President - Greg Dickens
Vice Pres - Lesa Reid
IPP - Jim Woehl
Secretary - Carole Nirosky
Treasurer - Jim Smith
Registrar - Jill Delaney
* Webmaster - Ray Delaney

Youth Dir Elissa Emmons-Sawyer
Parliamentarian - David Jones
Region 7 – Robin Welch
Region 8 – Doug Loyd
Region 9 – Kim Newswanger
Region 1– Rebecca Gygax
Region 10 – Patrick Mitchell
Region 2 – Laaci Louderback
Region 11 -
Region 4 – Joel Dowty
Region 12 – Terry Sprague
Region 6 – Jeff Chambers
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The meeting was called to order by President Greg Dickens. There were 70 verified voting members and 0 guests in attendance.

Greg asked the Vicki Jones, the hospitality committee and the AGM Committee to stand to be recognized for all their hard work putting the AGM together. Next year will be in Lincoln Nebraska and volunteers are always needed. Contact Jeff Chambers if you’d like to be a part of next years team. Greg also thanked everyone that played a part helping with the show Saturday. Part of his goal as president was to make the show more professional and with everyone’s help he felt that goal had been reached.

Regular AGM Agenda
• Old Business

Motion was made by David Jones with 2nd Linda Mitchell to approve the minutes of the 2017 meeting as printed in the 2017 Fall Bulletin and published on the ADCA Website.

Motion approved
• Secretary’s Report - Carole Nirosky
  • No Questions
• Treasurers Report - Jim Smith
  • Jim explain projected earnings were not expected to be as high going forward due to the changes being made by the BOD to help the membership.
  • Genetic testing amount of $10,000 is not profit, it appears that way on report due to timing of billing and payment release.
  • FUN auction raised $8975 due to the generosity of the people in attendance. The AGM shows as a profit instead of an expense due to the money raised at the auction.
• Question: Vicki Jones: When will the in and out transactions for Texas A&M genetic testing stop? Answer: ADCA will stop collecting payment for testing at TAMU December 2018. Due to timing some transactions will show up on the 2019 Financial report.
  • Ted Anderson asked for copies to be passed around for members to review.
  • Following members review, a motion was made to accept Treasurer report by Don Giles (Region 7) with 2nd by Rick Seydel
    Motion was approved
• Registrar’s Report – Jill Delaney
  • 2018 (year to date) Registrations = 2128 / 2017 Total Registrations = 2252
  • Females 1200 / Bulls 928 – Females have now exceeded 2017, bulls a little lower that 2017
  • ADCA Total paid Members Jan 1- June 6, 2018 = 1013 / Jan 1 – June 6, 2017 = 896
Committee Reports (Power-Point Presentations)

- **Show & Sale Committee – Greg Dickens**
  - Rick Sydel questioned why spring calves would have to be registered, there may not be enough time to register them before the show.
  - Greg said young calves would be the only exceptions for cow calf pair. Calves show in their class must be registered. Questions should be addressed to the Show & Sale committee.

- **Nominations & Elections – Lesa Reid**
  - No questions

- **Ethics – Greg Dickens**
  - No questions

- **Talisman – Greg Dickens**
  - 5 Highly qualified nominees submitted this year.

- **Marketing & Advertising – Terry Sprague**
  - Rick Harvey asked if the committee had considered advertising in any Food Magazines?
  - Terry, no that had not been investigated yet, but we could.

- **Pedigree & Genetics – Joel Dowty**
  - No questions

- **By-laws & Standard Operating Procedures – David Jones**
  - No questions

- **Website & Technology – Pat Mitchell**
  - Modifications being made to the website
  - Question – Kimberly Jepson will the website tell you how long someone has been a member?
  - Answer – no, it will only tell you if the member is current

- **Education – Kim Newswanger**
  - No questions

- **Youth – Elissa Emmons**
  - No questions

- **Texas A&M Task Force - Doug Loyd**
  - Questions – P.J. Breedlove asked who checks are to be made out to now?
  - Answer – Make checks out to Texas Agri Life Research. Details are available on the ADCA website and the Texas A&M form.

- **Social Media Task Force – Doug Loyd**
  - No questions

- **Customer Service Task Force – Jeff Chambers**
  - Question - Don Giles commended the BOD on changes for registration. He is a heavy user of steer registration and grateful for opportunity to still receive a registration certificate. He thought steer registration was too cheap and asked the BOD to consider adding $5 back on to the steer registration and to use that $5 for the youth program.
  - Answer - the task force is still in use and will take this into consideration.
  - Question – Find a way to scrub the registry of deceased animals because they give a false number of bulls registered.
  - Answer – 40% bull registration number was based on annual bull registration not total bulls in registry. The hope is more members will be encouraged to register steers due to the low cost.
  - Jim Smith – as a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving the breed and supporting our youth we can fund the youth program beyond what the extra $5 would generate.
  - Question – Rick Seydel: We may want to eliminate the junior bull class, breeders may not want to spend $50 to register a junior bull they are evaluating just to show them.
  - Answer – The Show & sale committee will have to review.
  - Jeff reiterated that the details of the first owner policy are still being worked on and members should look for results in upcoming BOD meeting minutes.
• Question – Craig Turpin asked for the first owner policy to not be retro-active because of the possibility of losing some older animals with desirable bloodlines. He also asked for a transition period to help retrieve some of those lost animals.
• Answer – The committee is still working on how to handle these issues appropriately.
• Question – Patti Adams if a breeder sells a cow in calf to a new owner the new owner will be the ones to register that calf, but they will still use the breeders prefix?
• Answer – Jeff: That is correct, the original language is owner of the dam at time of calving is the one allowed to register the new calf. The calf will still have the original breeders prefix.
• Question – Ted Anderson: What kind of feedback did you get when the $75 bull fee proposal went back to committee?
• Answer – Greg: The fee structure was sent back to the Registration & Transfer committee to re-evaluate because of member feedback.
• Answer - Jeff: All Regional Directors reached out to their members in some way and the fee structure was changed due to member feedback.
• Question – Kimberly Jepsen: Just to be clear was the new fee structure supported by the membership?
• Answer: All Regional Directors reached out to their members in some way and majority of the feedback was positive for the revised fee structure. All these items are meant to benefit the breed and the membership.
• Greg Dickens: It is written in the new fee structure that the BOD will re-evaluate these changes in 3 years to monitor the effect on the breed and registry.
• Kimberly Jepsen: Was happy to hear that the membership’s voices were heard by the Committee and BOD through this process
• Greg stressed the importance of membership involvement in elections, surveys or emails. The BOD wants to hear from the membership.

• New Business
• Recent BOD activities:
  • BOD voted to remove Red test requirement from non-red parents
  • Chondro carriers do not have to be tested to be listed as a carrier, pedigree will read Chondro carrier not tested.
  • Artificial Form (AI) will not be required for registration beginning July 1, 2018
    • SA Walkup asked for the AI form to still be available for record keeping,
  • The BOD will be hiring an outside firm to do a review of ADCA Financial records.
  • Bulletin and Advertising Committee has been assigned with Joel Dowty as co-chair.
  • Election of Directors At Large
    Nominated: Clem Nirosky nominated Kimberly Jepsen, Rick Seydel 2nd.
    Linda Mitchel nominated Danny Collins, Tina Dowty 2nd.
    Vicki Jones nominated Becky Swisher, Rick Seydel 2nd.
    Membership voted Kimberly Jepsen and Danny Collins as Directors at large.

  • Robin Pittack present an opportunity to ADCA members about the National Stock Show in Denver Co. They would like Dexter cattle to be the premier breed at the opening weekend January 10 – 13, 2019. Contact Robin Pittack for details.

  • Greg Dickens announced his resignation as President effective immediately.
  • Jim Woehl will continue to serve as immediate past president (IPP)

Motion to adjourn was made Steve Albritton with 2nd by Ted Anderson.
Motion carried by acclamation