sally and Warren Coad Co-Chairs ADCA Youth Committee

2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting Behind the Scenes and in the Spotlight

It takes a lot of people to run an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

A lot of things can go astray when the moments tick by as the AGM gets on its way. Luckily, this association is filled with outstanding individuals who, even in the sweltering heat wave, stepped up and lent a hand.

There is no way to thank everyone who behind the scenes made this event a success, but here is a start.

Before the Event

Rick and Macheal Seydel of Timberview Dexters helped put together the show and sale catalog and spent many evenings on the telephone answering questions.

Charles Townson of BeaverTree Farm lightened our load by taking over the responsibilities

of receiving, copying and forwarding all Chris Odom Award applications to the Youth Committee for judging. In addition, Charles did the presentation of the awards Saturday night.

Mark Fitzgerald and Eric Bunch of Eden Gardens Farm helped the two of us put up and secure all of the panels at the event, spreading the mulch for the tie areas, running hoses from the scarce water supplies and way too much more to mention. This was all done late Wednesday morning due to a McMinn County error.

Sandi Thomas and Amelio Yahtin of Thomas' Dexters helped finish up the set-up job as trailers from all of the U.S. started pulling into the facility.

During the Event

Macheal Seydel of Timberview Dexters, Linda Smith of Whistle Ranch and others stepped in to help register guests for the event Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Elissa Emmons of Evening Star Ranch provided the grooming chute and blower for the clinic on Thursday evening.

Amelio Yahtin of Thomas' Dexters lent a helping hand wherever and whenever he was needed.

Barbara Martinez of Eden Gardens Farm acted as photographer for the grooming and fitting clinic, while Chrissy Gault (photographer) spent many hours hanging the photo contest display in the conference center as soon as the city gave us access to the building (during the clinic).

Jeremy and Shea Neal of JSJ & Company assisted with transporting all the trophies, ribbons and equipment from our Philadelphia home (40 minutes from the facility) to the event and helped load and

urday afternoon.

Special thanks to *some* of the individuals/companies that were hired or volunteered for this event and did a great job – I am sure I have forgotten some, so thank you

Matt Crisp, clinician: getting your Dexters ready for the show and/or sale ring

Staples of Athens: printing and assembling AGM materials in a very timely fashion

Christa Gault Photography: covering all three days of events

Bill Woody Photography: taking show-day photos

Valley Printing (Tenn.): good job on the show banner, show/sale catalogs and roadside banner

> McMinn County Sheriff Department: allfour nights

Dr. Hugh McCampbell: have to thank him again!

Superior Trophies (Texas): ribbons, banners, plaques and trophies

Team Logo (N.C.): embroidered directors' chairs awarded as championship trophies

Jessy Harris: judged the Youth Show

David Roper: judged the Open Show

Ronnie Colyer: auctioneer ALL of the ADCA directors, officers, staff and their spouses and children who helped in various ways!

This association is filled with outstanding individuals who stepped up and lent a hand. night security for the

unload numerous items.

Rick Seydel of Timberview Dexters provided many hours of entertainment as the emcee of the White Dexter Sale Friday night. ALL the folks who donated items for the White Dexter Sale and ALL of the folks who purchased those items – a big THANK YOU!

Kevin Gault, Eric Bunch and Rick Seydel all stepped in as spotters for the live Dexter auction on Saturday morning.

Dr. Hugh McCampbell provided an entertaining and informative talk on cows, calves and calving on Friday afternoon and returned Friday night with many donations for the White Dexter Sale and talked one on one with many interested Dexter owners. He returned Saturday to issue health papers for the sale animals and returned Saturday night to talk with more Dexter owners.

Pfizer, TruTest, Freedom Farms and Dr. Hugh McCampbell supplied door prizes for the attendees of the Annual General Meeting Sat-

After the Event:

Mark Fitzgerald and Eric Bunch of Eden Gardens Farm once again put in an 8- to 9-hour day taking panels down, moving bleachers, etc.

Jesse Stewart of K&B Farm and Amelio Yahtin of Thomas' Dexters helped with panels, emptied the garbage pails and loaded my truck.

Kim and Bill Stewart of K&B Farm were facing a 5- to 6-hour trip home with their mature bull but

stayed for 8 hours removing panels and picking up all the manure, hay, straw and shavings that needed to be removed and doing whatever was needed to help.

Shame on a couple of companies that agreed to do a certain job and failed in one way or another, and we apologize for the inconvenience this caused folks:

Mulligans Restaurant, Pizzeria and Lounge – Friday and Saturday Catering Service

Production Acres – Hay and Bedding for on-site purchasing

And we cannot forget a bit of a thumbs down for Mother Nature, who provided the hottest June weekend eastern Tennessee has seen in a long, long time! On the other hand, there were no tornado warnings or sirens, no severe thunderstorms and, luckily, no reported incidents of heat-related illnesses in the human, canine or bovine visitors!

We hope everyone had a safe trip home and that you enjoyed your short stay here in Tennessee. We hope to see you in Stillwater, Okla., next year! Thank you again for helping make the 2010 ADCA National Show, Sale and AGM a success!

Sally and Warren Coad

2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting Minutes

AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE
ASSOCIATION
2010 Annual General Meeting
(AGM)
June 26, Athens, Tenn.

Note: Prior to the call to order, 29 voting members and 14 proxies were verified with the membership roster.

Call to Order and Welcome

A special "thank you" was given to Warren and Sally Coad as well as all others instrumental in hosting the 2010 AGM at Athens. Despite the relocation of their farm from North Carolina to Tennessee, they managed to put together an outstanding AGM.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by the president, Roberta Wieringa, stating the purpose of the meeting to inform the members of the business of the association, which is required by the Delaware statutes. She then asked the officers, regional directors and staff present to introduce themselves.

2009 AGM Minutes

Motion: Devin Jones (Region 7) moved to accept the 2009 AGM minutes as printed in the Fall '09 Bulletin, vol. 48, no. 3, pp. 14-17. Sally Coad (Region 8) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Overview for 2009

A two-page handout was prepared for the membership by Jim Smith,

treasurer. Jim explained the current financial status of the ADCA with projections for the 2010 year. The Tax 990 report has been filed with the Department of Revenue. 2009 ended in a very favorable position with a positive variance to the budget and total revenue over expenses.

A highlight was the projected revenue from the '09 AGM, which was budgeted at zero and resulted in a financial success with over \$8,000 above expenses!

Another item Jim brought to membership attention was the revenue from genetic testing at the Texas A&M Lab which was nonexistent a couple of years ago.

Motion: Lee Wieringa (Region 10) moved to accept the 2009 financial report. Ted Anderson (Region 1) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Membership Review

Chuck Daggett, registrar, reported current paid membership at 895; we actually had around 1,451 members at the end of 2009. Although this number is down a little from 2009, Chuck reminded everyone that many individuals do not pay their dues until they register calves.

On the average, he receives one new membership a day and predicted the membership will again be over 1,000 by the year's end.

To speed up the process and

avoid confusion, Chuck requested that members include their membership number when registering and/or transferring cattle. He again stated that the registry is backed up off site every night and that the records are secure.

There are 23,247 animals in the registry, and it is as up to date as possible with corrections being made for errors as they are detected.

Currently, there are 5,444 member prefixes, and each new member requires a unique prefix, which sometimes takes a bit of time. Once designated, a prefix cannot be changed.

A new membership directory is currently being prepared and will be mailed to each paid member.

Committee Reports

Youth Programs & Chris Odom Award

Warren & Sally Coad
Youth Committee member Charles
Townson (Region 8) presented the
report. There were fewer applications for the scholarship awards
this year, even though there are
more youth participating in showing and promoting Dexters. Youth
need to be encouraged to apply for
the award.

The show portion of the application counts just 2.5 points, so those interested youth should not feel they cannot compete for the award

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if they do not show Dexters.

The 2010 awards will be made after the evening banquet.

Classification/Historical No Report

The most recent classification schedule was printed in the Spring 2010 *Bulletin*, vol. 49, no. 1, p. 11. The service agreement with the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeder's Association has been renewed and is on file.

Although there was no formal report, work continues to make information available to the membership regarding updated pedigrees and photographs, both current and historical, via the web site.

Marketing & Advertising Robert Seddon

Advertising in the commercial cattle venues has been reduced due to lack of interest shown for the outlay.

Increased market has been made in GOOGLE ad words. The ADCA was getting over 2,700 unique (never been at the site before) hits to the ADCA web site per month last year which were attributed to the Google search engine link to the ADCA.

Members who have cattle for sale are encouraged to put ads on the ADCA web site – a bargain at \$50 per year when the amount of exposure is taken into consideration.

Magazine ads include Country Side Magazine, American Heritage, Stockman Grass Farmer, Hobby Farms, Tractor Supply, etc. Robert emphasized that the best advertising you will ever get is through word of mouth.

Members are encouraged to contact Robert with suggestions of advertising venues.

Nominations & Elections Carol Ann Traynor Results of 2009 elections are as follows:

Region 1 – Vance Mattson

Region 2 – Monica Dexter

Region 4 – Judy Nocks

Region 10 – Linda Rininger

Region 11 - Carol Koller

Region 3 – no nominations/Judy Nocks appointed interim by the Board of Directors (BOD).

The 2010 election schedule for Regions 3, 6, 7 and 8 is as follows: Aug. 16 – nomination letters

Sept. 11 – nominations must be received by committee

Oct. 7 – regional meeting date, proxy/ballot and candidate statements mailed

Oct. 29 – proxy/ballot deadline Nov. 1-30 – regional meeting dates (to be determined by each region)

If there is only one candidate nominated in a region, that candidate will be declared the regional director by acclimation without proxy ballots being mailed out and returned.

Pedigree & Genetics Sandi Thomas

Numerous corrections have been made in the online registry. Members are encouraged to check their registry information and make note to the committee of any errors.

Standard operating procedures (SOP) recommendations have been made for AI bulls, both domestic and foreign.

C.K. Allen's "polled status reference" has been recommended as clarification on the issue of polled and scurred animals and is on the ADCA web site.

The offspring of registered horned bulls are currently being reevaluated through testing due to the fact that the registration was incorrect and he was a "scurred" rather than a horned animal.

The review option of the Pedigree & Genetics Committee is to assist owners in accessing sire's genotype. Questions are to be referred to the committee for assistance if the sire's genotype isn't available (or) acceptance of dam's genotype in place of the sire can be done with the inclusion of the calf's genotype (two animals tested).

A change/addition of committee members is in progress.

Texas A&M Lab Testing Update Pam Malcuit

A-2 milk testing has been made available, and the lab is just awaiting the final paper signing to be up and running!

The lab is still pursuing licensing for Pulmonary Hypoplasia with Anasarca (PHA) testing, but nothing has been finalized with the owner of the test rights.

Since June 2008, the Texas A&M Lab has completed the following testing for ADCA members:

Chondrodysplasia (1,223 tested)

Negative: 866 Carriers: 357

Colors (295 total tested)

Red only: 127 Dun only: 52 Red + dun: 116

Parentage/Genotyping (1,083 total tested)

The membership is advised to fully fill out the forms; a permanent ID is necessary, especially for genotyping. The animal must have the name that will go into the registry as well as the data base.

SNIPS (a one-sample testing for all items) is still a possibility. The problem remains the expense of the setup fees for the lab.

Dr. Cothran is pursuing several funding options at this time. Once it is operational, we could save greatly on our testing by having multiple tests run for a single fee.

Testing for a polled gene is not currently available, although there is work being done to identify markers within the DNA strands to establish polledness. Any member who has access to tail hairs from three generations of either polled or horned animals is asked to submit the samples through Pam Malcuit for use in analysis research to identify the trait.

When registering an animal that has both parents already tested for chondrodysplasia (CD) or PHA, the offspring of these animals is considered obligatory (i.e., considered to be tested). However, the registrar must be alerted to the obligatory status of the animal being registered.

Website & Technology Chuck Daggett

Over 50 percent of the registrations coming in are now completed online. During the past year, online payments for registrations and transfers were 2,173, surpassing those done by check.

When registrations are made online, the chance for error due to handwriting interpretation is almost nil. The information can be immediately printed and saved for the owner's records.

There are currently 52 people with a web ad, which includes one picture with basic contact information.

The online pedigree lists all animals *currently owned* under "owner." All animals that an individual has ever registered are listed under "breeder."

Talisman Award Roberta Wieringa

The annual award is given in memory of John Hayes, a dedicated and loyal breeder of Dexter cattle. The committee consisted of Belle Hayes (honorary) as well as the 2009

award recipient, the 2007 and 2008 recipients and the ADCA president.

Two individuals were nominated for 2010, and members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals in their area for 2011. The 2010 winner will be announced after the evening meal.

Old Business

Realignment was necessary to make regions more equitable in terms of member numbers in each region as required by Delaware law. After considering the recommendations of the task force, the BOD approved the realignment of ADCA regions as follows:

- ► Region 6 (Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma) and Region 8 (South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Tennessee) will remain the same.
- ▶ Regions 3 and 4 will merge and become Region 4 (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming).
- ▶ Region 7 will become two regions as determined by area code:
 Region 3 (West Texas) and Region 7 (East Texas and Louisiana).

Note: Region numbers were assigned to reflect the 2010 election schedule without necessitating a change in the bylaws and certificate of incorporation.

New Business

The AGM drew members from around the country.

2011 AGM Region 6 will host the 2011 AGM in Stillwater, Okla., June 9-11. Cattle facilities. hotel and conference rooms have been reserved, and judges, auctioneer, banquet meals and a photographer have been secured.

Look for more informa-

tion in upcoming Bulletins.

2012 AGM

Region 10 (Indiana, Michigan and Ohio) will host the 2012 AGM. Location and facilities are still in the planning stages. It will definitely NOT be in Michigan; the location will be finalized by October.

Membership Handbook Pam Malcuit

Finishing touches are being made on the new membership handbook (aka "Dexters for Dummies"), which will be online. It has all the answers to those questions everyone has regarding Dexter cattle and the ADCA.

The online format will allow members to download and print any or all of the information.

Standardization of Show Classes Ted Anderson (Region 1) voiced his concern over the size of the yearling heifer classes and suggested that weanling and yearling classes be divided at 6 months and under, 6-12 months, 12-18 months and 18-24 months.

Election of Directors at Large for the Sunday BOD Meeting Sandi Thomas

- ► Charles Daily (Region 1) was nominated by Ted Anderson (Region 1). Pam Malcuit (Region 7) seconded.
- ►William Stewart (Region 2) was nominated by Jim Smith (Region 1). Richard Fennema (Region 7) seconded.

Carol Ann Traynor (Region 4) moved to accept the nominations by acclimation. Deb Hawkins (Region 6) seconded. Motion carried.

Door Prizes
Presented by Sally Coad

Meeting Adjournment Gloria Mattson (Region 1) moved that the 2010 AGM be adjourned. Ted Anderson (Region 1) seconded. Motion carried.

2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting National Championship Competition

The 2010 ADCA National Show was a big success, despite the heat index hovering near 100 degrees, a faulty PA system and a long walk to the "in" gate. There were 152 entries for the day with 60 of those in the youth shows. Just over 100 Dexters filled the McMinn County Agricultural Exposition Center to capacity. With a combined days' total of prizes and premiums awarded at over \$8,650, made possible by our many class and trophy sponsors, it was well worth putting up with the heat and humidity for the five-hour show. A special thanks go out to our show ring volunteers who helped make this show a success.

Announcer – Carrie Chapman (our Foothills Farmers Co-Op representative)
Gate Organizer – Mark Fitzgerald (of Eden Gardens Farm, Englewood, Tenn.)
Ring Masters/Judge Assistants – Eric Bunch and Kevin Gault
Ribbon/Trophy Runners & Organizers – Linda Rininger, Linda Smith and others we missed!
Ribbon/Trophy Distributing – Jim Smith and Clay Adams
Record Keeping – Barbara Fitzgerald and Carrie Chapman
And all of those behind the scenes of the show helping folks get into the show ring, holding cows, etc.

Pee Wee Division Showmanship (under 7 and Special Needs)

Sponsored by Mimi's Chihuahuas (ALL of the children were 1st-place winners!)

- 1. Rochelle Thomas
- 1. Oscar Thomas
- 1. Savannah Neal

Adult Division Showmanship (19 Years and Over)

Sponsored by Foothill's Farmers Co-Op

Trophies Sponsored by Evening Star Ranch

Division Champion: Sally Coad (TN)

Division Reserve Champion: Elissa Emmons (TX)

- 3. Devin Jones (TX)
- 4. David Jones (TX)

Youth Junior Division Showmanship (7-12)

Sponsored by Freedom Farms

Trophies Sponsored by Red D Farm and Cedar Creek

Farm

Division Champion: Jackson Neal, 9 (NC)

Division Reserve Champion: Danielle Hawkins, 11 (OK)

- 3. Raina Townson, 12 (SC)
- 4. Seth Hall, 10 (OK)
- 5. Rachel Huddleston, 11 (SC)
- 6. Zane Hall, 8 (OK)

Competitor: Alma Cuevas, 9 (OR)

Competitor: Avery Galloway, 10 (TX)

Competitor: Michael Cuevas, 10 (OR)

Youth Senior Division Showmanship (13-18)

Sponsored by Emerald Springs Farm

Trophies Sponsored by Wakarusa Ridge Ranch

Division Champion: Christen Horne, 16 (SC)

Division Reserve Champion: Amelio Yahtin, 16 (OR)

- 3. Caroline Horne, 16 (SC)
- 4. Trey Daly, 15 (SC)

- 5. Bailey Burns, 14 (MO)
- 6. Rylee Galloway, 14 (TX)

Competitor: Logan Daly, 14 (SC)

Competitor: Shelby Burns, 14 (MO)

YOUTH SHOW RESULTS (top 6 per class)

Judge: Jessy Harris

Youth Heifer Calf (under 6 months

Sponsored by Rocking H Dexter Ranch (5 entries)

- 1. Rocking H Polly, shown by Zane Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)
- 2. Bar None's Red Satin, shown by Avery Galloway (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 3. *FF Hi-Jynx Gigi*, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 4. *B Buttercup*, shown by Rachel Huddleston (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 5. *Thomas' RY Black Powder*, shown by Amelio Yahtin (owned by Thomas' Dexters)

Youth Heifer Calf (6-12 months)

Sponsored by Marik Farms (7 entries)

- 1. *Grandma's Martha Washington*, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Marik Farms)
- 2. FF Bonnie Jo, shown by Trey Daly (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 3. *B Autumn*, shown by Christen Horne (owned by Nature Safe Farm)
- 4. *ESF Sunny*, shown by Shelby Burns (owned by Wild Rose Ranch)
- 5. B Freedom Rider, shown by Caroline Horne (owned by Nature Safe Farm)
- 6. Windfall's Blythe, shown by Danielle Hawkins (owned by Morning Star Ranch)

Youth Yearling Heifer (12-24 months)

Sponsored by Moosters Meadows (11 entries)

- 1. Rocking H Gracie, shown by Seth Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)
- 2. *MP Keikos Amy*, shown by Danielle Hawkins (owned by Red D Farm)
- 3. *YRF Magnolia*, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Marik Farms)
- 4. *FF Lil' Bit O'Joy*, shown by Caroline Horne (owned by Nature Safe Farm)
- 5. ESF Irish Rose, shown by Shelby Burns (owned by Wild Rose Ranch)
- 6. *FF Anna Bell*, shown by Rachel Huddleston (owned by Nature Safe Farm)

Youth Young Cow

Sponsored by JSJ and Company Farms (7 entries)

- 1. FF Jingle Belle, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 2. FF Q.T. Bryanna, shown by Trey Daly (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 3. *FF Red Clover*, shown by Rachel Huddleston (owned by BeaverTree Farm)



Rochelle and Sandi Thomas, PeeWee Showmanship Class

- 4. *HCF Miss Lily*, shown by Caroline Horne (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 5. *FF Red Breeze*, shown by Raina Townson (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 6. Windfall's Velvet, shown by Amelio Yahtin (owned by Bar None Dexters)

Youth Grand Champion Female Sponsored by Someday Maybe Farms/ Chautauqua Herd

Trophies Sponsored by Stahlston Dexters FF Jingle Belle, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)

Youth Reserve Champion Female Sponsored by BeaverTree Farm Trophies Sponsored by Eden Gardens Farm Rocking H Gracie, shown by Seth Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch

Youth Bull Calf (under 6 months)

Sponsored by Sac Valley Ranch (1 entry)

 B Clyde, shown by Caroline Horne (owned by BeaverTree Farm)

Youth Bull Calf (6-12 months)

Sponsored by The Refuge Farm (3 entries)

- 1. *ESF Tiny Tim*, shown by Bailey Burns (owned by Emerald Springs Farm)
- 2. *ESF Wood Jack*, shown by Seth Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)
- 3. FF Freedom's Hi-Honors, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)

Youth Grand Champion Male Sponsored by Someday Maybe Farms/ Chautauqua Herd

Trophies Sponsored by Athens Factory Outlet Homes

ESF Tiny Tim, shown by Bailey Burns (owned by Emerald Springs Farm)

Youth Reserve Champion Male Sponsored by Smiling J Farm Trophies Sponsored by Wolsey Farm ESF Wood Jack, shown by Seth Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)

Youth Steer Calf (under 12 months)

Sponsored by Hi Country Achers (3 entries)

- Prairie Rock, shown by Bailey Burns (owned by Wild Rose Ranch)
- 2. FF Freedom's Hi-Elf, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 3. MornStar Brody, shown by Rylee Galloway

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(owned by Morning Star Ranch)

Youth Steer (12-24 months)

Sponsored by Marik Farms Gourmet Beef (3 entries)

- 1. Cedar Creek E-Mel, shown by Danielle Hawkins (owned by Red D Farm)
- 2. *SH Wallie*, shown by Shelby Burns (owned by Wild Rose Ranch)
- 3. *MornStar Bowie*, shown by Rylee Galloway (owned by Morning Star Ranch)

OPEN SHOW RESULTS (top 6 per class)

Judged by David Roper

Open Heifer Calf (under 6 months)

Sponsored by Daggett's Dexters (9 entries)

- 1. ES Valentine, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Evening Star Ranch)
- 2. Rocking H Polly, shown by Karen Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)
- 3. Bar None's Red Satin, shown by David Jones (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 4. Wieringa's Opal NP, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 5. *FF Sugar-Hi*, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 6. *FF Hi-Karma*, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)

Open Heifer Calf (6-12 months)

Sponsored by Tolfree Farms (9 entries)

- 1. *Prairie Emerald*, shown by Ted Anderson (owned by Emerald Spring Farm)
- 2. *FF Remembrance*, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 3. *FF Bonnie Jo*, shown by Trey Daly (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 4. *Grandma's Martha Washington*, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Marik Farms)
- 5. *MornStar Rosemary Mhi*, shown by Danielle Hawkins (owned by Morning Star Ranch)
- 6. *B Autumn*, shown by Christen Horne (owned by Nature Safe Farm)

Open Yearling Heifer (12-24 months)

Sponsored by Timberview Dexters (18 entries)

- 1. *FF Lil Bit O'Joy*, shown by Caroline Horne (owned by Nature Safe Farm)
- 2. *Hickory Hill Amanda*, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 3. *FF Lil Bit O'Bliss*, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 4. Wieringa's Iris TC, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)

- 5. Rocking H Gracie, shown by Karen Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)
- 6. FF O'Finally O'Phelia, shown by Joe Fochler (owned by Nature Safe Farm)

Open Young Cow (2-4 years)

Sponsored by High Pines Dexters (11 entries)

- 1. Windfall's Velvet, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 2. *ESF Missy Lynn*, shown by Ted Anderson (owned by Emerald Spring Farm)
- 3. *FF Windy Willow*, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 4. FF Q.T. Bryanna, shown by Caroline Horne (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 5. *FF Red Breeze*, shown by Raina Townson (owned by BeaverTree Farm)
- 6. FF Red Clover, shown by Rachel Huddleston (owned by BeaverTree Farm)

Open Mature Cow (over 4 years)

Sponsored by Thomas' Dexters (3 entries)

- 1. Wieringa's Paula MD, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 2. Boulder Fork Prairie Star, shown by Michele Burns (owned by Emerald Spring Farm)
- 3. Wieringa's Sophia PQ, shown by Lee Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)

Open Potential Milking Heifer

Sponsored by Silver Maple Dexters (1 entry)

1. Wakarusa RSG Moira, shown by Logan Daly (owned by BeaverTree Farm)

Open Milking Cow in Current Milk

Sponsored by CJS Farm (3 entries)

- 1. Windfall's Velvet, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 2. FF Miss N' Magellan, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 3. *FF Windy Willow*, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)

Open Cow/Calf Pairs

Sponsored by Biotracking (7 entries)

- 1. Windfall's Velvet & Bar None's Red Satin, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 2. Wieringa's Paula MD & Wieringa's Opal NP, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 3. Wieringa's Sophia PQ & Wieringa's Rocco NS, shown by Lee Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 4. FF Miss N' Magellan & FF Hi-Flyin' Jet, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)

- 5. FF Windy Willow & FF Zip N' To The Top, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 6. FF Red Clover & B Buttercup, shown by Rachel Huddleston (owned by BeaverTree Farm)

Open Grand Champion Female Sponsored by Wieringa Dexter Farm Trophies Sponsored by Norman's Quarter Farm Windfall's Velvet, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Bar None Dexters)

Open Reserve Champion Female Sponsored by Running Colt Farm Trophies Sponsored by Windfall Ranch Wieringa's Paula MD, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)

Open Bull Calf (6 months)

Sponsored by Missouri Dexter Breeders Association (2 entries)

- 1. Wieringa's Max EE, shown by Lee Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 2. *B Clyde* shown by Caroline Horne (owned by BeaverTree Farm)

Open Bull Calf (6-12 months)

Sponsored by Midhill Dexters (4 entries)

- 1. *ESF Tiny Tim*, shown by Bailey Burns (owned by Emerald Spring Farm)
- 2. FF Freedom's Hi-Honors, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)



Matt Crisp shared his expertise in preparing an animal for the show/sale ring during a clinic at the AGM.

- 3. *ESF Wood Jack*, shown by Karen Hall (owned by Rocking H Dexter Ranch)
- 4. Double D's Abrams Tank TT, shown by Robin Bleeker (owned by Double D Dexters)

Open Yearling Bull (1-2 years)

Sponsored by Trailers of the East Coast (8 entries)

- 1. Wieringa's Greg TT, shown by Lee Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 2. Wieringa's Ben NR, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Bar None Dexters)
- 3. Windy Hills Red Shannon, shown by Vance Mattson (owned by Sac Valley Ranch)
- 4. FF Freedom's In The Red, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 5. Legend Red Levi, shown by Joe Fochler (owned by Nature Safe Farm)
- 6. Wieringa's Huey NS, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)

Mature Bull (over 2 years)

Sponsored by Cothran Animal Genetics Lab (3 entries)

- 1. Wieringa's Elvis LC, shown by Roberta Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)
- 2. FF Freedom's Guinness, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 3. *Rhina Blue Moon*, shown by Bill Stuart (owned by K & B Farms)

Open Grand Champion Male
Sponsored by Bar None Dexters
Trophies Sponsored by Rockin' JW Ranch
Wieringa's Elvis LC, shown by Roberta
Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)

Open Reserve Champion Male Sponsored by Dooley Tractor Company Trophies Sponsored by Sant' Angelo Farm Wieringa's Greg TT, shown by Lee Wieringa (owned by Wieringa Dexter Farm)

Open Steer Calf (under 12 months)

Sponsored by Morning Star Ranch (4 entries)

- 1. *Prairie Rock*, shown by Bailey Burns (owned by Wild Rose Ranch)
- 2. *MornStar Brody*, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Morning Star Ranch)
- 3. *FF Freedom's Hi-Elf*, shown by Sally Coad (owned by Freedom Farms)
- 4. FF Freedom's Hi-Dollar, shown by Jackson Neal (owned by Freedom Farms)

Open Steer (12-24 months)

Sponsored Olde Towne Farm (1 entry)

1. *MornStar Bowie*, shown by Elissa Emmons (owned by Morning Star Ranch)

2010 ADCA Annual General Meeting National Photo Show Winners

We received 60 photos for the 2010 Photo Show. They were judged by the two official 2010 National Show photographers, Bill Woody and Christa Gault. Photos of the National Show/Sale and AGM can be found and ordered off of Bill's web site, www.billwoodyphotography.com. Many quality photos were received, and the judges were very impressed.

CLASS 1: Individual Dexters



1st Place: ADCA #021086 by Doris Fochler



2nd Place: ADCA #022484 by Marvin Briscow



3rd Place: ADCA #020508 by Doris Fochler

CLASS 2: Cow/Calf



1st Place: #012570/023384 by Pam Malcuit



2nd Place: #023177/015547 by Doris Fochler



3rd Place: #022522/017688 by Doris Fochler

CLASS 4: Dexters with Scenery



1st Place: #015547 by Doris Fochler



2nd Place: #023297 by Elissa Emmons



3rd Place: #015547 by Doris Fochler

CLASS 5: Cute Calves



1st Place: #023385 by Pam Malcuit

2nd Place: ADCA #023386/023384 by Pam Malcuit

3rd Place: ADCA #021453 by Doris Folcher

CLASS 6: Dexters Enjoying the Holidays



CLASS 7: Kids and Dexters







1st Place: #020418 by Elissa Emmons

1st Place: #020065 by Doris Folcher

2nd Place: #020107 3rd Place: #023257 by Kelly Hall

by Elissa Emmons

CLASS 8: Herd Shots



1st Place: #021086/021453 by Doris Folcher



2nd Place: #020107 by Doris Folcher



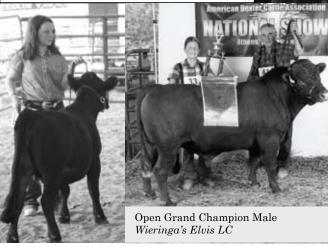
3rd Place by Doris Folcher

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