

**American Dexter Cattle Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 3, 2023 - 7 pm CDT**

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

\*designates member absence.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Laaci Louderback.
- 2) Roll call was taken.
- 3) Reports:
  - a) Treasurer’s report: Roberta Wieringa was not in attendance but supplied financial reports. Total liabilities and equity \$357,060.20 as of August 31, 2023.
    - Kimberly Jepsen inquired about the progress for obtaining the new accounting services. Mark Chaney replied that he has been in contact with Jitasa accounting to finalize the details of our contract with them. When the contract has been signed an accountant from their firm will be assigned to handle our financials. Mark and Roberta will work with the accountant to get all the necessary accounting responsibilities switched over to Jitasa.
  - b) Registrar’s report – Jill Delaney
    - The registrar has been officially working with the BBC software for a year, going forward report totals will be
    - Total members 2023: 1758 / 2022: 1797
    - Registrations 2023: 200 / heifers: 114 / cows: 19 / bulls: 59 / steers: 8
    - Registrations 2022:130 / heifers: 82 / cows: 7 / bulls: 39 / steers: 2
    - Transfers 2023: 226 / 2022: 154
    - The next phase of the BBC software is the new online pedigree, and it is due go into effect in January 2024. At that time, we will no longer be using Capable Computing for the online pedigree.
    - Skip remarked that while reviewing his new member list, several new members in his region did not have a phone number or email address on the online pedigree. He was concerned that those new members may not receive communications from the ADCA. Jill assured the board that new members receive a packet with a request to review their contact information and update us with their changes. Jill will ask Ranch House to place a mandatory field on the transfer form for new member phone numbers to ensure we have a way to communicate with them.
    - The board went into an executive session at 8:18pm to follow up on a member item that was discussed at the September board meeting. The board returned from executive session at 8:30pm.
      - Jill stated that she is currently working on registrations and transfers received as of 9/26/2023. Straight forward registrations are processed first. Any registrations missing information are moved to the side for further investigation, noting that those registrations may take longer to process. The BBC software only allows one transfer to be processed at a time, so they take a little longer to complete.
  - c) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs
    - Youth zoom update – Jim Woehl

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- The youth meet via zoom in September and are willing to meet every two weeks to get the ball rolling on a new ADCA youth program. There was a small number of participants, but they expressed lots of energy and shared input about what they would like to see in the new program. Jim and Laaci believe we are off to a great start and look forward to the next meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, 10/4/2023 – 6:30cst.
  - New YADCA Facebook page is up and running. The youth will help to post and monitor the FB page.
  - Jill Delaney recommended contacting Don Giles to see if he would be interested in helping due to his commitment to the youth in his region. Mark Ballard will send Don an invite to the youth meeting.
  - Expo update - Kimberly Jepsen gave an update on the expo committee meeting.
    - Mayes County Fairgrounds in Pryor Oklahoma. Convention Center cost is \$1500, and deposit placed.
    - Proposed Speakers and classes
      - Steve Campbell of Tailor-Made Cattle ([TAILOR MADE CATTLE](#)) has been obtained as our keynote speaker. Steve's fee is \$900 per day plus travel expenses.
      - Barry Whitworth of OSU. Veterinarian and Animal quality health specialist will give a presentation on how to rotate a calf in utero using a replica of a life size cow with calf.
      - Dallas Greenwood, butcher will hold a beef sausage making class.
      - Possible - Milk / Cheesemaking / training a milk cow class
      - Showmanship and Show prep class to be taught by Kenny Endl
    - Oklahoma Dexter Breeders association members have volunteered to help with onsite jobs at the expo.
    - Auctioneer and Judges and photographer still need to be secured.
    - Hotel information will be placed on the website soon.
    - The expo committee will be meeting again in November.
- 4) Continuing Business -
- a) Regional Director elections - Dan Edgington
    - Dan reported that there will be no elections held this year for regional directors in regions 9, 10, or 12. Only one nomination was received for a regional director, and that was for Santiago Lizarraga in region 10. Kim Newswanger will continue as director in region 9. Santiago Lizarraga will continue as director in region 10. Region 12 is currently vacant. Another email will be sent to region 12 members seeking an interim director.
  - b) Treasurer Position Update –
    - Dave Cluff requested for the ADCA to take advantage of one of the services offered by Jitasa accounting, which is to assist in developing policy and good practices. Dave stated that this was one of the goals of last year's budget/finance committee and it would be advantageous to obtain professional help while crafting new policies. Mark Chaney agreed to look further into this further but recommended waiting until after the transition of moving financial control from Roberta to Jitasa is complete.
    - The ADCA must appoint a liaison to work between the ADCA Board and Jitasa but will refrain from doing so until the transition is complete, and they have a better understanding of the

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requirements and responsibilities for the liaison. In the meantime, Mark Chaney will continue working with Jitasa accounting on behalf of the board.

c) First Owner Policy – Santiago Lizarraga

- Santiago proposed changes for the first owner policy's authorized representative form and rules. While the board recognized a need to consider reducing some of the stringent rules currently in place for registration under the first owner policy (FOP), they also recognized the value and importance of protecting first owners with the FOP.
- Following discussion, the board concluded that most registration problems arise when some first owners fail to follow through with the registration process for animals they have sold as registered, thus leaving buyers with an unregistered animal. The board deemed those cases as extenuating circumstances that should be investigated by regional directors. Regional directors have the authority to override the FOP in cases where due diligence has been made and where every attempt to work with the first owner has been exhausted.
- The board was in agreement about eliminating the need for a notarized signature for the first owner on the authorized representative form. Laaci will make suggested adjustments to the proposed authorized rep form and rules as discussed and present them to the board for review and approval.

5) New Business

a) Zoom verses Google going forward – Mark Ballard

- Mark Ballard reported his findings after comparing services and costs for Google Workspace verses Zoom. Zoom is our current platform for holding ADCA meetings. Google Workspace has several service plans that could save the ADCA some money. Google Workspace also has more features that would allow the ADCA to streamline emails, communication, document storage and sharing plus Google Meet for hosting online meetings.
- Following discussion, the board agreed to signing up for a free 14-day trial period of Google Meet in order to test it out during the November board meeting. If it works well for that meeting the board will consider switching from Zoom to Google Workspace. Mark Ballard, Dave Cluff and Carole Nirosky agreed to head up the trial with Google Workspace.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: November 7, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky