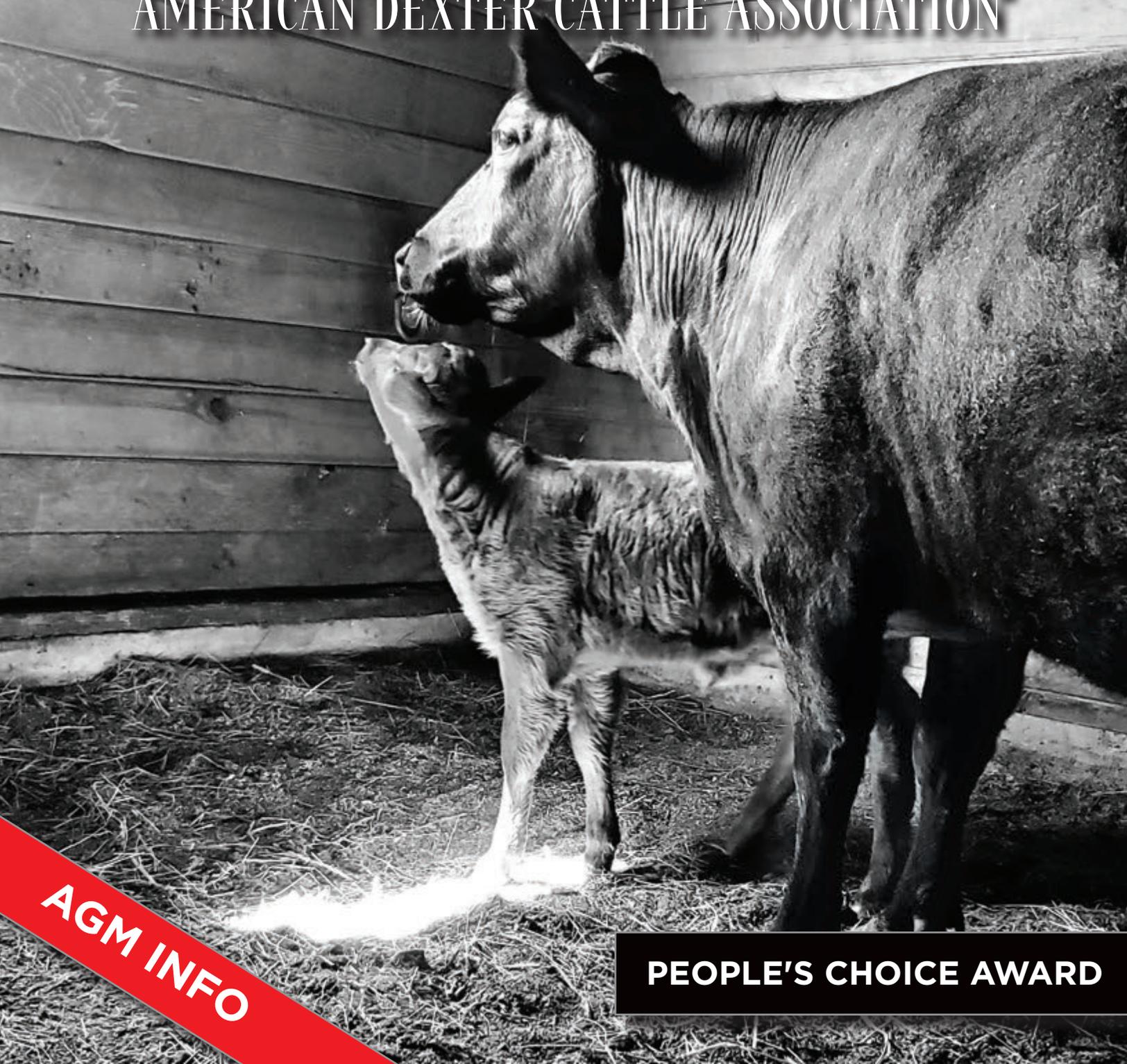


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Red
No
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Howie



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Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/B, BL B/B,
Red
Homozygous
Dun

Roy



ADCA
#045014
Homoz. Polled,
A2/A2,
KC A/A, BL A/A,
Red
Carries
Dun

Harvey



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#040049
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KC A/B, BL B/B,
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EDITOR'S NOTE



Greetings, Dexter Enthusiasts!

I am super excited to share with you some exciting news you'll find in this fall edition of the American Dexter Cattle Association Bulletin. As you can see from the cover, our primary focus in this edition is the 2022 Dexter Cattle Expo results. I was fortunate enough to attend this year's Expo in Wooster, Ohio, and it was a great turnout with members from each region in attendance! The front cover is the People's Choice Award winner for the photo contest. This well-deserved award goes to Deanna Edwards. During the Expo, the ADCA honored the Junior and Senior Chris Odom Award winners, pg 8 & 25, along with the Talisman, pg 10, and the Daggett Award winners, pg 11. The youth awards are given to hard-working kids who show dedication and exhibit good stewardship of their Dexter Cattle. Be sure to read the essays that they worked so hard to write.

On page 3, the President has some critical information for you regarding the upcoming AGM, as does an article on page 14. This year, the AGM will be held virtually via Zoom so that more people can attend than otherwise when the AGM was held in conjunction with the Expo. So, be sure to read that article as it helps guide you through installing Zoom, finding your ADCA membership number, and so much more.

The next installment from the Milking Parlor, pg 4, is chock-full of great information regarding the health and nutritional needs of your Dexter Milk cow and how it changes by the season.

On page 22, you'll find a great article on breed guidelines. While it is often believed that the association has breed "standards" we do not. However, the ADCA recommends breeders follow a set of "guidelines" when deciding what to improve in their herd. These guidelines are not a requirement for registration but are intended to be a helpful tool when assessing your herd. These and a few other wonderfully thought-out articles can be found in this bulletin edition. So grab a cup of coffee, sit in your favorite comfy chair and take a moment to enjoy a much deserved break, my fellow Dexter breeder, as you read this latest edition.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The 2022 ADCA Expo, the Fun-Damentals of Owing Dexters, was amazing this year! Not saying Mother Nature didn't try to throw us for a loop that first day, but we all came together and had a great time. I was extremely excited to see members from EVERY region represented. That is truly wonderful and speaks to the success and growth the Expo has had over the years. Fellow Dexter owners are traveling with or without animals to partake in the educational seminars, watch and be a part of the Show, and most importantly to come together with fellow Dexter Breeders from ALL over the United States to learn and just be together.

It was another great year of seminars. In fact, they were so well received, many members asked if we would share them in a more permanent way.

Some of the slide shows and documents are now up for all to see on the ADCA Website. I would encourage you to go take a look at what Dave Cluff and Jeff Chambers presented and have now made available on the website.

The Junior Show continues to grow, with 30 Junior exhibitors this year. And they all did amazing, showcasing some extremely fine examples of Dexter Cattle. I want to give a very well-deserved congratulations to our Junior Showmanship Winners. It takes a lot to get out there and put yourself in the hot seat to be judged, so great job! Our PeeWee Winner was DebraAnn Lizarraga (Region 10), our Junior winner was Mark Lemley (Region 7) and our Senior winner was Olivia Moonin (Region 8). The Junior members also had some fantastic cattle exhibited, with the Grand Champion Female going to SMD Sophie Ferl, exhibited by Erin Chambers (Region 6). The Grand Champion Steer went to JK Apollo exhibited by Jennilyn Mink (Region 10) and the Grand Champion Bull was awarded to BND Baughman's Sylvester exhibited by Alaina Baughman (Region 10).

The Open Show was run a little differently this year. Any Junior member whose animals were in their name could partake, so we had many Juniors also in the Open Show. Again, it was another showcase of some beautiful Dexters. Top awards went to Jeff Chambers as the Champion Adult Showman, The Grand Champion Female went to Ezra Farms Ginger exhibited by Ezra Farms (Region 7), Grand Champion Steer was awarded to Chaney's Trump Train exhibited by Chaney's Dexter Cattle Farm (Region 8) and the Grand Champion Bull went to DB Olaf, exhibited by High Pines Dexters (Region 12). A big congratulations to all the Show winners, Grand Champion, Division, or Class. Winner or not, it takes a lot of time and effort to get these animals to a show. So, thank you for making the trip and taking the time to showcase your animals to everyone!

There were a few other awards that were given out at the Awards Banquet during the Expo. I want to give a big congratulations to those winners too. More details about each winner and what the award was given for can be found later on in this Bulletin. The Talisman Farm Award was won by Barb and Chuck Netti of Legend Rock Ranch (Region 7), and the Chuck Daggett Good Citizen Award was presented to Don Giles of 3 Arrows Ranch (Region 7). Both of these award recipients were nominated by fellow ADCA Members. The Juniors have the Chris Odom Award. This one is a little different, as these youth apply by taking a knowledge test and writing an essay (which you will find a little further into the Bulletin). The Junior Odom Winner was Hudson Louderback of Rusty Ranch (Region 2) and the Senior Odom Winner was Danielle Edgington of Edgington Farms (Region 10). Both these kids put in amazing work and had high scores on their applications!

This year we have separated the AGM (Annual General Meeting) from the Expo and once again it will be held electronically via Zoom. The AGM will take place Saturday November 12 starting at 2 pm CST. A major benefit of having an electronic meeting is that more members can partake and see reports of all the items the Board and Committees have accomplished throughout the year. Members will be able to attend the meeting from the comfort of their own homes; no need to travel anywhere. This Bulletin and your Regional Directors will have more specific information on how it will all happen. I look forward to seeing everyone "there" virtually.

Laaci Louderback



Feed Her Well

Milk is so simple, unglamorous and commonplace that most people take it for granted. However, milk contains proteins, butterfat, carbohydrates, and a rich variety of other valuable components such as calcium and phosphorous that make it one of the most complex, nutrient-dense foods available. If a Dexter cow produced two and a half gallons per day for the first six months, and then one gallon per day for the following ninety days until she was dried off, she would have produced approximately 540 gallons of milk. This is an amazing amount of nutrition that she gives of herself, and the greatest wonder is that she makes it from the simplest food of all: grass. Our herd enjoys plentiful green grass and quality hay, and

these are sufficient for our cows to maintain themselves, to produce and feed healthy calves, and to increase for the following three months to their highest levels as she is then producing an abundance of milk. If she is a heavy producer, she will require even more nutrition. If she is subsequently re-bred, her nutritional needs remain high as she is then feeding herself, her milk production, and the gestation of her unborn calf. Furthermore, if temperatures become cold, she must expend additional calories to keep herself warm, and the colder it gets, the more nutrition she will require for warmth.

Cold, windy and wet conditions are especially difficult for a lactating cow.



A critical requirement is to provide adequate shelter to protect against such stress. A suitable shelter would be a barn, or “run-in”, with its back towards the north. The shelter should be deep enough to allow your Dexters to escape swirling winds and driving rain, and should be large enough to hold your entire herd. Straw can be provided on the floor for bedding, and hay can be provided in a crib or ring. Clean water must also be available at all times. The shelter needs to be situated where it can be easily and readily cleaned and serviced, and its floor needs to be suitably elevated from the surrounding area to prevent rain water run-off from entering or saturating the floor from the outside. Keeping a lactating cow dry, warm and stress-free will reduce her nutritional burden.

A cow requires quality grazing to satisfy her nutritional needs. Winter grasses are important, as they supplement the nutritional content of hay, but their nutritional content is typically low. Grasses in late spring and throughout the summer provide the greatest nutritional content of the year, while the nutrition provided by fall grasses is somewhat lower. Hay provides critical nutrition while pastures are dormant, but it is lower than green grasses, and its nutritional content varies widely depending upon the type of grasses included, as well as where and when it was grown and cut. Alfalfa hay may have a protein content of 17-20%, Bermuda hay may have a protein content of 11-16%, and hay made from native grasses might have a protein content of 4-13%. Summer hay has a higher nutritional content than fall hay. The nutritional content of hay that was cut when it was overgrown, old, stressed, wet, moldy, or allowed to lay in the pasture too long before being baled is especially low. Quality hay should smell good, have no hint of mold, and consist mainly of dried leaf with very few stems. Be aware that some hay producers will wait until late in the season to bale in an effort to maximize the number of bales that they produce, which can result in very poor quality. Hay should be cut when the grass initially begins to put up its seed head, at which time it primarily consists of green leaf with very few coarse stems or seed heads. Stems and seed heads contain very little nutrition. Also be aware that the longer baled hay sits in the pasture where it is subject to the elements, the more nutrition it loses. When you are purchasing hay, ask when it was baled, inspect the hay closely, and use your nose. If it doesn't look and smell good, it probably isn't very nutritious. It is easily worth paying extra to obtain quality hay.

Our experience has been that unlimited green grass of good quality, or unlimited availability of quality hay, should be enough to maintain a pregnant Dexter cow throughout the year, even when temperatures drop. However, if a cow is pregnant and also lactating during the winter months when she is predominantly eating hay, and if the temperatures begin to drop, her nutritional requirements may exceed what hay alone can provide. We have had success providing a daily ration of alfalfa pellets to any of our

cows that begin to lose body condition during the winter. Alfalfa hay would provide similar protein, as would grain products and mineral tubs if desired.

It is best to closely monitor the body condition of a lactating cow and to immediately augment her nutritional intake if she begins to decline. It is much easier for a cow to maintain her body condition than to regain it. If efforts to increase her nutrition are not successful at stabilizing her condition, she may need to be dried-off in an effort to reduce her nutritional burden. Doing so will allow her to better maintain herself and better complete the gestation of her next calf. The health of the cow and her calf is always more important than the desire to obtain milk. One strategy for effectively meeting the nutritional needs of a milk cow is to intentionally time her pregnancies such that her calves are born at the time when spring grasses begin to appear in her pastures. If this occurs, she will have maximum availability of fresh grass for the longest time while she is lactating. As her nutritional requirements climb through the first four months of her lactation, she will have increasing availability of green grass. As her production peaks, she will be grazing summer grasses that provide maximum nutrition. Then as her calf approaches the age when it is no longer dependent upon her milk, it can transition to grazing fall grasses that will fuel its continued growth while also allowing the cow to regain body condition prior to the arrival of cold winter months. This strategy makes effective feeding easier and less costly.

Once we understand and appreciate the cycle of the nutritional burdens that our cow experiences throughout the year, we can then effectively accommodate her needs in an effort to ensure her health, and thereby maximize her future milk production. The time when it is easiest to improve her body condition is when her nutritional burden is lowest, which is during the time when her calf is weaned at the age of 6-7 months old. By intentionally improving her condition during these months, she will have an easier time completing the development of her new calf, and have a greater ability to produce an abundance of milk when it is born.

Milk is a precious gift that is overlooked and underappreciated by many people. For those of us that pursue the dream of milking our own cow, our efforts aren't driven by a desire to save money or time from a hectic life, but rather we are driven to achieve the highest quality product from a cow that is treated with loving respect and the greatest of care. We must remain ever mindful of our sweet cow's health, which requires an abundance of green grass, quality hay, an occasional treat, and a clean and adequate shelter. We must evaluate her needs on a daily basis, considering all of the factors that are currently affecting her nutritional burden. If we feed her well, and are generous with our loving care, she will reward us with that creamy goodness that we so desire and work so very hard to obtain. Savor the great Blessing! ❀



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Senior Chris Odom Memorial Award

Danielle Edgington

When most people think of cattle, they imagine them being used for beef or milk as a production animal. Dexters can do those things as well; however, there's something unique about these cattle. Is it their lovable personality? Is it their small-but-mighty size? Maybe it's all of these things. Either way, Dexters are one of the most wonderful creatures to walk this beautiful God-given earth. Their peaceful demeanor makes them the ideal family cow for a homestead, whether for milk, beef, or even draft. This essay will cover how my family started our small homestead and some of the basics of owning Dexters, such as when we started our farm, what my involvement is with our Dexters, a basic emergency kit for cattle, the necessary resources to raise healthy, well-nourished cattle, and my plans if I win this award.

Recently Dexter cattle have been growing in numbers exponentially across the United States. New owners seek advice from experienced owners, and the Dexter community is always here to support owners old and new; and, in 2011, that was us! We started out with two Dexter steers in a small electric fence enclosure in our backyard, as we did not have exclusive pastures

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for the cattle. The steers turned out to be perfect for our needs, and we opted to proceed by purchasing a small herd of heifers and cows from Tim and Delena Coy of Mammoth Cave Dexters: Mammoth Cave's Louise, a black polled heifer; Mammoth Cave's Sassafra, a red horned heifer; Dale Hollow's Boudica, a traditional black horned cow; and Adanal's Frankie, a black dehorned chondro cow. We quickly developed a fondness for the breed due to their docility and pet-like personality. Thanks to the variety of different colors and genes in our cattle, we had a colorful crop of calves our first year! We chose to use the AI process to breed the heifers, as we wanted to wait until we had more experience before choosing a bull. Any livestock owner knows how it feels to anxiously await a new calf. Despite the easy calving process Dexters are known for, it's always difficult to wait for a calf, especially the first born on your farm. Nevertheless, on November 26, 2012, the first calf was born on our farm. Since then, we have been raising our Dexters for beef and dairy as well as to sell as breeding stock.

Spring and summer bring not only warm weather, but also the seasons of cattle shows and milking season. Milking is a seasonal task for us, as we milk from the spring until October or November when it begins to freeze. We prefer to milk early in the morning to start the day, and milking is followed by other farm chores such as letting the goats out of the barn for the day and opening the door in the chicken coop. Giving the cattle fresh water also becomes much more important in summer, and is another one of my assignments.

One very enjoyable spring chore is halter training. If possible, we start working with the animals we are likely to bring to the shows in March or April. However, the weather does not always cooperate, and it's mostly working with them whenever we are able to until a few weeks before the show. Halter training is a vital part of owning cattle; even if you don't bring your cattle to shows, being able to walk your cow to another pasture or to the stanchion for milking on command is extremely helpful. Halter training provides you another opportunity to develop a closer relationship with your cattle. While training, you are spending time together so that you know what to expect from your cattle and your cattle know what to expect from you. It is amazing how much personality each Dexter has. The closer your bond with your animal is, the friendlier your cows will be.

Bonding and training are enjoyable; however, not every cattle moment is filled with joy and happiness. Imagine a scenario all too familiar for livestock owners: it's late on a Sunday night, just after dark, on a holiday. The vet's office and all livestock supply stores are closed. You have a cow that looks weak and is not eating, with a young calf standing nearby. What could you do?

If you have an emergency kit, you could be well prepared for a situation similar to this. As most emergencies always seem to take place when stores are closed, having a stock of antibiotics and supplemental injections could prove to be beneficial, or even life-saving. Standard first aid supplies such as wound spray and eye spray are a must. Several medications that are always useful to have on hand are: Banamine, an anti-inflammatory; Enroflox, a respiratory medication; BO-SE, a selenium/vitamin E injection; CAL-MAG gel, a calcium/magnesium gel; MultiMin 90, which consists of copper, zinc, selenium, and manganese; and Probios, a probiotic paste. Other specific vitamin and mineral supplements could be needed depending on your area, as certain areas have differing natural resources. However, despite your area, calcium is a substance all cattle owners should have on hand. Milk fever, caused by a calcium deficiency in cows that have recently given birth, occurs when the cow does not have enough calcium in her system. Milk fever can quickly become deadly if gone unnoticed, and is especially common in cows around ten years of age.

Aside from pharmaceuticals, you should also have a few rope halters. In

an emergency situation, you should always be able to separate your animals if need be. If your cow is stable, you may need to bring it to the veterinarian, as many times they are too busy for house calls. Syringes to administer any necessary medication should be on hand as well.

Healthy Dexters are something every breeder should strive for. While grass-fed versus grain-fed has long been a controversial debate, we raise our cattle on pasture grass and hay, with some sweet mix for occasional treats. Fresh green pasture grass is what Dexters have thrived on for thousands of years. Since the arrival of winter in Ohio usually means lots of mud, we supplement our pasture grass with hay or baleage, a type of hay that is baled without drying to allow for fermentation. The fermentation process allows the cattle to digest it more efficiently than bales that are allowed to dry. However, it can often be heavier and more expensive, so it's not for everyone. Our cattle also receive sweet mix and stocker-grower as a treat. We utilize it as a training tool when training heifers and as an aid to keep the milking cows happy while we milk. We typically add Calf Manna into the mix for our milking cows.

Regardless of whether you are feeding grain or letting your cows graze on grass, protein tubs are essential. While many companies sell protein supplements tailored to your needs and area, you can find an all-purpose protein tub in various sizes at your local farm supply store. These contain vital nutrients that might not be found in your area. They can also help you know how the total nutritional content of your hay is performing for your cattle. When your cattle go through protein and mineral tubs at a fast rate, that can be indicative of nutritional shortages in your hay. Minerals and protein tubs sitting untouched show the grass and hay is taking care of your cattle's nutritional needs.

Something to watch out for, particularly if you grain feed, is overfeeding. Cattle can have many issues from too much grain, especially if they aren't used to it. Conditions resulting from too much grain can vary from overweight cattle to bloating, a severe illness. Overweight cattle can have trouble breeding, problems with arthritis, temperature management and other complications. Acidosis, a variant of bloat, occurs when cattle ingest large quantities of grain. Unfortunately, we had to experience this situation firsthand when one of our cattle got into a bag of grain. Luckily, we caught it sooner rather than later, but she is still partially bloated from the experience over three years ago.

As with any living creature, fresh water must be available at all times. In the heat of summer, we fill the water tubs usually three or more times a day, depending on the weather and how many cows are in the field. The importance of clean water cannot be stressed enough. Dexter cattle share many of the basic needs of other animals.

If I am blessed to win this award, I plan to purchase some steers of my own. Last year, Josh Mink of JK Acres was generous enough to sell me a steer with the award money from the Junior Chris Odom Award. I would definitely like to add to my herd over the next few years. I would also like to purchase my own heifer to start adding some new bloodlines, and have a registered calf under my own name.

Raising Dexter cattle is not just a hobby or a job for some, it's often a way of life for breeders and owners. Dexter cattle have a calm temperament unlike any other breed of cattle, and each has its own unique personality. Any Dexter owner will testify that their hardiness and docility is uncommon in other breeds. Dexters are the perfect family cow for a small family homestead, but they also serve as beef animals on larger farms. The versatility of the Dexter cow has made it popular, with numbers growing over the past few decades.

I owe much of who I am to Dexters and the Dexter community, and for that, I am grateful. ❀

ADCA Talisman FARM AWARD

The ADCA Talisman Farm Award winner for 2022 is:
Barb Netti of Legend Rock Ranch



The ADCA Talisman Farm Award is given in memory of John Hays of the Talisman Herd. John was integral in the reorganization of the “American Kerry and Dexter Club” into the American Dexter cattle Association in 1978, writing the original Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. John also acted as a Regional Director for the Pacific Region. Both John and his wife Belle were awarded honorary lifetime memberships in the ADCA and will always be remembered for their passionate service to our community and to the preservation of this special cattle breed.

The Talisman Farm Award is presented annually at the ADCA National Dexter Expo. It recognizes the ADCA Dexter family, couple, or individual that stewards an exemplary herd of Irish Dexter Cattle with honesty, integrity, and faithfulness. It includes recognition at the Expo, an award plaque, and recognition in the ADCA Bulletin.

This year there were some wonderful candidates proposed for the Talisman Farm Award, but one recommendation stood out to the committee. The following was taken from the written nomination for Barb Netti:

They say "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery". That is what comes to mind when I think about Barb Netti. So many new Dexter owners or enthusiasts quickly find out that if you want some of the best in red polled, foundation stock, look no further than Legend Rock Ranch. I too started my foundation herd with Legend animals. Many ranches aim to follow the same breeding program as Barb. Since joining the ADCA in 2004, her ranch has bred 8 pages worth of ADCA registered animals, now totaling 186. Always striving to improve the red polled breed genetics, Barb has set the standard for this faction of the breed. Starting with Tama Titanium, Legend Rock continues to produce the highest quality seed-stock while at the same time working with new and old owners. Barb invites interested people to the ranch for tours and strives to support others in their Dexter endeavors. Not only is Barb a giant in the Dexter community, she also advocates for the ADCA, both in private conversations and on social media. Barb Netti has lived up to the name of her ranch: A LEGEND! ❀

ADCA TALISMAN FARM AWARD WINNERS

2021 Pat & Linda Mitchell
2019 Vicki Jones
2018 Jim & Peggy Woehl
2017 Debra Hawkins
2016 Rick Seydel

2015 Jim Smith
2014 Pam Malcuit
2013 Charles Townson
2012 Sandi Thomas
2011 Marvin Johnson

2010 Sally Coad
2009 Peerless Herd
2008 Marcia Read
2007 Carol Davidson
2006 Diane Mills-Frank

ADCA CHUCK DAGGETT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD

The ADCA Chuck Daggett Good Citizen Award winner for 2022 is:
Don Giles



The Chuck Daggett Good Citizen Award is given in honor of Chuck Daggett. Chuck was an active member of the ADCA, serving as Regional Director for Region 13. In 2004, Chuck volunteered to take on the task of Registrar and Webmaster. He worked many hours to record historic pedigrees and rebuild the ADCA registry into the most up-to-date, accurate record of purebred Dexter Cattle in the nation. The time he spent working for the ADCA was characteristic of his generosity to our community.

This award is presented annually at the ADCA National Dexter Expo. It recognizes an ADCA member who demonstrates the following: exceptional herdsmanship in the care of Dexters, treating both ADCA members and prospective members fairly and honestly; eagerly promotes the Dexter breed; is known for educating fellow Dexter owners; willingly aids Dexter owners in need of help; gladly helps prospective Dexter owners who want to learn more about the breed; and exemplifies a “Good Citizen” in society as well as in the

Dexter community. The award includes a plaque, one year free Dexter Farm Advertisement on the ADCA website, and recognition in the ADCA Bulletin.

This year’s recipient, Don Giles, has a genuine passion for the Dexter breed. He touches lives on a daily basis as an authorized representative for other breeders, helping them with their breeding programs and marketing their stock. Don is also dedicated to securing the future of the Dexter breed by mentoring youth in his amazing Bandera 4-H Club. Through many years he has supported the Dexter youth program and the Chris Odom Award, beaming with pride as he presented this award at many of the annual Expos. His investment of time and energy in the youth program has blessed many families. In addition to the Dexter community, Don is active in his church and local nature museum. He is a mentor to all, a fantastic individual, and very deserving of the Chuck Daggett Award. ❀

CHUCK DAGGETT GOOD CITIZEN AWARD WINNERS

2021 Don and Sheila Farris
2020 Sean Silverman and Jennifer Wolf
2019 Santiago Lizarraga
2018 Patti Adams

2017 David Jones
2016 Chris and Vicki Jones
2015 None
2014 Rick Seydel

CONFERENCE CALLS

MAY

May 3, 2022
7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback, Vice Pres – Becky Eterno, *IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa, Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, *Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Danny Collins, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, *Region 11 – John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnany.

* - not present

- 1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:08pm central.
- 2) Roll call was taken.
- 3) Reports –
 - a) Treasurer report – Roberta Wieringa
 - Total liabilities & equity \$396,698.31 as of March 31, 2022
 - Kimberly Jepsen requested verification of the budget amount that was previously approved by the board for purchasing ADCA promotional merchandise. Roberta will email that information to Kimberly.
 - b) Registrar’s report – Jill Delaney
 - 2022 Registration and transfer numbers are remarkably similar to 2021

April 2021

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
Steer Transfer	1
90DayWebAd	8
BreederListing	1
Reg	110
Late	26
Tran	200
Over/Under Payment	3
Prt Duplication Certs	5
AI Bull Listing	1
Dues	55
Family Membership	11
Jr Membership	2
Bull Registration	47
Youth Donation (Jr)	1
Steer Registration	8
Rush Charge	1

April 2022

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
90DayWebAd	5
Reg	126
Late	10
Tran	236
Prt Duplication Certs	4
Dues	66
Family Membership	11
Jr Membership	2
Bull Registration	49
Youth Donation (Jr)	2
Steer Registration	3
Rush Charge	1

- Registration Software update – Jill reported that the RMMS task force has started beta testing the new software program. Testing will continue through June. July 9, 2022, is the tentative go live date for Jill to begin using the new software exclusively. Jill reminded the board that she will be training on the new software the next two months but will be processing paperwork as quickly as possible during this training period.
 - Registration certificates may have a different layout presentation however it is currently a work in progress. Jill asked to board to provide her with feedback so she can share it with Susan.
 - There has been a tremendous amount of work completed to ensure that the data base is correct and includes data from the original herd books.
 - Laaci Louderback will invite Susan Smythe to give a software update at the next board meeting.
- c) New member packet – Stefani Millman
- Stefani stated that updates were made to the new member packet and the latest version will be sent via email for the board to review. She asked everyone to look at it and give their recommendations for improving the packet.
- d) Ethics SOP proposed update – Dave Cluff
- Dave Cluff sent proposed changes to the board for review previous to the meeting. Laaci asked the board to review them and send any recommendations to Dave for consideration. Dave will resend an edited version to the board before the next meeting.
 - Dave requested for a special meeting to be held to discuss an ethics issue. Laaci will schedule a
 - Kimberly Jepsen recommended adding “transfers” to the SOP’s section 14 Code of Ethics line A.
- (a) Not knowingly make any untruthful statement in submitting applications for registry, and not register animals of questionable parentage.
- The board discussed member reaction about the transfer policy that was reversed at the April 2022 board meeting. Overall members were satisfied with the reversal of the transfer policy. Other members were concerned about designating an untransferable animal as deceased and Kimberly explained that our current software does not allow for any other choice. We are hoping to add a non-transferable designation eventually in the new software.
 - Jill expressed concerns about having accurate transfer dates. In the future the new software may give members an error code when registering a calf from a cow they purchased if an animal transfer was delayed. Kim Newswanger suggested adding a field for purchase date on the online form and the back of the registration certificate.
 - Skip Tinney requested for Carole to send an email to the entire membership announcing the transfer policy reversal. Kimberly Jepsen created an announcement, per the board’s request following last month’s meeting, for directors to use and notify members in their regions. The announcement was also posted on social media.
 - Kevin MacAnany stated the due to his email service he has been having trouble sending regional emails. Laaci stated that she and others are looking into establishing a google account to serve the board. She is still exploring options to see which will work the best for our needs.

e) Budget Committee – Dave Cluff

- The committee met to establish an outline to follow moving forward. They plan to gather 3 years' worth of data to establish a base budget. The next step will set up a reserve account with 3 to 6 months of funds for emergency purposes. Remaining funds would go into use to support created 1-, 3- and 5-year plans and goals for the association.

f) Marketing and Advertising – Kevin McAnnany

- The Dexter Bulletin has been mailed and members can expect to receive it this week. Total printed copies of 1376 at a cost of \$3,333.17. This edition was under budget, but the next edition is expected to cost more due to the current paper shortage. The M&A committee has purchased software called FlipBuilder to create a digital version of the Dexter Bulletin. The digital version will eventually be made available to members on the ADCA Website.
- Ogden Press Ad – An advertisement will be placed in the Mother Earth News and Grit magazines this fall for a cost of \$1000 and \$500, respectively. Ogden Press supplies us with leads and mailing labels from these advertisements. We in turn send a promotional packet to every lead we receive.
- Hobby Farm Project – A three-page spread will appear in the July/August edition of Hobby Farm magazine. The article supplied by the ADCA is running at no cost to us. The cost of the vertical advertisement is \$1500, discounted from \$3700. Hobby Farms also has a webpage regarding small animals to raise on your farm with Dexters being the first one mentioned and pictured. The M&A committee is considering running a banner ad on that page for only \$75 per month; the page generates 5000 views per month.
- Photo release form – Anyone submitting a photo to the ADCA will need to sign a photo release form. The signed release form gives us permission to use their photo for any type of marketing and advertising purposes. Signing the form gives us legal rights to use a photo without payment and keeps us from copyright infringement. The form will be available on the website soon. In the meantime, anyone can contact Carole Nirosky for a copy.

g) Show committee – Dave Cluff stated that he has received a final agreement from the Utah State Fair Park for the 2023 Expo and will need to send them a deposit. He will connect with Laaci and Roberta this week.

h) Regional updates / reports

- Laaci Louderback recommended extending the deadline for accepting nominees for the Chuck Daggett and Talisman awards. The board agreed and extended the date to May 15, 2022. Directors were reminded that members can nominate anyone from any region.

4) Continuing Business

a) Youth Virtual Show – Elissa Emmons

- Elissa contacted a business about hosting a virtual show for the ADCA youth. Their base rate is \$2500 to host a virtual show. Elissa requested advice from the board regarding the cost. The board agreed it was a reasonable amount to spend hosting a show for the ADCA youth. They also suggested holding it close to the annual general meeting. Elissa will continue moving forward and gathering information to hold a virtual show. Kimberly Jepsen stated Cattle Battle was the company

used for the last virtual show, but they are no longer doing these types of events.

5) New Business

a) Regional Director – Laaci Louderback

- Three nominees were submitted for the interim regional director position left vacant by Danny Collins resignation last month. One nominee refused due to lack of time in her schedule and one was not a current member. Mark Chaney accepted a nomination and submitted a bio to the board.
- The board went into an executive session at 8:18pm and returned at 8:22.
- Laaci Louderback stated that the board had appointed Mark Chaney as the interim region 8 director for the term ending 12-31-2022. Laaci Louderback will contact Mark to let him know the board's decision.

b) Annual General Meeting Date / Task Force – Laaci Louderback

- Following some discussion the board decided on November 5, 2022 for the date of the ADCA's annual general meeting (AGM).
- The board appointed a task force to organize the zoom meeting. The AGM task force will consist of Kevin MacAnnany as chairman, Carole Nirosky and possibly Jennifer Hunt.

c) Software Task Force –

- Laaci asked everyone to begin thinking about creating a task force to develop a plan for introducing and training members to use the new software. Jill reminded everyone that the July date for going live is for the registrar's portion of the software. The member portion will come later, giving the board time to establish a task force.

6) Other:

- Skip Tinney expressed concerns over the economy and the effect it may have on the national herd. Costs on everything have been going up dramatically and could have an impact for breeders everywhere.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is June 7, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

JUNE

June 7, 2022
7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback , *Vice Pres – Becky Eterno, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, *Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, *Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Danny Collins, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, *Region 11 –John Wallace, *Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany. * - not present

1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:06 pm central.

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VIRTUAL

2022 AGM

Advancing into the Future with Technology

With all the changes that have occurred over the past few years, technology has become an essential way to bring people together. The ADCA Board of Directors has been meeting monthly via Zoom the past two years and it has proven to be an excellent way to accomplish the work of our organization.

We are excited to implement this year's Annual General Meeting via Zoom with a FaceBook LIVE option. Without the need to travel to one location, more members will be able to participate from the comfort of their own homes. The Board has created a format that will keep the meeting organized and moving through the agenda in a timely fashion.

To participate in the meeting, you will need to install the Zoom app on your computer, tablet, or smartphone (see <https://biz30.timedoctor.com/how-to-use-zoom/#what-is-zoom> to learn more about Zoom). We suggest you do this prior to the day of the meeting. An invitation with a Zoom link will be emailed to each member no later than November 1st. If you have not received the email invitation by this date, please contact your Regional Director and provide your current email address.

The Board of Directors will ask all participating members to have their ADCA membership number available for use during the meeting. The Board will need this information to verify eligible members (those who are current on membership dues), when voting is brought to the meeting floor, as well as tracking the overall attendees. On the day of the meeting, once you click on the join meeting link; you will enter a virtual waiting room before joining the actual AGM. Your video and sound will be off upon entry to the meeting. At this point, you will be instructed to sign into the chat feature with your name and member number. (See next page for how to find your member number.) All current members will need to check into the meeting no later than 2:15 pm to be eligible to vote for members at large. (Two people will be chosen as members at large to participate in the Wrap-up meeting that will immediately follow the AGM.)

This year's meeting will encompass a variety of important topics and reports. The following is just a sampling of what will be covered. The ADCA treasurer will share the financial health of the organization and the newly formed Budget committee will explain the new budget process. The Marketing and Advertising committee will discuss plans for adding an electronic version of the Dexter Bulletin that will be accessible on the ADCA website. They will also explain use of the new Member Logo. By-laws and SOP committee will report changes that have occurred to the bylaws in the past year, alongside other committees and their reports. Also included on the agenda is a presentation of the new ADCA Registration software that will be implemented in the near future.

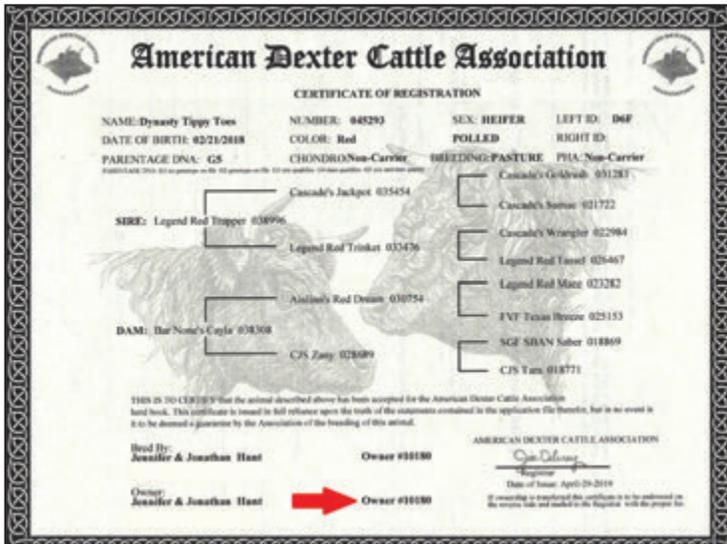
There will be two ways for members to participate in the meeting. During each presentation, you can enter a question about the topic being discussed by using the chat feature. A board member will be monitoring the questions so they can be brought up at the end of that presentation. After the agenda topics are complete, there will be a Q and A session where you can request a 2-minute time slot to ask general questions or make comments.

At the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, there will be a Board of Director's Wrap-up meeting that will include two members at large. The purpose of the wrap-up meeting is to elect a President and Vice-President. These newly elected Officers will begin serving immediately and their terms will end at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. Election results will be emailed to each member, posted on Facebook, and can be found on the ADCA website.

We are looking forward to connecting with many of you in this new format. Participation of our members in the operation of the American Dexter Cattle Association is what makes this organization great. Your involvement in this meeting is critical to the future of the organization, and we thank you in advance for attending. ❀

OPTION 1:

1. You can find your membership # on any ADCA Certificate, for cattle you own.



LOCATING YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER

OPTION 2:

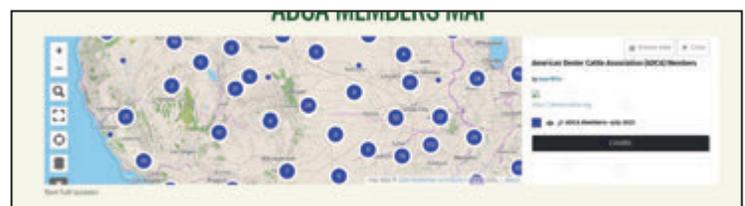
1. You can look up your membership number through the Online ADCA Pedigree Site.
2. Go to <https://Dextercattle.org>. At the top of the page, CLICK on “Pedigree Search”
3. You can search either for an animal you own OR by your name. Pictures below show you both ways.

- If you search by animal name, it will present like the example below

- Next CLICK on a animal name that shows your name on the same line.
- Now you should see information about the animal including the BREEDER and OWNER:
- To the RIGHT of your name you will see your membership # and the year you are current. If you are current it will say 2022.

OPTION 3:

1. You can also look your membership # up on the membership MAP.
2. Go to <https://dextercattle.org>
3. CLICK on ADCA Membership, then scroll down to the MAP.
4. CLICK on Browse Data.
5. If you have a farm name on file, then search by that name.
6. If you do not have a farm name on file, then search by your last name.
7. Your membership number will be listed under your name, but ONLY for CURRENT members.
8. If your membership has lapsed, your name will not appear on this map.



CONFERENCE CALLS

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2) Roll call was taken. Also in attendance were Susan Smyth and Linda Holloway

3) New Software Update – Susan Smythe

- Susan began by explaining that the new software build has been a long two-year process beginning with the implementation of the software taskforce who then created a request for proposal (RFP) to search for new pedigree software because of the outdated software currently in use by the ADCA. Susan and her husband Charles are producing a new pedigree program and offering a license agreement with the ADCA to help keep it extremely affordable for the organization.
- The build contains three phases, one component for the registrar, the members, and the public. All of which will be available on the web. Phase one was completed a year ago and contains components that the registrar uses. Phase two consists of putting phase one on the web along with a small portion for members and the public to sample. Phase three is to have all components complete and on the web. Phase two is being worked on now. Taskforce members are helping to complete data cleanup before data migration is finalized. The software is currently on the web and being tested by taskforce members for quality assurance.
- Susan provided a demonstration of the software for the board. Following the demonstration, the board discussed the importance of having a training plan in place for members to reference when the time comes to launch the member portion of the new software. Stefani Millman recommended training sessions for regional directors before launch. John Wallace proposed creating PowerPoint training documents to post on the ADCA website.
- Susan indicated that completion for phase two is targeted for August 2022. Plans are to go live with the registrar's portion, the online pedigree and limited member functions. Members will be able to upload photos, make correction requests and possibly upload lab testing results. Susan requested for the board to begin thinking about assigning someone to assist members with initial sign-ups. Susan needs to continue working on Phase three and will not be available to help with this.
- Phase three will be complete with full member services and requests, online payments, search functions and a Dexters for sale page. The Dexter sale postings will be offered to members for free and available to the public to search. Non-members will only have access to the public portion of the website, they will not have access to the member only portion. ADCA members will be able to control personal information they want visible for the public to view.
- Better Built Cows (BBC) is offering the new software to the ADCA at a 95% discount and will retain ownership. The ADCA has a perpetual license to use, develop, and maintain the software. The agreement with Better Built Cows allows the ADCA to hire someone else to operate, develop, or maintain it but the ADCA is restricted from selling the software to anyone else. Mark Chaney questioned Susan about a backup plan in the event of BBC not being able to maintain the software? Susan stated that the ADCA currently has a monthly contract with Better Built Cows to maintain and update the software because of the programming updates that happen constantly. A formalized plan is being created

and will be in place upon completion of the software build to allow the ADCA access to everything needed to maintain, update, and operate the software if BBC leaves the business or in case of a catastrophic event. Eventually a secondary person to help maintain the software will be trained so a backup will always be available.

- Susan will be presenting a similar demonstration for members at the National Expo this month.
- The board expressed their gratitude and excitement to Susan for her time and effort in building the new software. Everyone is looking forward to the launch and completion.

4) Reports:

a) Treasurer's Report - Roberta Total • Liabilities & equity \$397908.46 as of April 30, 2022 – no questions were asked regarding the treasurer's report.

- Roberta offered some preliminary numbers for the National Expo. Approximately 100 people signed up Thursday's meet & greet dinner, 75 for Friday night banquet. Income for sponsors, entries and orders is \$9,440. Payouts for show classes is \$8,165. Total revenues for merchandise, hay and meals are \$12,238.08 minus the PayPal fees. Roberta stated, according to the preliminary numbers the expo appears to be paying for itself.
- Roberta questioned the change for best of show for the open show only. In the past best of show was also chosen from the youth show. Following discussion about the rule change the board agreed that this was not a board decision to make, but a committee decision and it should go back to the committee for review. Dave Cluff and Santiago Lizarraga clarified that the decision was made due to the change in rules allowing youth to show in the open class. Concerns were raised about the youth being aware of the rule change having time to order an additional plaque at such a late date. Santiago will ask the show committee to consider re-instating the youth best of show.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total Membership end May 2022: 1406 (69 paid/49 new)
- Total Membership end May 2021: 1404
- Jill will be traveling to attend the National Expo. She will be out of the office for one week.

June 2021 Totals

Sales Invoice Totals	
Inventory Item	\$ Units
Steer Transfer	7
90DayWebAd	6
Reg	50
Late	16
Tran	234
Prt Duplication Certs	3
AI Bull Listing	1
Dues	37
Family Membership	4
Associate Membership	2
Jr Membership	2
Bull Registration	34
Youth Donation (Jr)	1
Steer Registration	14
Rush Charge	1

June 2022 Totals

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
Steer Transfer	4
90DayWebAd	6
Reg	113
Late	9
Tran	286
Prt Duplication Certs	4
Dues	49
Family Membership	11
Associate Membership	7
Jr Membership	2
Bull Registration	51
Steer Registration	6
Rush Charge	2

- Skip Tinney asked Jill what the highest membership number is currently. Jill said new membership numbers will be starting at 14,000.
- Kimberly Jepsen emptied the old storage unit in Missouri and will be bringing some of the boxes to the expo to pass on to the secretary and registrar. c) Committee/Task Force Reports
- Stefani Millman made corrections to the Welcome Packet and will send a revised copy to the board for another review. Laaci recommended researching printing cost before making any additions to the packet. Stefani will send the board a final version and then reach out to Kevin for help with printing costs and get back to the board.
- Region 2 – Stefani Millman - Washington State will be hosting their first “Biggest Little Livestock Show” featuring small cattle breeds. She asked everyone to spread the word that they are looking for participants. Dexters are the only breed with their own show.
- Region 4 – Dave Cluff - Samantha Reese of Wylie Colorado worked with the Colorado State Fair to get a Dexter only class this year. They are scheduled to give out \$7300 in premiums. The show is scheduled for the weekend before labor day. Dave will provide information to post on the ADCA happenings page and in the next Dexter Bulletin.
- Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga – Region 10 meeting scheduled for September 3, 2022. Presently looking for an educational speaker for the meeting.
- Region 11 – John Wallace – John is in the process of filing for a 401C3 to start a new association in the Northeast. He will be contacting fellow directors and groups for input and suggestions.

5) Continuing business

a) 2022 Expo update – Santiago Lizarraga – Everything is ready to go. Costs should be similar to last year.

- 84 head of cattle are entered, 30 more than 2021. Educational seminars have been improved. Time has been set aside in the barn for visitors to meet breeders on both Thursday and Friday. Awards will be presented on Saturday following the show with some refreshments. Kimberly Jepsen said the marketing and advertising committee will be setting up a table to feature the new member logo. They will have mugs, shirts, and other items available for purchase.

b) 2022 AGM Date – Laaci Louderback requested a change for the date in November for the annual general meeting. Following discussion about options the board decided to move the annual general meeting

to November 12, 2022 at 1:00pm central time. Jill asked when the board would be discussing contract employees. Previously this was done at the follow-up meeting held during the national expo. Laaci replied that the board will hold a follow-up meeting after the AGM on November 12, 2022.

- Discussion was held about the decision to separate the annual general meeting from the expo. John Wallace believed it should be an in-person meeting like it has been in the past. Jennifer Hunt said hosting the AGM via zoom allows more members from across the country to participate in the business aspect of the organization. Laaci stated that the board had discussed all of these options before making the decision to host the AGM via zoom this year. In the future the board can always re-evaluate their decision to see if they want to continue hosting via zoom or go back to an in-person meeting at the expo. Kimberly Jepsen stated that separating the AGM also allows directors attending the expo more time to socialize with members and less time in meetings. Skip Tinney agreed with Jennifer and said the zoom AGM will allow more member to participate.

c) Youth Virtual Show – Elissa Emmons notified Laaci before the meeting that the company she has been trying to connect with for the virtual show has not done a good job communicating. Elissa is working on a plan B and is planning on sharing information about it at the next board meeting.

6) New Business

- a) Region 8 – Laaci received a request from a new Dexter owner to have Puerto Rico added to region 8 so he could be represented in the ADCA. Dave Cluff made a motion, John Wallace 2nd, to add Puerto Rico to region 8. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) John Wallace requested help for the educational committee. Laaci will contact Becky Eterno to help.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm CST / Next scheduled board meeting is July 5, 2022, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky

JULY

July 5, 2022
7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback , Vice Pres – Becky Eterno, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster - Ray Delaney, *Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Danny Collins, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 – John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany. * - not present

- 1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7: 05 pm central.
- 2) Roll call was taken

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NATIONAL SHOW RESULTS



BEST OF SHOW

**Best of Show
Ezra Farms Ginger**

For complete 2022 Expo Show results, go online to <https://dextercattle.org/adca-national-dexter-expo/>

YOUTH

Youth Grand Champion Female
SMD Sophie Ferl
shown by Erin Chambers



Youth Grand Champion Steer
JK Apollo
shown by Jennilyn Mink

Youth Grand Champ Bull
Whittington Game Time
shown by Regan Boyle



HAPPENINGS

REGION 2

Washington State in Region 2 has great opportunities to meet breeders and not only see Dexters but learn how they are evaluated. Better yet, come show and have your own cattle evaluated! Participating in shows can be an effective



tool in advancing your breeding program. Cattle shows are hard to get established and keep going, participation is key. For a breed to have its own show, Dexter's competing against only Dexter's and not Angus or Herford or Jersey's, three breeders/farms must participate and a total of ten head must be entered.

(Numbers may vary but this is quite common). These numbers have to be held for three consecutive years before a breed gets its own show. The fourth year, that breed is awarded its own breed show where it gets to compete solely with its "peers". Here's the clincher; if those numbers are not met in any year, the Fair can pull that breeds show and you start over. So numbers are essential! Come join in and keep the Dexter shows strong or at least come visit, support and start learning.

The Washington State Fair in Puyallup
September 1st – 5th, 2022 THE BIGGEST LITTLE LIVESTOCK SHOW.
Everything small and mini will be attending. There will be a nice representation of ADCA breeder, myself and the ADCA president will be there. Come sit a spell and shoot the breeze!
Information at: Thefair.com

Spokane County Interstate Fair in Spokane
September 8th -12th, 2022 Information at: Thespokanefair.com

Central Washington State Fair
Yakima is September 29th - October 2nd, 2022
Information at: statefairpark.org

REGION 4



The Region 4 meeting will be held in conjunction with the Dexter Cattle Show at the Utah State Fair September 10th @ 10:00 am at the Utah State Fairpark.

The Dexter Cattle Show at the Utah State Fair will be held Friday, September 9th at 3:00 pm. Dexters will be on display Thursday-Saturday.

REGION 6

Greetings Region 6 Peeps! We will be hosting our annual regional meeting the first Saturday of November on the 5th @ 1:00 pm. It will be a potluck style get-together so please plan on bringing a dish to share. I will provide the main dish: Dexter beef will be the main feature of course. I will also be handing out ADCA swag door prizes! Mayes

County Fairgrounds in Pryor OK has been reserved and I hope to line up a couple speakers. More details soon to come so be sure to watch for emails from me.

REGION 8

We had an ADCA region 8 meeting right after the Tennessee State Fair Dexter Cattle Show on August 22nd in Lebanon, TN. Thanks to all for attending the show and special thanks to those that stayed after to attend the meeting.



The Tennessee Valley Fair Dexter Cattle Show will be in Knoxville on September 15th. Another opportunity to market your cattle. It would be great to see many region 8 members there.

•Started emailing out a monthly for sale list to assist Region 8 members with selling their animals. The feedback has been positive and I plan on continuing.

•The Florida State Fair Dexter Cattle Show will be in Tampa, FL on February 15th, 2023. It's not too early to start planning for this. There will be an ADCA Region 8 meeting after the show. Tampa is a great place to warm up for a few days in February. Hope to see you there.

REGION 9



The regional meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Kim Newswanger's, Songwood Haven Farm in East Bernstadt, KY. We'll kick things off with a potluck picnic at 12 noon. Come meet other Dexter owners in the region & learn something new. Hope to see you there!

REGION 12

Mark your calendars now for the Region 12 ADCA annual meeting on Saturday, September 24th, 2022 from 10 am-2 pm. We are planning a day filled with several education sessions (including a local veterinarian), opportunities to get to know other breeders in our five state region, and a lunch featuring Dexter beef of course! You will also have a chance to win some great official ADCA swag. We will provide the beef, pop and water.

If convenient for you, please bring a dish to share. The gathering will take place at Birch Grove Farm in Deer Park WI, the home of Kevin and Barb McAnnany. For more information, contact Kevin at adca_reg12@icloud.com



TATTOO LETTERS & YEARS

2003 – N	2009 – W	2015 – C	2021 – J
2004 – P	2010 – X	2016 – D	2022 – K
2005 – R	2011 – Y	2017 – E	2023 – L
2006 – S	2012 – Z	2018 – F	2024 – M
2007 – T	2013 – A	2019 – G	2025 – N
2008 – U	2014 – B	2020 – H	2026 – P

DON'T FORGET!!!

Please remember this when registering animals! THE ONLY MANDATORY TEST for registration - the genotype - is sent to the registrar directly from the lab. ALL other tests (e.g., A2, PHA, Chondro) are OPTIONAL, and their results must be sent to the registrar by the owners.

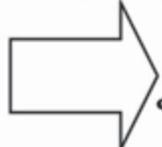




Come join us as members of the Oklahoma Dexter Cattle Association!

The ODCA would like for you to consider joining our other members

- A thriving Youth Heifer Program to help get more kids involved raising our wonder breed
- A bigger and better Dexter Show at the Tulsa State Fair every year
- The ODCA helps provide support to the ADCA
- Free For Sale and Wanted Ads for our members on the ODCA website
- You don't have to live in Oklahoma to belong
- Two meetings a year, to get together and talk Dexter
- A farm membership covers all the household members who live at the farm, including children
- Each farm membership receives one vote in the association



For more information on joining visit okdexters.org check out the FOR SALE Page while you are there

DEXTER BULLETIN

New Look More Articles *Advertise*



DEXTER BULLETIN ADVERTISING
 ADCA members can advertise in our ADCA Dexter Bulletin. The bulletin is published 4 times a year and is sent to each member's home. You can see digital copies of the ADCA Dexter Bulletin on the Dexter Bulletin website page. If you would like to advertise in the bulletin, fill out the Bulletin Advertisement Application found on the ADCA Website, attach your ad jpeg, and pay the appropriate fee.

1/8 PAGE (BUSINESS CARD SIZE)	1/4 PAGE	1/2 PAGE	1 FULL PAGE
1 issue \$30	1 issue \$60	1 issue \$120	1 issue \$240
4 issues \$100	4 issues \$200	4 issues \$400	4 issues \$800
4 1/4" x 2 3/4"	4 1/4" x 5 1/2"	8 1/2" x 5 1/2"	8 1/2" x 11"

FOUNDATION STOCK:

THE KEY TO BUILDING A BETTER HERD

Foundation stock is a term used to describe the animals from within a breed that have the necessary qualities needed to enhance a breeder's herd. In continuing this year's ADCA theme "Fundamentals of Raising Dexters" we are including this article detailing Dexter Breed specifications. With the

influx of new breeders, it is important to continue the quality of genetics in the ADCA registry. Following the recommendations listed in this article will guide you to make wise decisions in building your herd.

General Breed Guidelines

Dexter cattle are a tri-purpose breed: beef, milk, and draft. As such, breeders should strive to produce well-conformed, well-tempered animals that efficiently meet the demands of all three purposes without straying into the extremes of strictly dairy or strictly beef characteristics. The ideal Dexter cow should experience no problems at calving and should display appropriately strong maternal instincts. She should produce enough rich milk to raise a healthy calf with a substantial weaning weight while still providing a reasonable amount of milk for her owner. Dexter bulls should be even-tempered, balanced-looking athletes that perform their breeding tasks without losing a smooth, muscled condition. Dexter steers should produce heavy carcasses that produce the finest quality beef that displays sufficient marbling. Dexter oxen should display the intelligence and cooperative temperament that deems them excellent candidates for stout, amiable, long-lived draft animals. And every Dexter, whether cow, heifer, calf, bull, steer, or oxen, should display attributes of thriftiness that are the trademark of this hardy heritage breed.

Dexters are not a miniature breed; their size is not due to breeding programs aimed at miniaturization. As the smallest naturally statured breed

in the world, their size of bone, depth of body, and shortness of leg should compose a consistently uniform harmony throughout the animal's body. A Dexter should look balanced and smoothly blended with proportions that result in a uniform, harmonious, graceful animal. Characteristics that determine the feeding ability, reproductive capacity, health, vigor, and longevity should be apparent:

- Broad muzzle and large nostrils.
- Wide and deep chest capacity, as determined by the length and fullness of the fore ribs and width of the chest floor.
- Deep heart girth and well-sprung ribs encasing the diaphragm, heart, and lungs.

COLOR

Solid black, solid red or solid dun are of equal merit. A small amount of white on the reproductive organs, udder, and/or underline (behind the umbilicus) is acceptable. White, light or dark hairs in the tassel (switch) of the tail are also permissible.

HEAD

The short, broad head should taper gracefully towards a broad muzzle. The jaw should be wide enough to accommodate well-placed teeth with an even bite. Eyes should be bright and prominent. Horns, if they are present, should be moderately thick with an inward, upward curve. Horned, dehorned, and polled animals are all of equal merit.

COWS

The udder should be well attached with a high and wide rear attachment and a strong median suspension ligament. The four teats should be



of medium size and well-spaced on the udder, hanging plumb, and of equal length. All four quarters should be of equal size.

BULLS

Testicles should be well-hung and of even size, with four well-defined teats evenly spaced in front of the scrotum. The sheath should be of moderate size and held near the body. The penis should retract completely into the sheath when at rest.

STEER

Steers should conform to general breed guidelines with a smooth, sleek appearance that indicates thriftiness, optimum beef production, and quality meat.

SIZE

Typical height ranges in Dexters can vary between and within the populations of carriers and non-carriers of chondrodysplasia. Both carriers and non-carriers are of equal merit. Because the ADCA does not encourage breeding especially small or especially large Dexters, breeding programs that consistently push animals to extremes in either size direction are not encouraged.

- Cows: Typical range in height is 34 - 46 inches, with a majority in the range of 36-42 inches, measured at the hip.
- Bulls: Typical range in height is 36 - 50 inches, with a majority in the range of 38-44 inches, measured at the hip.

SHOW CRITERIA

No comparative significance should be given in the show ring to the heights of immature animals since individual growth rates and chondrodysplasia status makes it impossible to estimate final heights at maturity. Dexters can continue to grow past three years of age, so final mature height should not be estimated when judging animals. Each Dexter in the show ring should be judged in light of its individual merits on the day of the competition, comparing its appearance to the general breed description. Serious consideration should be given to excellence of conformation as a truly tri-purpose bovine and overall health condition. Strong consideration should be given to the correct structure of a bull's scrotal package and sheath when choosing class placements. Strong consideration should be given to a cow's udder, especially the quality of the udder attachments, udder structure and shape, teat structure and shape, and teat placement when choosing class placements. Grooming and fitting of Dexters in the show ring should not be a consideration in show placements. ♣



CONFERENCE CALLS

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3) Reports:

a) Treasurer's Report - Roberta

- Total liabilities & equity \$394,761.69 as of May 31, 2022 – no questions were asked regarding the treasurer's report.
- Jennifer Hunt questioned why the ADCA is using an accrual vs cash-based system for recording financials. Jennifer gave an explanation of the difference between the two systems. Roberta stated that the current system was initially created by the previous treasurer. Jennifer stated that the current system does not give committees a clear picture of financials for their budgets, She suggested doing something to track spending and income for committee budgets. Jennifer asked Roberta to talk to Cynda Rodgers and get her advice about possibly changing to a cash-based recording system in the future.
- Laaci Louderback asked when our next audit was scheduled for, and Roberta said that she calls Cynda Rodgers when it is time for an audit.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total Membership end June 2022 – 1506 (61 paid / 34 new)
- Total Membership end June 2021 – 1512 (49 paid / 59 new)
- Jill was grateful for time spent with members at the expo and thought it was worth the money spent to send her. She received lots of good feedback from members. Jill offered to attend the directors annual

region meetings via zoom, if they would like, to help answer any questions members might have for her regarding registration, transfer, and membership.

c) Committee Reports –

- Software update – Jill and Susan are fine tuning the software and running a lot of reports to ensure data is correct. The goal is to have Jill off of the Centric software and exclusively on Better Built Cows software this August. No downtime will occur during the switch. Jill will not see any changes in the amount of work she is currently doing until the member portion of the software is activated. At that time Jill will have less actual inputting, and her duties will shift to monitoring of the check lists and reporting.
- Marketing and Advertising – Kevin McAnnany asked the board to consider a later publishing date for the last two editions of the 2022 Dexter Bulletin due to the new date for the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for November 12, 2022. According to the bylaws the board must notify members no more than 60 days before the meeting date. The board agreed to push back the date for the next bulletin which will include the AGM announcement. The Dexter Bulletin following the AGM will also be delayed allowing time for the AGM meeting notes to be included.
- The Hobby Farm magazine featuring the ADCA Dexter article is now available in stores for purchase.
- Expo committee – Santiago Lizarraga o Santiago is putting together a final breakdown for the expo financial report and expects the expo to come in under budget. o The expo committee will be meeting soon to do a review of 2022 and begin planning for 2023 in Utah. Jim Woehl will be creating SOP's for the actual show day. o Overall, the 2022 Expo was a huge success, and every region was represented.
- New Member Packet – Stefani Millman has edited the latest copy and it will be sent to the directors one more time for review before she contacts Kevin McAnnany about creating a printable version.

d) Regional Director updates – Laaci Louderback asked directors to give the secretary their dates for this year's regional meetings.

- Region 1 – October with date to be determined, Region 2 – already met in April of 2022 but will be hosting another meeting labor day weekend at the Washington State show , Region 4 – Saturday September 10, 2022 at the Utah State Fair Dexter show, Region 6 – November with the date to be determined, Region 7 – November 7, 2022 (?), Region 8 – August 22, 2022 at the Wilson County Fair Dexter Show in Lebanon, TN., Region 9 – October with date to be determined, Region 10 – Sept. 3, 2022 at the home of Santiago Lizarraga, Region 11 – July 17, 2022, Region 12, Sept 24, 2022 at the home of Kevin McAnnany. Details for all meetings will be available to members soon.

4) Continuing Business a) Expo Wrap Up –

- 2022 Award winners have been announced and posted on the website and social media
 - Talisman Award – Barb and Chuck Netti
 - Chuck Daggett Award – Don Giles
 - Chris Odom Senior Award – 1st Danielle Edgington, 2nd Henry Louderback, 3rd Aiden Sell.
 - Chris Odom Junior Award – 1st Hudson Louderback, 2nd Mark Lemley, 3rd, Paige Lemley.

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June 2021 Totals

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
Steer Transfer	6
90DayWebAd	4
Reg	94
Late	21
Tran	155
Balance Paid	2
Prt Duplication Certs	4
Dues	38
Family Membership	7
Associate Membership	2
Jr Membership	2
Bull Registration	25
Steer Registration	6
Rush Charge	3

June 2022 Totals

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units
90DayWebAd	4
Reg	113
Late	12
Tran	188
Balance Paid	1
Over/Under Payment	2
Dues	61
Family Membership	3
Associate Membership	1
Jr Membership	1
Bull Registration	54
Youth Donation (Jr)	1

Junior Chris Odom Memorial Award

HUDSON LOUDERBACK

My name is Hudson Louderback, and I am in the 5th grade. I have had Dexters my entire life. My family had them before I was born. My parents and even my brother, even though he doesn't always like it, are the ones who have helped me the most with my animals. I have had steers and now have some cows and a heifer in my own name, that I show.

I am involved with Dexters pretty much every day on our farm. I feed them, help with halter breaking them, help with Herd Health Days, help taking calf measurements when they are born, and show them. My responsibilities on the farm are to make sure the calf area has fresh water, hay and grain every afternoon. I also feed and water my show animals every day. A typical day for me is after school I make sure all the calves are fed, I tie up and brush and then walk my show animals, and I help make feed buckets for my older brother to give to the other groups of cows we have. He is tall and can reach over the fence to pour the feed into the trough.

As a farm we keep our emergency kits in rolling tool boxes. That way in emergencies we can quick and easily take them to where they are needed. We

have things like antibiotics, boluses along with different size needles, syringes and bolus guns. The kits also have different vitamin pastes, or injectables, bloating medicine and things for calving like gloves, chains, calf bottles and tubes. My Mom has also made sure that each emergency kit has the Vets phone number, just in case we need extra help in an emergency.

Every animal needs good nourishment to grow. You need to make sure they always can get to clean water, and some type of roughage like hay in the winter and grass in the summer. We also make sure we have minerals out all the time. In the winter we also have protein tubs to make sure they get enough, because sometimes they need a little extra if the hay doesn't have enough in it,

If I win this award, I would like to spend some money on cow showing supplies. I want to have my own tack box. I would also put some money into savings so I can purchase my own cow, from another farm. I have always just picked one from our own animals, but I can maybe buy one I really like from someone else instead. ❀



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- There were some challenges with hotels for the expo due to storm damage which caused power outages. The host hotel lost power which had attendees searching for new accommodations. Some attendees that planned on staying for the entire event did not stay for the expo.
- Kevin McAnnany reported \$2000 in sales for items sold at the expo by the Marketing and Advertising committee. Hats, t shirts, signs and other items with the new member logo were available for purchase.

b) Youth Virtual Show – report postponed due to Elissa Emmons absence.

- Kevin McAnnany stated that he attended a meeting at the expo with the youth to discuss their logo. He explained the ADCA style guidelines and importance of branding. They will go back to the drawing board with that information and new ideas to help create a youth logo. 5) New Business

a) Registration Fees – Skip Tinney

- Skip Tinney requested a re-evaluation of the fees for registration in the ADCA. We currently have three different prices for registration, \$25 for females under 26 months, \$45 for females over 26 months and \$50 for bulls. Skip proposed setting a flat fee of \$25 for registration of females and bulls regardless of age. He also suggested that in the future if needed costs could be adjusted accordingly due to inflationary costs.

– Laaci Louderback cited the fee structure that was in place in 1995: females under 1 were \$20, females over 1 were \$40 and bulls were \$40.

– Discussion was held about the reason for a higher fee for females over 26 months. Jim Woehl said it was originally put in place to encourage members to register females early instead of waiting to do so at the same time they were registering offspring. In the past that practice was causing time difficulties for the registrars. Jill stated that some members still wait to register dams and calves at the same time, and it stops the natural flow because she has to wait on the dams registration to be completed before the calf can be. Dave Cluff appreciated the change to 26 months because it allowed breeders extra time to evaluate females before registering them.

– Dave Cluff didn't believe it is wise to change the fee schedule before the budget committee has established the future financial for the 3-, 5- and 10-year plans.

– In response to a question from Skip about how many PDCA cows are registered Jill stated that she still receives a quite a few requests and recently had about 10 They do take a little longer to process due to the extra research needed to ensure they meet all of the qualifications for registration.

– Discussion ensued about the higher fee of \$50 for registering bulls. It was put in place to encourage breeders to evaluate breeding bulls based on conformation before registration. Some board members believed the quality of bulls being registered has greatly improved because of the fee structure. Concerns were raised that the ADCA may lose diversity in the breed. Jim Woehl commented that the ADCA has never put any emphasis on eliminating any specific type or trait of Dexter and we need to continue educating members about good conformation of bulls in general. He also stated that the ADCA needs to encourage breeders to pursue the growing beef market as an avenue for animals lacking good conformation.

– Jennifer stated that the questions to ask are, if the extra fee structure is

an incentive for members to register a quality cow before 26 months, and is the \$50 fee to register a bull a deterrent for some to register a quality bull? She believed all cases are different and proposed a member survey to find out why members register when they do. She recently did a survey of the Texas Breeders Association to find out what they wanted from the group and the number one answer was help selling their animals and beef. She suggested we gather more information before changing the fee structure.

– Laaci requested a written proposal from Skip for the board to review before the next meeting. Skip stated that his verbal proposal and comments should be enough for the board to act on in August.

– Jill Delaney asked the board to consider and keep in mind the impact any changes may have on the new software when making any decision.

6) Other Items –

a) Mark Chaney asked if the regional directors could have access to the genotype case number lists from UC Davis and Texas A&M. This would decrease the amount of time emailing the registrar or secretary. The board agreed and Jill will make those lists available to the directors.

b) Dave Cluff expressed his thanks to Santiago and the expo committee for putting on a great expo in Wooster. John Wallace was grateful for all the timely Facebook updates.

c) Laaci asked Dave if he could share his bull vs steer presentation that he did at the expo? Dave will send the link so it can be made available on the ADCA website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is August 2, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

AUGUST

August 2, 2022
7 p.m. CDT

President – Laaci Louderback , Vice Pres – Becky Eterno, IPP - Jim Woehl, Secretary – Carole Nirosky, Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa , Registrar - Jill Delaney, Webmaster – Ray Delaney, Youth Dir Elissa Emmons, Region 1 – Skip Tinney, Region 2 – Stefani Millman, Region 4 – David Cluff, Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen, Region 7 – Jennifer Hunt, Region 8 – Danny Collins, Region 9 – Kim Newswanger, *Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga, *Region 11 – John Wallace, Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany. * - not present

1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 7:05 pm central.

2) Roll call was taken

3) Reports:

a) Treasurer's Report - Roberta

- Total liabilities & equity \$382,945.85 as of June 30, 2022 – no

questions were asked regarding the treasurer's report.

- Roberta received a refund from the insurance company for adjustments to the liability insurance.
- Deposit was paid to Utah State fair for the 2023 Expo.
- Jennifer Hunt made a request to change line-item to reflect correct spending for the AGM and Expo now that the AGM is being held separately. Roberts will adjust the chart of accounts.
- Jennifer Hunt stated that the Houston Dexter open show has been canceled so the Texas Dexter Breeders Association is trying to put together a new show. Jennifer asked about insurance coverage through the ADCA policy. Roberta stated that stand alone shows may be covered at an additional cost through our insurance. Currently, only the ADCA expo, Missouri Dexter Breeders and Ohio Valley Dexters Breeders Association are included on the current policy.

b) Registrar's report – Jill Delaney

- Total Membership end July 2022 – 1602 (40 paid / 56 new)
- Total Membership end July 2021 – 1583
- Registration comparison from 2020 to 2022
 - ◊ Females: 2020: 1409 / 2021: 1458 / 2022: 883
 - ◊ Males: 2020: 400 / 2021: 492 / 2022: 287
- Jennifer Hunt questioned the amount of steer transfers completed in a year and wanted to make sure the fees charged are enough

July 2021 Totals

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units	\$\$Amount
Steer Transfer	7	35.00
90DayWebAd	5	150.00
Reg	110	2750.00
Late	6	270.00
Tran	197	3940.00
Over/Under Payment	5	170.00
Prt Duplication Certs	10	30.00
Dues	21	935.00
Family Membership	7	385.00
Associate Membership	2	75.00
Jr Membership	4	40.00
Bull Registration	40	2000.00
Steer Registration	3	15.00
Rush Charge	3	30.00

July 2022 Totals

Sales Invoice Totals

Inventory Item	# Units	\$\$Amount
Steer Transfer	2	10.00
90DayWebAd	5	150.00
Reg	111	2775.00
Late	9	405.00
Tran	189	3780.00
Prt Duplication Certs	3	9.00
Dues	35	1400.00
Expo Items	1	70.00
Family Membership	3	165.00
Associate Membership	1	40.00
Jr Membership	2	20.00
Bull Registration	29	1450.00
Youth Donation (Jr)	1	10.00
Steer Registration	6	30.00

to cover all of the rising costs including postage, paper, print and compensation. Jill stated that steer registrations are very few and the five-dollar cost covers expenses, she also said the board should consider raising the fee for replacement certificates due to rising costs.

- Jill has been bogged down with lots of emails and phone calls from members inquiring about their registrations or transfers. She asked the board to remind their members to be patient and stated that registrations typically take four days to complete. If a registration is delayed it is most likely due to missing information and those registrations are put back into the system and processed in the order the missing information is received.
- Jill advised sellers to register their animal before it is sold to ensure a smooth and quick transfer transaction to their buyer.
- Jill maintains a detailed list of problem registration requests. Some of these cases are very time consuming and can take weeks to process. Mark Chaney suggested that Jill should contact regional directors for help with the problem registrations when reasonable.
- The board discussed the importance of increasing education for members about registration. Dave Cluff suggested creating a section in the bulletin for the registrar to highlight registration and transfers details.
- Jill said the authorized representative form (ARF) is being misinterpreted by some breeders who are giving one to every buyer. The ARF was put in place for extenuating circumstances, allowing a breeder the ability to assign an individual the authority to register animals for their herd as a general practice. It was not put in place to give every buyer authorization. Kimberly Jepsen proposed for the board to review and clarify the use for the form sometime in the near future.

4) Continuing Business –

a) Youth Virtual Show plan B - Elissa Emmons

- The third-party company's cost to produce a virtual show is \$2500 for up to 150 entries. Elissa stated the ADCA has hosted video shows in the past and suggested they could reasonably put a show for a substantial savings without the help of an outside vendor. She would like to open the virtual show up to both youth and adult entries. Kimberly Jepsen said including adult entries could be beneficial.
- Discussion was held about hosting and running a video show in house. Jim Woehl indicated that the 2020 show was a tremendous amount of effort to produce, based on input from Rick Seydel and Kimberly Jepsen. Dave Cluff suggested moving forward with a smaller youth only show allowing time to get a system in place before including adults. Jim requested that Elissa and Stefani Millman team up with the show committee to further investigate and create a plan for hosting a video show.

b) Registration Fees – Skip Tinney

- Skip expressed his gratitude to the board for their input and consideration of his proposal to reduce the registration fee for bulls that was presented at the August board meeting. Skip asked the board to take a vote and send the proposal to the budget committee for evaluation regarding the effects the reduction would have on the budget and finances. A no vote would end the proposal and a yes vote

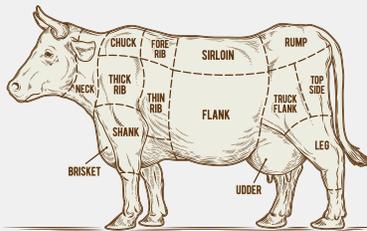
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BENEFITS OF DEXTER BEEF

In 2019 Dexter beef won the American Royal Grass fed Steak Competition against Angus, Angus cross, Wagyu, Beefalo and others. Steaks from many breeds were judged on tenderness, juiciness and flavor. The Dexter steak won, hands down in all categories. It's no wonder Dexter beef is highly sought after by chefs working in high end restaurants.

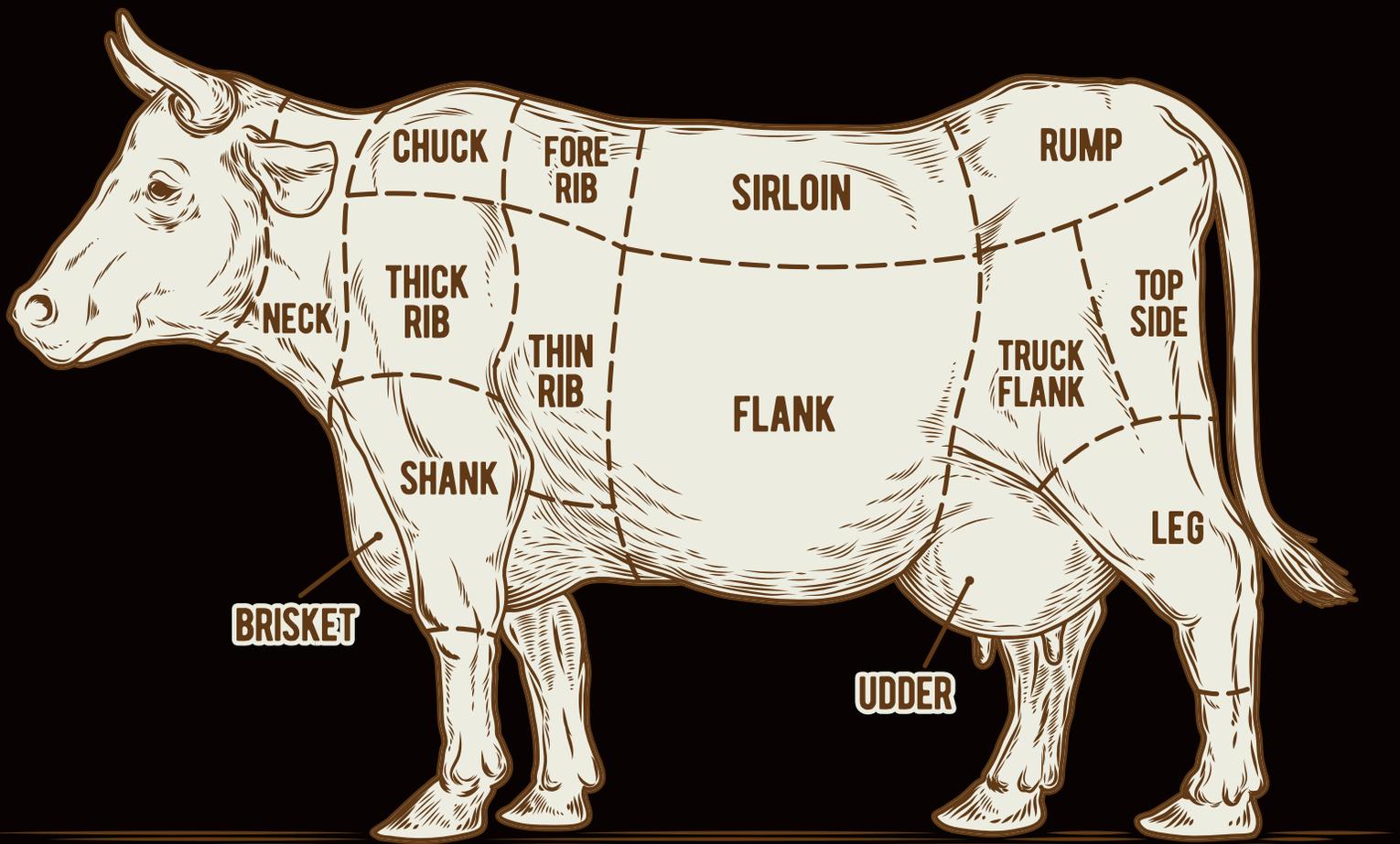
Dexter Cattle are thrifty, calm and easy to handle, all of which make them the ideal bovine for people who want to raise their own beef. Small-framed animals adapted for optimum grass-fed regiments often have the highest meat-to-bone ratio. The average Dexter steer weighs 700 lbs at 24-28 months and will provide you with approximately 250 lbs of prize winning, beautifully marbled beef. ♣

DEXTER CARCASS COMPOSITION



These values represent a whole carcass weight

- Live Weight: 700 lbs
- Hanging Weight: 438 lbs (62.5% of LV)
- Total Retail Meat: 274 lbs (62.5% of HW)



The amount of meat that can result from each primal and sub-primal beef cuts
Weights are approximate; includes fat and bone in cuts.

- Chuck: 73 lbs (26.8%)
Blade pot roast, stew or ground beef, arm pot-roast, cross rib pot-roast, and Boston cut
- Round: 61 lbs (22.4%)
Top and bottom round, tip steak, stew meat, rump roast, cubed steak, and ground beef.
- Loin: 47 lbs (17.2%)
Porterhouse steak, T-bone steak, club steak, sirloin steak and ground beef.
- Rib: 27 lbs (9.6%)
Standing rib roast, rib steak, short ribs, braising beef and ground beef.
- Short Plate: 23 lbs (8.3%)
Plate, stew meat and short ribs
- Flank: 14 lbs (5.2%)
Flank steak and ground beef
- Brisket: 11 lbs (3.8%)
- Misc: 10 lbs (3.6%)
Tongue, heart, kidney, loose cuttings, etc.
- Shank: 8 lbs (3.1%)

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would require the budget committee to investigate and bring their conclusions to the board.

◇ Kim Newswanger did not believe it was a budget committee issue. She stated the responsibility of the ADCA is to promote the breeding of high-quality Dexters and she quoted the ADCA Articles of Incorporation, first page under the heading "THIRD": "The nature of the business and the purpose to be conducted and promoted by the Corporation are to encourage the breeding of high-quality Dexter cattle,...and, in general, to protect, improve, develop and promote the interests and standing thereof."

◇ Discussion was held about the quantity and quality of bulls being registered in the ADCA before the increase to the fee to register a bull. Totals show that one bull to every two females were being registered before the increase. The numbers fell to one bull to every three females. The increase worked to decrease the bull registration by fifty percent. Dave Cluff stated that the increase did exactly what it was proposed to accomplish and that was lower the number of bulls being registered and for breeders to evaluate their animals before registering. Quality of bulls was discussed, and the board recognized that although some breeders will continue to register animals regardless of conformation, the national herd has shown improvement overall. The ADCA needs to continue educating members about correct conformation. Dave Cluff also said he had great interaction and feedback from members at the 2022 Expo following his presentation on "To steer or not to steer", he has seen improvements happening and believes the expo and other shows help breeders to learn and make better decisions for breeding and registering.

◇ Stefani questioned members in her regions and her members were satisfied with the current bull fee and some thought it should be increased. Stefani researched other breed registries and cited information she found. Some registries have increasing charges for registration and transfers based on the age of the animal or when transfers are submitted; for example, a registration completed within 12 months would be \$25, 12 - 24 months \$30, and anything over 24 months would be \$40. Registration fees were the same for both bulls and females. This would encourage timely registrations and transfers. Mark Chaney also researched heritage breed registries, and most did not differ in cost for bulls and females with the exception of Jersey's, bulls increased up to \$150 according to age.

◇ Kimberly Jepsen stated that breeders register for two reasons, emotionally attached to the animal or for profit. The higher fee to register a bull can cause a breeder to pause and reevaluate the bull before making a decision to register. Jennifer Hunt agreed and stated we need to keep educating members. She also suggested more education about how to take a photo for the website. Some photos do not do the animals justice. Kimberly stated this will always be an issue due to the addition of new members year after year.

◇ Jim Woehl agreed with Dave Cluff about seeing improvements in the national herd and the importance of exposing breeders to shows so they can see other Dexters. He also agreed that the

additional \$25 has helped many breeders to pause and evaluate before they register a bull, so the increase appears to have accomplished what the board set out to do for the registry.

◇ Kimberly Jepsen received feedback from only one member, they would like to see the same registration fee for bulls and females.

◇ When questioned, Skip Tinney stated his proposal was initiated based on member input regarding the higher cost to register a bull. Skip said other thoughts prompted the proposal such as the rising economic cost, the size of the ADCA bank account, the fear of the breed changing based on the influence of affluent breeders, fear of the loss of genetics in the national herd due to show cattle moving towards a beefier phenotype. The Angus and Hereford breeds have changed dramatically from the original standards and does not want to see that happening with the Dexter breed. Skip stated there is a market for a thousand dollar bull, but the \$50 fee may cause breeders to refrain from registering and buyers from being able to locate a reasonably price bull. Skip also stated that he did not think it was the boards responsibility to regulate who can and can't register a bull.

◇ Dave Cluff acknowledged that he agreed with almost everything Skip stated with the exception of who can and can't register a bull. The board does not regulate the type of bulls that are registered and who can or can't register. He appreciated the genetic diversity within the Dexter breed.

◇ Jim Woehl commented that the dramatic changes in other breeds were mostly due to upgrading and with the introductions of genotyping we have stopped any type of upgrading in Dexters.

◇ Jennifer Hunt said we have no way to measure if the fee increase for bulls has properly helped the breed. The best thing the ADCA can do is to educate members and suggests sending this proposal to the education committee. A discussion was held about ideas for good bull conformation.

◇ Skip Tinney made a motion for the board to vote on whether the proposal to reduce the bull fee is worthy of sending to the budget committee to review. A yes vote would send the proposal to the budget committee, a no vote would stop the proposal from going any further. Discussion was held about the expectations of the budget committee review.

◇ Following discussion Skip amended his proposal. Skip Tinney made a proposal, Kevin McAnnany 2nd, for the board to vote yes to move forward with discussion about reducing the bull fee for registration or to vote no to end discussion of this proposal. The motion failed by means of a majority vote.

5) New Business

a) Expo 2024 – Kimberly Jepsen has not received a contract from Stillwater, OK for the 2024 expo.

Following a recent visit to the Mayes County Fairgrounds she was made aware of availability for the dates we would need for the 2024 ADCA Expo. She believes the cost would be much lower due to the discount residents receive to use the facility. The board asked Kimberly to get exact cost information and present it to the board as a new option.

b) 2022 Virtual AGM preparation –

- The taskforce consisting of Kevin McAnnany, Jennifer Hunt, and Carole Nirosky met recently to begin planning for the 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - ◇ The meeting will be held via zoom. Members need to sign-in to the AGM according to the ADCA bylaws. Members will enter a waiting room first, they will be muted upon entry to the meeting and instructed to sign into the chat feature with their name and member number so we can keep track of attendees and eligibility when it is time to vote for members at large. Members need to be signed in with-in the first 15 minutes to be eligible to vote for members at large. Jennifer Hunt will be providing instructions on how to find you member # for the next edition of the bulletin.
 - ◇ Because we will have to verify voting member at the AGM we need to have an updated member list that includes Family memberships and Lifetime memberships by October 31, 2022. The member map will also need to be updated. We need to clarify if youth members are voting members?
 - ◇ o Agenda needs to be created. Reports will be given by committee chairs. Immediately following reports, members will be allowed to ask committee chairs questions using the chat feature. Directors will be assigned to help monitor questions from members during this time.
 - ◇ A Question-and-answer session will be held towards the end of the AGM – members will be allowed up to 2:00 minutes to ask any questions or make any comments to the board. A director will be assigned to open mikes for members that want to participate in the Q&A session.
 - ◇ Polling – voting of members at large will be done using the polling feature on Zoom. Nominations will be excepted followed member vote.
 - ◇ Education – does the board want to offer mini educational items to the meeting?
 - ◇ Wrap-up meeting – explain the purpose of the wrap-up meeting to members and let them know when and where to find results for the President and VP elections. Wrap-up meeting will begin 30 minutes following the AGM • Dave Cluff asked for clarification regarding the use of Facebook for the AGM and Jennifer Hunt responded that members would be able to watch the zoom meeting but would only be allowed to participate in the meeting by using zoom. Laaci Louderback affirmed that zoom will be the only platform by which members will be able to vote for members at large or participate in any of the Q&A sessions.
- Kevin asked how members would receive the meeting link. Instructions and a link for the meeting will be sent to members via email from the secretary and regional directors. Rules will be published in the next edition of the bulletin c) Standard Operating Procedures Updates –
- Talisman committee update – Jim Woehl is working on a draft for updates, but they are not ready for review.
- Kimberly Jepsen stated that the standard practice for SOP changes is for the board is to make written a request for the SOP committee to create a formal document for changes and present them to the board for final approval. Kimberly had two requests for SOP changes:
 - ◇ The current SOP's has a statement regarding action against anyone making untruthful statements when registering, Kimberly would like the word “transfer” added.
 - ◇ Add a statement regarding membership – The ADCA reserves the right to refuse membership in its discretion. Application payment will be returned to applicant in full. Refusal would be determined by a board review and majority vote.
 - i. Discussion followed and Kim Newswanger asked Kimberly to clarify if this was for new membership or renewal – Kimberly replied that it would be applied more towards renewals. Becky Eterno asked how this would differ from our current expulsion rules, Kimberly replied that expulsion only applies to members that are up to date with their membership.
 - ii. Dave Cluff agreed with adding the right to refuse membership and asked if the refusal would be handled by the board or a committee. The board determined that details would still need to be worked out. If the board makes a decision to make a change, Jim Woehl said the bylaws would have to be updated by our attorney in Delaware.
 - iii. Kevin McAnnany expressed that a restricted list could protect the ADCA down the road.
 - iv. Dave Cluff made a motion, Kimberly Jepsen 2nd, to put wording into the bylaws allowing the ADCA the right to deny membership. The motion passed unanimously.
 - v. Jim Woehl as the chairperson of the SOP committee will move forward with adding the requested addition to the SOPs regarding the right to deny membership.
 - Ethics Committee update – Dave will incorporate the right to deny membership into the ethics update and present it to the board at the next meeting in September. 6) Dave Cluff appreciated the conversation and everyone’s ability to show candor while they agreed to disagree in some areas. Skip Tinney thanked everyone for their input and willingness carry on an honest and open discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm CST / Next scheduled board meeting is September 6, 2022, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky ❀



Grand Champion Steer Chaney Trump Train



Grand Champion Bull DB Olaf

ADCA MEMBER LOGO

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