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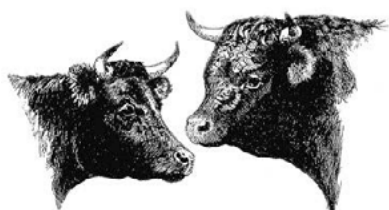
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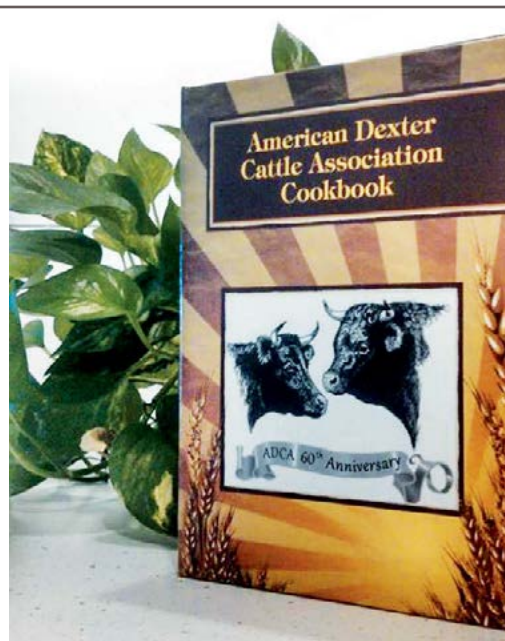
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- Only breed animals that I know to be in good condition and health.
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit here contemplating what to include in this article, it still feels like summer, even though it should be feeling like fall. A large part of the country is dealing with very little rainfall for a long period of time. We are fortunate that we have not started feeding hay yet this year, but many members around us have.

I always enjoy this time of year. I get to attend a couple of cattle shows that I really enjoy. The weather is always pleasant and I get to see old friends and make new ones. And once again this year it is business as usual.

I hope everyone enjoyed the new look to the Bulletin last quarter. The Board is working hard to do some updating to the Bulletin. This will be the second attempt at some of the changes. We still have other changes in mind that we are getting details worked out on. The Board is also in the final stages of hiring a new editor. Hopefully, by the time you receive this edition that process will be complete.

Lesa and Carole have been working hard on getting information out to the different Regions that are having elections. Each year as we have elections it seems that we struggle to get nominees to run for the open positions. I would like to encourage everyone if you are really interested in helping with the business of the ADCA, one way is to become a Regional Director.

The AGM committee is working on the next AGM. Hopefully, in the next edition you will start getting information on areas where volunteers are needed. If you would like to help with the AGM planning, feel free to contact Jim Woehl.

I hope as summer turns to fall, everyone will get out and enjoy your cattle and remember why you started down the road with Dexter cattle.

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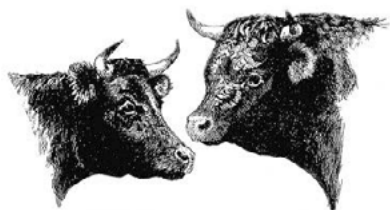
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REGIONAL DIRECTORS NEEDED

We are currently in need of interim Directors for Region 1 (Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri) and Region 11 (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont). If you are interested in serving in these positions, please contact the ADCA Vice-President, Lesa Reid. The ADCA is pleased to announce that the 2018-2020 Regional Director positions have been filled. Patrick Mitchell won the election in Region 10 and will be continuing his service on the ADCA Board of Directors. Terry Sprague was nominated for Region 12, agreed to continue serving, and was uncontested in the Region 12 election. Kim Newswanger also agreed to continue serving in Region 9 and was uncontested in the Region 9 election. We welcome these Directors back to the board and look forward to serving with them. We are grateful for the members that participated in this year's elections. We'd like to express our appreciation to these newly installed directors for their willingness to volunteer their time, their knowledge, and their many talents to the service of our association:



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In Memoriam Marcia Read

The American Dexter Cattle Association would like to honor the memory of one of our own, Marcia Read of the Old Orchard Herd - Stockdale Farm in Pennsylvania. Marcia passed November 9th, 2017. Marcia's Old Orchard prefix first appeared in the ADCA's registry in 1978 with the registration of Charity of Old Orchard. Marcia was a former director and officer of the American Dexter Cattle Association and the 2008 ADCA's Talisman Award honoree. Marcia's dedication to and advocacy for the Dexter breed are legendary and her efforts, when our breed was very much in danger, are in no small part why we are all able to enjoy this special breed of cattle today. As livestock breeders we build upon the shoulders of those who preceded us and all of us are indebted to Marcia's contribution to our breed.

To honor Marcia's memory, we would like to dedicate this edition of the Bulletin to her and reprint her acceptance note upon being awarded the John and Belle Hayes – 2008 ADCA Talisman Award.



My introduction to Dexter cattle was an article in a 1973 Organic Gardening magazine, and that article convinced me that I had to have my own Dexters. Some months later I brought home my little herd. However, it was not long before I realized they were not what I had hoped they would be, and that was friendly. They hated me!

One cow eventually did come around, but some of them never did. From that time I have endeavored to raise tame cattle, often failing more times than I would like to admit. I found after my first attempts to raise tame cattle that truly tame cattle are more than just former bottle babies and that young cattle need handling until grown. But, once raised to be tame, they are tame forever.

Last week, I gave away an older, non-breeding cow. I walked out to the cow field to show her to her prospective new caretaker and then led her back to the barn with a piece of baling twine. It was a long walk away from her friends and through a herd of silly horses, but she led. And she had not been led anywhere for well over 10 years.

Fighting flies without chemicals



By Robin Welch | Director Region 7

IT seems like every year the battle against flies grows. There is a multitude of products on the market today for fly control but some Dexter owners are looking for ways to fight them while minimizing the use of chemicals. Going this route is a little more challenging but it can be done with consistency and diligence.

One of the best means of cutting down on flies is to minimize the amount of manure in your paddocks and pastures. Using a harrow on a regular basis to spread the manure and dry it quicker is an easy means to reduce the breeding grounds for flies. If you have chickens and ducks, turn them into the pastures/paddocks as they will scratch the manure and spread it. They will also happily devour any maggots that may already be in there. Fly predators are a great option provided you don't have chickens or ducks. The chickens/ducks think these are just as tasty as the fly maggots, however, if using fly predators and you have chickens/ducks, ensure you put the predators out in an area the birds cannot get to.

There is now a growing market of natural based products as people look for chemical free alternatives. One product folks use is Cedercide. As the name implies, it is a cedar based product that can be used not only on livestock but pets and people as well. Another product on the market is Cedar Creek Fly repellent. This comes in an oil based or water based product. It is certified for use on organic farms if that is what you need. It also can be used on livestock, pets and people. And a relatively new comer is Davis Livestock Spray. Unlike the other 2 repellents, Davis utilizes clove oil as the deterrent.

And of course there are many different homemade mixes and tricks. Some use garlic mixed with treats/molasses/feed. There are other that use clove oil and another essential oil as the carrier. Below is the essential oil mix we personally utilize here at our farm. The second "recipe" is from Kimberly Jepsen who took the time to break down a commercial natural fly repellent into something you can make at home with essential oils.

While this is just the tip of the iceberg, it should give you a start on different means of controlling these pests. When deciding to go chemical free, it will take more consistency but it does work.

- 4 cups raw apple cider vinegar
- 15 drops rosemary essential oil
- 15 drops basil essential oil
- 15 drops Peppermint essential oil
- 15 drops repellent blend essential oil
- 1 tablespoon dish soap

At home mix of commercial repellent:

- 144 drops of geranium oil
- 3 drops Thyme
- 12 drops Cedar
- 12 drops Lemongrass
- 12 drops Citronella
- 18 drops Clove oil

rosemary
oil



dish
soap



basil
oil



peppermint
oil



repellent
blend oil



raw apple
cider vinegar



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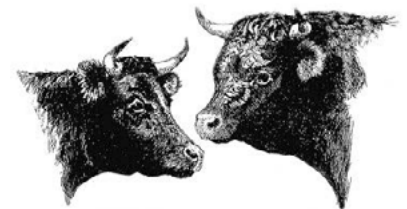
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EMBRYO TRANSFER

Embryo transfer (ET) is the process of removing one or more embryos (fertilized eggs) from a donor female and transferring them to one or more recipient females.

by Terry Sprague | Director Region 12

ET potentially allows multiple offspring of an elite cow from a single estrus cycle. It also may allow a beloved pet with undesired characteristics (as long as she maintains excellent fertility) to remain productive as a recipient or surrogate mother. It is important that the donor be carefully selected. She should be healthy, have regular estrus cycles, calve easily, be in good body condition, and provided proper nutrients, including minerals, important to reproductive function, as well as properly vaccinated. One should also select a healthy recipient.

The process generally involves superovulating a donor cow by means of hormone manipulation so that multiple eggs are formed, then breeding the cow, usually by artificial insemination, resulting in multiple embryos. About 7 days after fertilization, the embryos which have not yet implanted on the uterine lining, are flushed from the uterus, collected and graded. Five or six embryos are average, but may vary from zero to 20+, not all

of which may be acceptable for transplant. At that point the embryos that make the grade may be frozen, similar to semen used for AI, or transferred into the uterus of a recipient cow about 7 days after standing heat. If all goes well, 283 days +/- after conception a calf is born by the surrogate mother. The donor cow embryos can be collected every 28-60 days.

There are multiple protocols for ET. The one briefly described above is what I have used. It is not an economical way to get calves, but is fascinating technology, an interesting challenge and has resulted in multiple champion animals. Although not commonly used in the Dexter world, ET is commonly used by many seedstock dairy and beef breed producers.

The ADCA does have protocol for registering ET animals which must meet all requirements to register.



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CIDR IMPLANT SUCCESS STORY

by Becky Petteway | The Pett Farm

Has it happened to you? That favorite cow just can't seem to produce a calf? Sure, cows get culled from large herds for lack of production all the time. But many Dexter owners don't have 'large' herds. And, many Dexter breeders are quite attached to their girls, and may only own 1 or 2. Of course, there comes a time in the life of a cow, Dexter or not, that a culling decision has to be made. But, what if this Dexter could be a productive part of your farm?

We faced this dilemma 5 years ago. A beautiful heifer, and one of our favorites, was over 4 years old and had not produced a single calf. We, of course, consulted our vet. He conducted a pelvic exam and could find no reason that this cow could not become pregnant. Now, we have a very good relationship with our bovine vet clinic, but sometimes their suggestions for a path of action are based on a commercial operation. We have to remind them that yes, we are willing to pay for lidocaine when it's appropriate, and they often chuckle when we call every cow that enters the chute by name.

So, when a fellow Dexter breeder heard my sad story he enlightened us about the CIDR implant product. I inquired with Doc. "Oh, 'Mizz Petteway', we can try, but we don't see much luck with those implants." Well, just humor us this once, and let's give it a try. At \$55 (Missouri prices) I can see where a commercial breeder would find it hard to justify an expense like that for many cows per breeding season.

Well, it worked. And this cow has produced a calf every year since without any hormone assistance!

So, what is a CIDR Implant? The CIDR is made of elastic rubber molded over a nylon spine and requires a special applicator. The insert can be used to synchronize estrus in the herd as well as to induce estrus in anestrus cows and heifers.

The tool has two components: the insert, and a prostaglandin injection.

According to dosage instructions, inserts are administered intravaginally, one per animal, and release the hormone progesterone during a seven-day treatment period. To assure synchronization, an injection of Lutalyse or other prostaglandin must be given to all cattle on day six, one day before the insert is removed.

The removal results in a drop in plasma progesterone, triggering estrus within three days.

The device has major benefits for heifers and anestrus cows. The tool can start estrus in prepubertal heifers that are old enough but haven't shown signs of cycling. CIDRs can also induce heat in cows that have calved but haven't come back into heat.

Maybe most of you knew about this product, but we sure didn't. And, of course there can be many reasons for a heifer/cow to not become pregnant. Hopefully the problem can be identified and addressed. But, since our bovine professional didn't offer up this solution, it's possible there's another breeder out there that can broach the subject with their vet and have a CIDR implant success story!

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~ YOUTH SHOW ~

YOUTH YOUNG HEIFER

(4 in Class)

1. Kaylee Harvey Circle H Spring Rain
2. Erin Claire Chambers SMD Aurora Ferl
3. Hayden Gyax Maple Hill's Chloe

YOUTH JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

(1 in Class)

1. Tristan Henderson Circle H Maggie

YOUTH SENIOR HEIFER CALF

(2 in Class)

1. Sidney Wilson Wakarusa ACB Neala
2. Makenna Hoover HC ARD Alanna

YOUTH JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER

(6 in Class)

1. Kyle Parker Sprague's Fifi
2. Erin Claire Chambers SMD Eve Ceann Mor
3. Miranda Ware Circle H Lilly Grace

YOUTH SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER CALF

(4 in Class)

1. Kaylee Harvey BCD Tulip
2. Kyle Parker War Pony Valentine
3. Sidney Wilson Sac Valley's March Wind

YOUTH YOUNG COW

(4 in Class)

1. Erin Claire Chambers SMD Sophie Ferl
2. Makenna Hoover HC ARBA Cathleen
3. Jacey Wilson D2 Farms Buttercup

YOUTH MATURE COW

(2 in Class)

1. Erin Claire Chambers SMD Anna Ferl
2. Jessica Hall WD Mia

YOUTH COW/CALF

(4 in Class)

1. Erin Claire Chambers SMD Anna Ferl and Calf
2. Kaylee Harvey Moses Meadow's Jazzy and Calf
3. Simon Teel TOH Winner Nadia and Calf

YOUTH GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Kyle Parker Sprague's Fifi

YOUTH RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

Erin Claire Chambers SMD Sophie Ferl

~ YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP ~

We were happy to have had to split into three groups; Hats off to all of the youth!

YOUTH JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Ages 11 and Under):

Erin Claire Chambers

YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP

(Ages 12-15):

Sidney Wilson

YOUTH SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

(Ages 16-18):

Miranda Wilson

~ OPEN SHOW ~

YOUNG HEIFER CALF

9 in Class)

1. Jeff Chambers SMD Hallie Ferl
2. Kelly & Leslie Smith KID Civa
3. Joseph & Rebecca Gyga Maple Hill's Gwen

JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

(9 in Class)

1. Kaylyn Hall DK I'm Shot a Cow
2. Don & Sheila Farris Euchee Creek's Red Hallelujah
3. Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Eve PB

SENIOR HEIFER CALF

2 in Class)

1. Greg & Deana Dickens WR Lil Bit
2. Haden & Lesa Reid Kirkhaven Mercy's Rose

JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER

(10 in Class)

1. Ryan & Kerrie Parker Sprague's Fifi
2. Jeff Chambers SMD Eve Ceann Mor
3. Jeff Chambers SMD Rea Ceann Mor

SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER

(6 in Class)

1. Ryan & Kerrie Parker War Pony Valentine
2. Haden & Lesa Reid Kirkhaven Dakota Surprise
3. Canaan & Shannon Gardner CSG Hope

JUNIOR HEIFER CHAMPION

- Ryan & Kerrie Parker Sprague's Fifi

RESERVE JUNIOR HEIFER CHAMPION

- Greg & Deana Dickens WR Lil Bit

YOUNG COW

(6 in Class)

1. Jeff Chambers SMD Sophie Ferl
2. Jeff Chambers SMD Grace Ballan
3. Kaylyn Hall DK Ruby Red Slippers

MATURE COW

(6 in Class)

1. Joseph & Rebecca Gyga Maple Hill's Gabby
2. Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Becky KO
3. Jeff Chambers SMD Anna Ferl

GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

- Ryan & Kerrie Parker Sprague's Fifi

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FEMALE

- Jeff Chambers SMD Sophie Ferl

COW/CALF PAIR CALF

(10 in Class)

1. Jeff Chambers SMD Sophie Ferl
2. Jeff Chambers SMD Anna Ferl
3. Joseph & Rebecca Gyga Maple Hill's Mamma Mia

DAM & DAUGHTER

(4 in Class)

1. Jeff Chambers SMD Anna Ferl & Eve Ceann More
2. Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Becky KO & Eve PB
3. Warren & Sally Coad FF Blue Jean Baby & Precious Ruby

JUNIOR STEER CALF

(1 in Class)

1. Wendell & Elizabeth Ridings Ridings Farms KJ

SENIOR STEER CALF

(5 in Class)

1. Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Ethan KG
2. Greg & George Dickens D2 Farms Curly
3. Warren & Sally Coad FF Feel The Bern!

YEARLING STEER

(3 in Class)

1. Ryan & Kerrie Parker SCL LHRH Dakota
2. Canaan & Shannon Gardner CSG Seven Spanish Angels
3. Greg & Deana Dickens D2 Farms Midnight

MARKET STEER

(2 in Class)

1. Warren & Sally Coad FF Trump This!
2. Haden & Lesa Reid Kirkhaven Blackbird

GRAND CHAMPION STEER

- Ryan & Kerrie Parker SCL LHRH Dakota

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER

- Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Ethan KG

YOUNG BULL CALF

(5 in Class)

1. Jeff Chambers SMD Baron MacDuff
2. Kaylyn Hall DK Pistol
3. Joseph & Rebecca Gygax Maple Hill's Major

JUNIOR BULL CALF

(6 in Class)

1. Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Ernie PC
2. Haden & Lesa Reid Kirkhaven Valley Prince
3. Don & Sheila Farris Euchee Creek's Red Avery

SENIOR BULL CALF

(1 in Class)

1. Olga Penka IA Klaus Bond

JUNIOR YEARLING BULL

(4 in Class)

1. Ted & Vicki Anderson ESF Irish Rover
2. Greg & Deana Dickens D2 Farms Moonshine
3. Tom & Amy Dalsing Dalsing's Rambler Man

SENIOR YEARLING BULL CALF

(2 in Class)

1. Ryan & Kerrie Parker La Petit Noah
2. Lee & Roberta Wieringa Wieringa's Devin KG

JUNIOR BULL CHAMPION

Ryan & Kerrie Parker La Petit Noah

RESERVE JUNIOR BULL CHAMPION

Ted & Vicki Anderson ESF Irish Rover

MATURE BULL

(2 in Class)

1. James & Linda Smith Sac Valley's Rusty
2. Rick & Kim Harvey Timberview Thor

GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Ryan & Kerrie Parker La Petit Noah

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Ted & Vickie Anderson ESF Irish Rover

~ AWARDS ~

PREMIER YOUTH EXHIBITOR AWARD

Erin Claire Chambers

PREMIER OPEN EXHIBITOR AWARD

Jeff & Melinda Chambers

HERDSMAN AWARD

Rick, Kim & Kaylee Harvey & TJ, Jennifer & Simon Teel

BEST OF SHOW AWARD

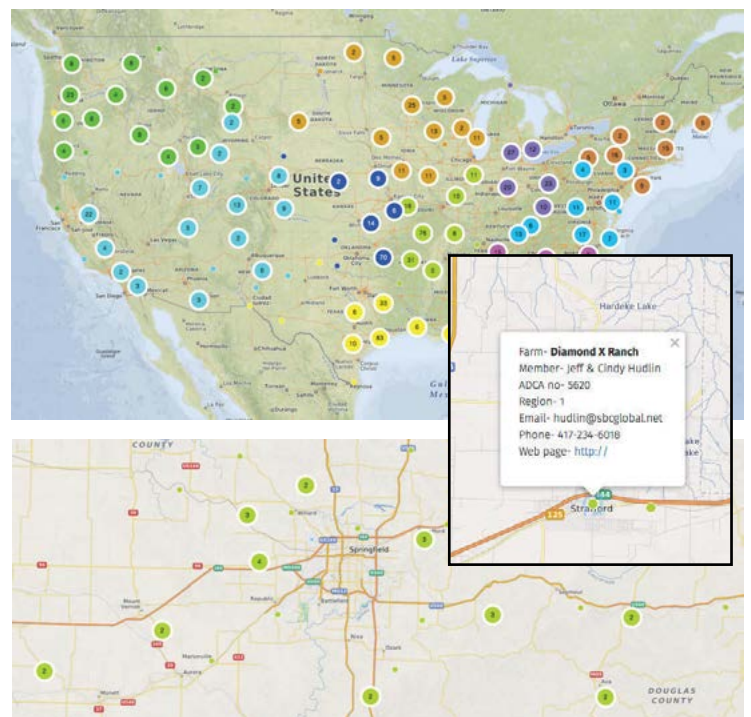
Ryan & Kerrie Parker

MEMBER'S MAP

We are pleased to announce the ADCA now has a member's map that can be found on the ADCA webpage at http://www.dextercattle.org/membership_list.html. The map was created to be a tool that potential buyers and other breeders can use to easily locate and contact breeders within a specific area.

Some important information about the map:

- The current map is based on paid memberships as of July 2017
- The location of your farm on the map is NOT the exact location. It was intentionally shifted to ensure visitors will contact you by phone or email first.
- If you cannot find your farm location, please contact Jill Delaney to confirm your membership is paid
- If your contact information is incorrect or incomplete, please send your updated information to Jill Delaney
- The map will be updated twice annually in July and January.



THE BULL

HIS FUNCTION

by Pat Mitchell | Director Region 10

For those of you who know me and my family, you know that our daughter Emily loves her cattle, and is becoming more and more involved with the operation of Shamrock Acres Dexters. Em is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in Animal Science, emphasizing in meats. She has been active with cattle since she was three, and has shown competitively since she was nine years old. She participated on and also assisted with coaching the MSU Meat Judging Team, and also coached the Ottawa County 4H Meat Judging Team to back to back state championships.

The following was written by Emily for our Shamrock Acres Dexter Cattle web page, with some small additions by her proud papa.

People have always asked....What makes a good bull? Are they dangerous? Can I have more than one? Do I need a bull? Well one way or another you will need a bull, whether you decide to physically keep a bull on your farm or in a semen tank that's up to you.

Throughout my 4H years showing and judging dairy goats, I always had to train my eyes to see past the "pretty." There's more to judging livestock than how pretty they are or how tame they are. You might be drawn in to buy the pretty bull or the tame one, but let's face it, tame ones can be ugly too.

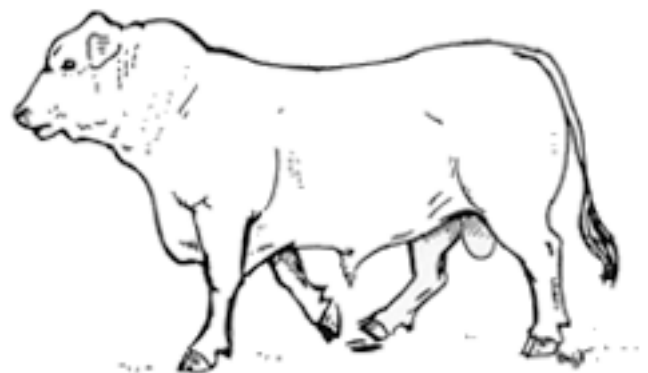
When I went off to college and started diving head first into the livestock industry, there were a couple of key things that were harped on:

Structure. Structure.... oh and structure.

Maybe a little pedigree or, in the case of when I was at MSU, EBVs (estimated breeding values) and EDPs (estimated progeny difference). We don't use those two things extensively in the Dexter breed as there aren't enough of them around (unlike Angus and Herefords) to have statistical values like that. We do like to look at things that go into those EPDs though, like calving ease, birth weight, milking ability, weaning weights and so on.

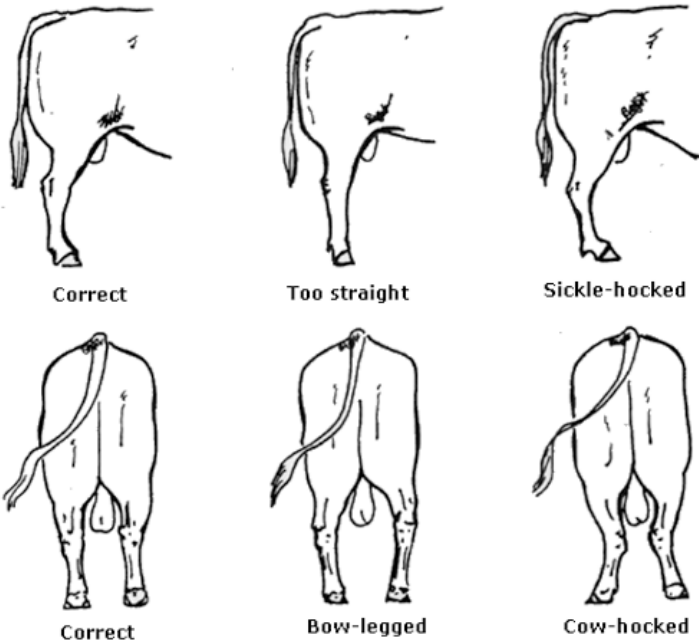
BUT... it always came back to structure. Form=function.

Whether you are trying to decide to keep a bull calf as a prospect, evaluate your own herd sire or my favorite... bull shopping :) ... you need to look for the things that would possibly be in those EPDs that I spoke of earlier.

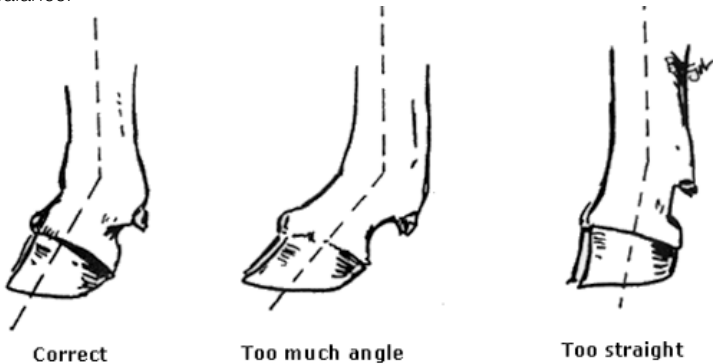


Let's start with what holds the boy up- legs

Legs in general are a huge part of your bull's soundness. If his legs aren't strong enough to hold his weight, we've got a problem. If they cannot get up on those back feet and support that weight to breed, you might as well run a steer with the cows. No breeding will get done. Structure.

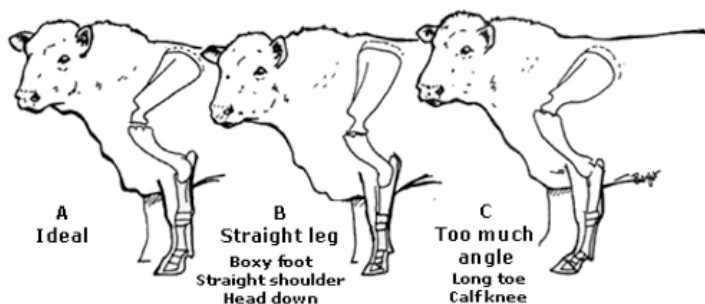


Form=Function. Too much angle to those rear legs=weak. However on the flip side of that, super straight legs are almost equally as bad. Straight legged cattle are more prone to arthritis, ligament damage, and poorer balance.



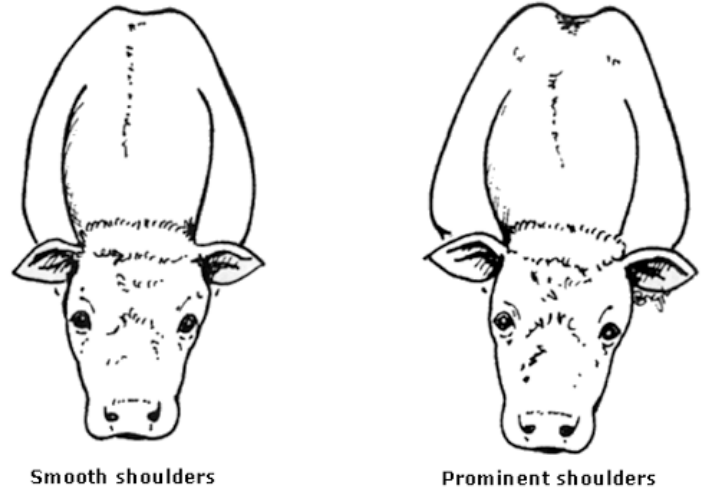
How can you tell if that bull's rear legs are correct? Watch him walk. Do his feet pick up and put down in almost the same location? That's the goal.

Along with the legs, you want to look at those pasterns, What's the pastern? That space between the heel and the dewclaws. Are those pasterns strong or are those dewclaws nearly touching the ground? Weak pasterns are a sign that those feet and legs won't hold up over time. Another



form=function.

Whether it is the front or the back legs, angles matter. Remember geometry class working with angles and how you thought you wouldn't actually need to know it in real life? Sometimes life likes to laugh at you. Angles are important. Enough about legs for now. Well.kinda



The Shoulders –

Have your cows ever experienced calving problems? Your bull could be the cause. While you want a bull to have those muscular shoulders, you also don't want them to look like a bulldog. Prominent shoulders, as shown in the picture above are what I would call bulldog shoulders. Shoulders like that=calving problems.

You would be much better off with smooth shoulders, unless you like to fork out the money for a C-Section, then more power to you... If your calves are too large or have those big shoulders, they are going to have an awfully hard time getting through that birth canal and past those pelvic bones on your cow. Times like those are when you end up calling the vet so he can bring out the calf jack to get that calf out, dead or alive, without too much damage to the cow.

The Sheath –

First off, to get a calf your bull needs to be able to perform. To do that he needs to have a sheath that helps prevent injury. A tight sheath will protect him from infections from random grass seeds or other foreign objects. Tight=good. Slack=bad.

The Back –

No one wants a sway backed bull...or a roached back bull. I've seen both and both should have been in the freezer. Ideal would be a straight topline all the way to the tail head. Nice and straight from the hooks (hip bones) to the pin bones with adequate muscling from the shoulders to the rump.

I could write and harp on structural correctness all day long, but the long and short of it is this: you want bulls that can get the job done for many years without the pain of injury because their body is giving out underneath their weight.

P.S. those wonderful diagrams came from here- <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/content/agriculture/livestock/beef/breeding/bulls/structural-soundness>

ADCA YOUTH DIRECTOR

ELISSA EMMONS

Howdy!

I wanted to take a second to introduce myself and say thank you for electing me to the youth director position. Some exciting things are in the works for our youth. 2018 will be our best year yet!

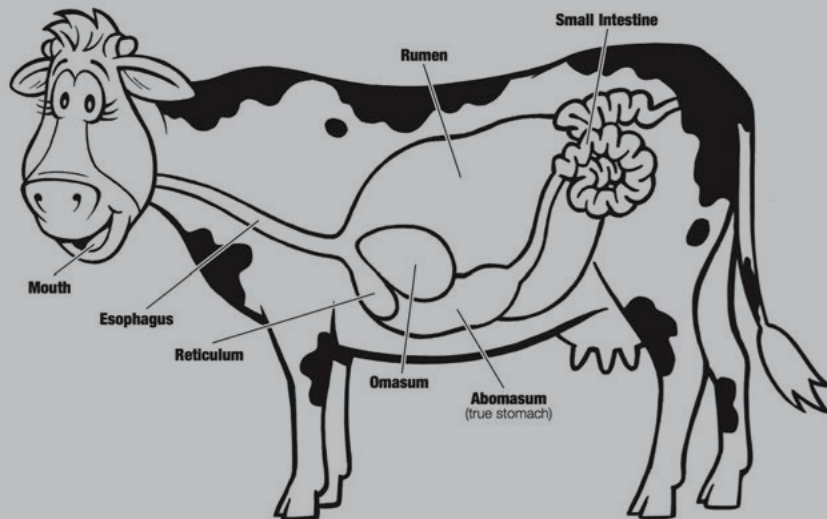
Something new for the bulletin is this section that will be solely devoted to our youth. We hope to have a featured individual in each bulletin, some fun facts and updates on event/ happenings.

I am going to get this ball rolling by telling you a little about me. One question I get a lot is how long have I been showing cattle? I have been showing since 2002. I started with a scramble heifer - she was a registered limousine heifer.

I began showing Dexters in 2007 at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. My herd started with one heifer, we are now managing 30 breeding females and 3 bulls.

My favorite thing about Dexters is the people! I love to show and see my second family. Being involved with this association has provided me with numerous opportunities that I hope to provide each of you, our youth, with. I look forward to working with each of the youth programs scattered across the country and each of you.

DID YOU KNOW?



**Cows have one stomach with 4 chambers.
The rumen, reticulum, omasum, abomasum.**

Our youth program is GROWING!

Check out the 2018 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Handbook cover - featuring Mary Freeman and her heifer 3 Arrows Glenda. They won reserve Grand Champion last March, and will compete for their final time together at the 2018 HLSR.



Henry Louderback Jr. Chris Odom winner

Henry J Louderback is your 2017 Jr Chris Odom winner. He is 10 years old, and lives in the small town of Castle Rock, Washington with his parents, younger brother and a herd of about 20 Dexters. He started showing at the age of 4, as an open class peewee. That year his mom got a young 6 month old heifer who he clicked with. He and Dazy have been a showing team since! He has been showing her for six years, and the heifer has since turned into a cow calf project. He has gone on to show not only in open class, but also the last two years in 4H.

This past summer he hit the road and took a bull, steer and heifer (one of his buddy Dazy's daughters) to the AGM in Salina, Kansas. There he started expanding his herd and purchased two new heifers, with the money he had been saving for the last two years of fair winnings. He added them to his show string this summer, and went to six shows.

He was greatly honored to be chosen as the Chris Odom winner. He is excited to be representing the next generation of Dexter breeders.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR OPPORTUNITIES

The ADCA Board of Directors (BOD) regrets to announce that Region 1 Director Becky Pettaway has recently resigned from her position as director due to personal reasons. The BOD and Region 1 members would like to thank Becky for her dedication, time and effort contributed to the ADCA and the Dexter cattle community.

We are currently seeking enthusiastic members interested in serving as interim Regional Director for Region 1 which includes Missouri, Arkansas and Illinois; and Region 11 which includes New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Main, Vermont, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to become involved in your local Dexter community by meeting and assisting other members in your district. Regional Directors play an important role in the communication process between members and the BOD. In order to be an ADCA Regional Director, you:

- Must be a Dexter breeder with cattle actively registered with the ADCA.
- Must be a member in good standing with the ADCA for at least 3 years.
- Cannot be a current member of any other US Dexter Registry or a current officer, director or staff member of any other US Dexter Registry.
- Cannot have been an officer, director or staff member of any other US Dexter Registry during the period commencing on July 1, 2004 and ending on December 31, 2007

- Are required to attend the Annual Meeting of members (AGM).
- Are expected to participate in monthly board meeting via conference call.
- Are expected to contribute articles periodically to the ADCA Bulletin.
- Are expected to also serve on an ADCA committee.

We hope you will consider filling the interim position. or you are willing to volunteer for consideration as an ADCA Interim Director, contact Vice President Lesa Reid, email: lesakreid@gmail.com, or phone (865)384-9823. Recommendations for qualified members may also be sent to Lesa.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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DEXTER BULLETIN

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ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION:

A potentially powerful tool in your breeder's toolkit

by Jeff M. Chambers | Director Region 6

Have you considered including artificial insemination (AI) as a part of your cattle breeding program? AI is a potentially powerful method to positively impact your breeding program in ways that otherwise would not be possible. AI also presents some additional challenges to consider. In this article I would like to present some of the advantages that can be obtained and some of the challenges in implementing an AI program. This is not a comprehensive how to in establish an AI program nor how-to artificially inseminate your cows but a brief intended for those breeders that are not yet sure if AI is an option for their operation.

We've all heard the old saw "a bull is 50% of your calf crop" and that can be carried even further in a closed or small increase herd when retaining females for part of the breeding herd. With each generation of retained replacement heifers the contribution of your last few bulls are well more than 50% of your herd and in as short as 3 years could be over 85% of your herd! With that level of impact on a herd, we can never have a bull that is "too good" and we should certainly never economize or settle for what is available when selecting our herd sires. Therefore, the decisions related to how we go about breeding our cows and to what sire are critical to our herd goals.

AI provides a means for the use of outstanding sires in our herds that otherwise might not be available for many reasons including availability, distance, handling facilities, and fiscal resources to name a few. AI can be a key component of any Dexter breeding program from those focused on conservation and preservation of traditional lines, to constructive breeding programs focused on specific or general stock improvement, to those

creative breeding programs combining different unique lines or qualities. Each of these breeding approaches can benefit greatly from the use of AI.

Semen collected from a superior bull, which are the only bulls which should be collected, can be extended so that a single draw or collection can produce 50 to 400 or more "straws" each of which is sufficient to and breed a cow. These straws can then be shipped worldwide and stored indefinitely. Imagine the possibilities for your breeding program.

Some examples illustrating possible advantages of using AI in your program.

You are working to preserve an older line of Dexter breeding and you have a couple cows of those lines but there is no bull within 1,200 miles of you that fits your criteria. However, there is a bull in a tank of liquid nitrogen from 30 years ago that fits your criteria and can be purchased, shipped, and stored for you for a fraction of what that bull far away could be had for; if he could even be had. This sure seems like AI'ing is right for this situation.

You have been working for several years to improve a specific set of traits in your herd and you have done so to some extent but there are no bulls available to you now that will take you to that next level. However, another breeder across the country (or the ocean) has been using another line and made exceedingly great strides focusing on the same set of traits. That breeder has also collected semen on a line-bred bull from these lines and made available for sale. That could be just the ticket to make your next great stride forward in your herd improvement program.

You have developed a breeding program that is working for you

and like your results but your genetics are getting a little too close for your comfort. Rather than selling all these great heifers you are producing or replacing the bull you are using to produce these great heifers you choose an AI sire for use on your home developed heifers that will compliment your current breeding

You have very limited space and facilities for managing a bull or just a couple cows. It is possible, although it could be challenging at times, to have a breeding program based entirely upon AI.

You would like to have a very tight calving window in the upcoming year, so you synchronize the estrous cycles of your cow herd and AI them all. With a 75% success rate of your AI you will have 75% of your calves within a couple week window. That's a nice uniform crop.

You are just starting your herd or moving your herd in a different direction; You obtain genetics from multiple bulls for use in a single or multiple breeding seasons that would not be feasible either financially or from a management standpoint with live cover. Through AI you can revamp your genetics in just a couple breeding seasons!

So, as you can see there are many reasons why incorporating AI into your operation might be something to consider. But as with most things in life and cattle breeding, there are some challenges that accompany the benefits.

First on the challenge side of AI programs is that implementing an effective AI program is almost certainly going to increase your time and effort in managing your breeding herd. Because really, what can be much easier in terms of management, after you have selected your live cover bull, than turning him out with the girls and waiting for the magic to happen? The single most significant factor in the management of an AI program is managing and detecting your cow's cycles and when is the optimal time for them to be inseminated. This is management intensive whether you are detecting heat the old fashion way by observing your cows morning and night, or using heat detection devices, or even with a synchronization plan which involves handling your breeding herd multiple times.

Second, there are additional costs, beyond the time required in managing and detecting heat cycles, associated with an AI program that would not be required for a live cover breeding program. These costs include storage costs of the semen whether you pay someone to store it for you or purchase a tank and keep filled with nitrogen yourself, costs for insemination if not doing it yourself, the cost to attend training to learn how to AI for yourself, costs for synchronization drugs, the cost of the semen and shipping itself.

Even the most successful AI programs will not achieve 100% pregnancy rate over a herd of any size and the costs in terms of management time, labor, calving time management, and optimal forage/terminal production windows of a longer calving window because X%

of your cows are outside your preferred or ideal calving window all have costs associated with them.

Before you start your AI program you will need to get a few things figured out and lined up and here is a partial checklist to go through.

■ Can and will you drop everything to AI your cow 12 hours after you hear the words: "Bessy is standing this morning."

■ Who will be inseminating your cows?

- Will you be doing it? If so where will you receive training and the necessary hands-on experience to successfully inseminate your cows?
- A local AI technician? If so, identify who and contact them to make sure of availability for your upcoming breeding season.
- A local veterinary? Not all veterinarians will do AI so check and also determine if they do it on your farm or require you to bring the animal to them?

■ Where will your semen straws be stored?

- By you? If so you will need to obtain a nitrogen storage tank and keep filled with liquid nitrogen.
- By your AI technician? If so, check to make sure this will work for them.
- Your veterinary or other storage facility nearby? If so, think about how you will get the straws when needed and if this option makes sense?

■ What program will you use to detect your cows in heat?

- Visually: If so, are you in proximity or can you be so that you can observe morning and night during breeding season those cows coming into heat?
- Heat detection devices: If so, are you available to observe your cattle at least once a day, preferably the same time of day, and every day during breeding season?
- Synchronization: If so, do you have the time to handle your cattle at least 3 times during a short time period during breeding season to implement a synchronization program? Are you ok with administering drugs to induce the heat and reproduction cycle?

I would encourage each of you to explore AI breeding and make the best-informed decision for your program. Below are some of the many online resources to help you further explore if incorporating AI into your breeding program is right for you.

<http://www.absglobal.com/Websites/absglobal/images/ABS%20Global%20Home/USA/Beef/Beef%20Information/ABSAIMANUAL2011.pdf>
<http://www.thebeefsite.com/articles/721/artificial-insemination-for-beef-cattle/>
<http://genex.crinet.com/page1017/StepsToASuccessfulSynchronizationAndAIProgram>
<https://www.noble.org/news/publications/ag-news-and-views/2017/april/ai-program-priorities/>
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AUGUST

August 2, 2017

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1. Welcome -

Greg thanked everyone for their attendance during the Conference Call and welcomed new secretary Carole Nirosky

2. Region 11- John O'Mear resigned as regional director.

Lesla Reid has no leads yet for a new director. She is still searching for candidates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:10 to 7:25 CDT

3. AGM 2018- Jim W

The AGM committee needs a decision concerning sale animals. Should there be a limit on the number of sale animals for the AGM, do we want a ratio set for cows and bulls. Should the sale animals be advertised in the catalog?

After some discussion, the BOD decided on:

- No limit or ratio of sale animals

- Fee of \$75 per animal nonrefundable. Sale fee includes ADCA transfer within 30 days of AGM.

- Animals will be advertised in the AGM Program and on the ADCA website.

- There won't be a set sale day or time due to private treaty sales; animals may be sold any time throughout the AGM. A veterinarian will be available for help with processing sales.

- BOD meeting will be Thursday 8am to Noon, this will allow for BOD to spend time meeting and greeting the membership in the afternoon.

Other items the AGM committee is considering:

- Change the Catalog to a Program and it will include extra blank pages for note taking.

- Thursday and Friday will be filled with educational classes yet to be determined. Another building may be needed to accommodate youth activities and/or educational seminars.

- Color name tags for members to recognize and meet other members in their region.

4. Youth Committee – Elissa unavailable. Postponed until September meeting

5. Task Forces Reports –

- Financial – Jim Woehl, Robin Welch, Jim Smith

- Submitted 3 reports - ADCA 2017 Summary Budget, ADCA 2017 Details of Budget, ADCA AGM Budget 2017

- The AGM budget of roughly \$33,000 is broken out on a separate page. The reason it looks so much different is that the cattle sale amounts have been taken out of the 2018 budget.

- Board has accepted for review the financial task force's recommendations and the financial task force is now resolved.

- Customer/Public Service Concerns – Pat Mitchell

- No update available - Postponed until September Meeting

- Social Media – Jeff Chambers, Becky Petteway, Doug Loyd

- Guidelines - Regional pages on Facebook should include a mission statement

- Policy needed for all officers, staff, and directors about when and how they act and respond on social media

- The committee agreed that the ADCA needs to be more active on the main ADCA Facebook page. They are still working on what that process should entail.

- Discussion concerning blowups on social media includes how, where, when should we as an organization get involved and if we do we need to be consistent.

- Officers, staff, directors should be clear when they are speaking as a representative of the ADCA or personally when interacting on social media

- We need a clear channel to get information out to the membership. Last announcement about secretary position being filled was well received.

- Carole Nirosky has been added to the social media committee.

- Greg applauded their efforts and asked that they keep moving forward to tweak and polish their ideas.

6. Secretary Charge accounts or how to do stuff...

- Jim S. and Carole will work out details on setting up accounts.

7. SOP Change for Committee's – Lesa Reid

- Greg tabled project until further notice due to committee workloads.

8. SOP change for Registration – David Jones

Jim Woehl made a motion that David update the SOP to reflect registration information which details what type of identification method and tags are accepted. It also includes what to do if a tag is lost. Terry Sprague seconded the motion and the motion passed.

9. Final Thoughts – David Jones – Bylaws

- Review Bylaws and make changes to eliminate Region 3 to combine with Region 7.

- Bylaws need to be sent to attorney for a general review to make sure statutes are in compliance.

- Attorney fees could run between \$5000 and \$6000 to do all of the above.

- A motion was made by Pat Mitchell allowing David Jones to make the changes to the bylaws and have the attorneys review the Arti-

cles of Incorporation and Bylaws to make sure they are in compliance. Robin Welch seconded the motion. Motion passed by acclamation.

Greg Dickens – Bulletin

- New edition made it to printer early and members should start receiving them by the end of August.

- Kim Newswanger suggested directors only be responsible for 1 article per year instead of two. This would allow room for 1 or 2 pages to be dedicated to the youth.

- Brent will stay on as editor until position is filled. He has expressed an interest in applying for the position.

- Only one person has responded to the job opening for editor. They requested a detailed job description.

Meeting adjourned – 9:15 CDT

- The Youth committee is in the process of collecting ideas and putting them together with the ideas youth came up with at the AGM.

- Committee is establishing a contact list of youth members.

- Elissa will create an article(s) for a “Kid’s Corner” that will be youth centered to be included in the next edition of the Bulletin.

4. Task Forces Reports –

- Customer Service – Pat Mitchell

- A final draft of ideas in the works will be ready for the next BOD meeting

- Publishing a Herd Book is being considered. This is something the ADCA used to do for it’s members.

- The ADCA website is something the committee would like to improve. There is a lot of great information but the website is not user friendly. They want to make it easier for everyone to navigate.

Social Media -Becky Petteway

- Recommended Customer Service SOP’s were tabled until the next BOD meeting.

5. AGM 2018- Due to Jim W. absence discussion postponed until November BOD meeting.

- Jeff Chamber – 5 requests for bid proposals were mailed to possible sites for the 2019 AGM. Only three were returned so far, two of them had no availability for the dates requested.

- If a desired site becomes available before the November meeting, the BOD may need to hold a special meeting to grant approval to secure that facility for the 2019 AGM.

6. ADCA Bulletin

- Member input has been very positive about the new look of the ADCA bulletin

- Closing date for accepting applications for editor position is approaching.

- Greg will ask Lesa Reid to send information regarding schedule, articles and assignments for the upcoming edition.

- Greg will also ask Lesa to send deadline dates for advertising. Members should be notified of deadlines for advertising.

7. Final Thoughts –

- Becky Petteway and Carole Nirosky will review options for use of ADCA’s toll free number.

- Doug Loyd is looking for someone to take his place and lead up the upcoming Region 8 meeting. Lesa Reid will be attending and available to answer ADCA questions that may arise.

- Jim Smith – Each region has a budgeted amount allowed for meetings, it is recommended that some guidelines be established for regional meetings and expenses that are incurred.

8. NO October Conference Call –

- Next BOD Conference call will be Wednesday, November 1, 2017 7:00pm CDT

9.Meeting adjourned – 10:00 CDT

SEPTEMBER

September 6, 2017

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1. Welcome – Greg noted that there were several people not in attendance due to various reasons. Any issues needing to be voted on will be postponed until November.

2. ADCA Facebook Page –

- Secretary be added to ADCA Facebook page as an administrator to help expedite updates and announcements.

3. Youth Update – Elissa Emmons

OCTOBER

October 2, 2017

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1. Welcome – Roll Call

2. Bulletin Editor – Lesa Reid

- 4 Applications received for Bulletin Editor position.

- Candidates applications and presentations were evaluated and discussed.

• Jeff Chambers motioned that an interview be conducted with Brent Phillips, the interim editor, to clarify his qualifications and abilities. A decision to interview a second candidate will be considered after the interview with Brent Phillips. Joel Dowty 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion passed

- Committee appointed to conduct interview consist of

• Jeff Chambers, Pat Mitchell, Kim Newswanger and Robin Welch. Pat Mitchell to lead up team.

- BOD to send list of interview questions to Robin Welch for consolidation

- Lesa Reid will email candidates to inform them of the process.

- Bulletin Deadline is October 10, 2017

• Directors due to submit articles are Joel Dowty, Jeff Chambers, Terry Sprague and Pat Mitchell.

3. Task Forces Reports

- Social Media – Jeff Chambers

- No official update

- More youth have signed up on Facebook per Elissa Emmons

- Customer Service - Pat Mitchell

- Update scheduled for November meeting

4. AGM Update – Jim Woehl

- Contract has been signed for the AGM 2018 AGM in Salina, Kansas

- AGM Fun-d Raiser Auction- Auctioneer has been obtained – We will be saving \$1700 in this area

- Using same vendor for ribbons

- Youth Judge has been scheduled

2019 AGM

- 3 Sites submitted bids to host the 2019 AGM

- A review and discussion was held comparing pros and cons of each bid and location.

• Robin Welch motioned to accept the recommendation from the AGM committee to hold the 2019 show in Lancaster, Nebraska with a 2020 option. Details to be worked out to the satisfaction of the board. Pat Mitchell 2nd the motion. Motion passed by acclamation.

- Official announcement will be made once the contract is signed.

5. Youth Update – Elissa Emmons

- Youth committee is considering ideas for AGM

- Calf Scramble, Youth lunch, Court

- Work in process for a youth newsletter, a possible Kid's Corner in the Bulletin

- Encouraging youth to register cattle?

- 4H youth member will be featured on the cover Houston show book!

6. Election Update – Lesa Reid

- No election in Region 9 – Kim Newswanger is the only candidate

- No election in Region 12 – Terry Sprague is

the only candidate

- Election will be held in Region 10 – Two candidates running Pat Mitchell and Shawn White

- Region 11 Regional Director position is still open. Action to be taken:

• Possible candidate living in Canada to be contacted. Canada members can run for Regional Director in region closest to where they reside.

- Email members in region 11 and use Region 11 Facebook page to announce vacancy and see if anyone might be interested in running for director.

7. Bylaws – David Jones

- Updated bylaws are not on the website, they will be sent to Ray Delaney for upload on ADCA website

- David will contact attorney to make necessary changes in SOP's concerning elimination of Region 3 and combining with Region 7.

8. Final thoughts

- Member Map – Dave Morgan asked if it should be put in the Bulletin and should website be updated quarterly?

• BOD agreed that it would be good to have in the Bulletin especially for members that do not have computers. Will try to have it put in the next edition. Lacy Louderback will put together something together about the map before the October 10 Bulletin deadline.

- No quarterly updates due to the amount of work involved for the webmaster.

- Lesa Reid expressed her gratitude to the BOD for all of their hard work and progress.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 CDT

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