

American Dexter Cattle Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 2, 2024 - 7 pm CDT

President – Laaci Louderback	Youth Interim Dir - Jim Woehl	Region 7 – Mark Ballard
Vice Pres – Dan Edgington	* Youth President – Erin Chambers	Region 8 – Mark Chaney
IPP - Jim Woehl	Region 1 – Skip Tinney	Region 9 – Kim Newswanger
Secretary - Carole Nirosky	Region 2 – Stefani Millman	Region 10 - Santiago Lizarraga
Registrar - Jill Delaney	Region 4 – David Cluff	* Region 11 - John Wallace
Treasurer-Mark Chaney interim	Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen	Region 12 – Rick Seydel

*designates member absence.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Laaci Louderback and roll call was taken.
- 2) Reports
 - a) Treasurer’s Report/Update Mark Chaney
 - The November financial statement was emailed to directors before the meeting. Mark requested that any questions regarding the report be sent to him, and he will discuss them with the accountant. Mark was busy last month as he continues working at completing the accounting transition. The stipend payments for contract employees have been resolved and should be on schedule going forward.
 - Mark Chaney stated that a new issue had just come up involving the ADCA credit cards. Mark will be following up with the bank on Wednesday to resolve those issues. Guarantee Bank did not transferred administrative control from Roberta Wieringa, so Mark has been working with Roberta to correct that.
 - In response to comments made at the last board meeting about how some of the categories added up, the accountant made adjustments to the report, to make the reporting easier to understand.
 - Mark Ballard wanted to know if there was anything keeping the ADCA from purchasing CD’s with some of the money from the savings accounts. CD’s are paying a higher interest rate. Discussion followed and a question was raised about how that would affect the ADCA’s non-profit, Mark made a note to ask the accountant. It was agreed that this is something the board should look into at a later date once the transition for the accounting is fully completed.
 - Mark Chaney stated that renewal invoices have been sent to members for AI bull and Breeder advertisements for 2024. About one third of the invoices have been paid so far.
 - Dave Cluff said that the Utah State Fair Park will be issuing a refund to the ADCA. The 10% refund for the 2023 expo should be a little over \$1000 and we should be expecting it to be mailed soon.
 - b) Registrar’s report – Jill Delaney
 - Registrations 2023: 2035 / females: 1445 / bulls: 527 / steers: 63
2022: 2040 / females: 1470 / bulls: 504 / steers: 66
 - Transfers 2023: 2271 / 2022: 2591
 - Total members 2023: 1958 / 2022: 1759
 - Jill Delaney has been working in the newest deployment of the BBC software since December 10. A few adjustments are needed. She has been struggling with the print feature

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causing a delay in mailing registration, transfer, and membership certificates. BBC has provided a work around for her until the issue is resolved. In the meantime, Jill has a stack that will take four days to print, proof and get ready for the mail.

- Jill will update the AI and Breeder advertisement lists for the website once she is caught up with all the printing for registrations and transfers.
- Jill was unable to generate a correct membership report, she will send a new member list to the board as soon as possible.
- Jill remarked that despite all the extra time that she has spent on the new software development, and with Fiona Delaney's help working on transfers she has been able to keep pace with last year's numbers. Out of 162 registrations submitted with errors in 2023, Jill only has 44 registrations that need to be rectified remaining in her pending file. The biggest issues with error applications have been incorrect genotyping and permanent identification on animals.
- BBC closed the 2023 herd book on December 31, 2023.
- Jill received a new genetic testing price sheet from the Texas A&M Lab. Genotyping / Parent Verification will remain at \$30 per test, all other tests have increase by \$5. The new forms will be updated on the website asap.

c) YADCA update – Jim Woehl

- The YADCA board approved bylaws at the last meeting, and Jim will be sending a copy of the proposed bylaws to the board to review. Jill will seek the boards approval of the YADCA bylaws at the February board meeting.
- The youth have developed SOP's for a speech contest that youth can enter for the 2024 expo. Erin Chambers, the YADCA president has been in contact with Kimberly Jepsen about creating a youth agenda for the expo and those discussions are ongoing.

d) Bulletin Committee – Kimberly Jepsen

- Kimberly Jepsen thanked the board for notifying her of errors they found while reviewing the upcoming Bulletin. One of the articles did not format correctly when transferred causing hyphens to appear where they were not intended to be.
- The spring edition is a larger edition due to the need to catch up on publishing meeting minutes. Kimberly noted that the July minutes in the last Bulletin were mis-labeled as June and a correction will appear in the next Bulletin.
- Several members contacted Kimberly because they did not receive the last edition of the Dexter Bulletin in the mail. Further discussion revealed that the mailing labels may have been defective. Kimberly will follow up with EG Media about finding a solution to ensure all members receive their Bulletin. EG Media sent extra copies to Kim Newswanger when notified that she had not originally received her copy. Kimberly asked Kim to mail one to the owner of the cover photo as she was one of the members that had not received her copy.

4) Continuing Business

a) Budget – Dave Cluff

- The board held a special meeting in December to go over the budget for 2024. Dave Cluff reminded everyone that the proposed budget was adopted from the 2023 budget and included a few minor adjustments including a budget for the YADCA as requested and an increase in stipends which were approved during the budget meeting. Revenues and spending are comparable to the previous year, the ADCA is financially solvent and able to

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support the proposed budget. He also noted that we did not come close to spending all of the 2023 budget. A question was raised about two-line items referring to internet hosting, they were identified as hosting for the website and the other for the new software program.

- Kimberly Jepsen made a motion, Mark Ballard 2nd, to accept the 2024 budget as presented. Laaci Louderback had to step away from the call. Jim Woehl called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Regional updates –

- Jim Woehl thanked Rick Seydel for volunteering as the interim director for region 12.
- Dave Cluff – Becky Swisher contacted Dave about a show that will be happening in Cheyenne, Wyoming in November of 2024. They are still working out the details, but they are willing to add a Dexter class. Cost will be \$100 per animal but the payouts will be large. He will update the board as more information becomes available.

5) New Business

- a) Laaci returned to the call and the board went into executive session at 7:46pm. The board returned from executive session at 8:31pm. The executive session was held about the registration of animals meeting requirements for registration. The board agreed that requirements have been met, and owners will be contacted.

- 6) Other – Rick Seydel requested hotel information for the 2024 expo. Hotel and expo information is now available on the expo information page of the ADCA website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: February 6, 2024, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky