

**American Dexter Cattle Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 8, 2022 - 7 pm CDT**

President – Laaci Louderback	Youth Dir - Elissa Emmons	Region 7 –
Vice Pres – Becky Eterno	Webmaster - Ray Delaney	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
Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa	Region 4 – David Cluff	* Region 11 - John Wallace
Registrar - Jill Delaney	Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen	Region 12 – Kevin McAnnany

\*designates member absence.

- 1) The board meeting called to order by Laaci Louderback at 8:05 pm central and roll call was taken.
- 2) Reports:
  - a) Treasurer’s report
    - There were no questions regarding the treasurer’s report.
    - Roberta emailed renewal invoices to members who are currently advertising on the AI bull and breeder adverting pages of the ADCA website. Payment is due January 31, 2023. Roberta will send reminders again in December. Kim Newswanger asked if membership is verified for anyone placing an advertisement on the ADCA website. Jill Delaney replied that she verifies membership for all advertising.
  - b) Registrar’s report – Jill Delaney
    - Jill stated that while gathering information for her reports for the meeting she came across some discrepancies in the totals. Last month’s numbers were also incorrect. Jill contacted Susan and they will be working together on the reports. They continue to meet regularly to fine tune and polish the new software.
    - Jill sent a new member list to the board and was happy to announce it now includes a column to help directors identify new members in their regions.
    - Permanent identification issues continue to hinder some registrations. Jill stated that Josephine at Texas A&M also struggles with breeders not properly using permanent identification on animals. There are a few cases where members have to do additional testing to figure out if they have the correct animal. In addition to the added financial costs some of these cases can take months to solve. Jill estimates 15 to 20% of registered animals fail to have proper ID placed in their ear before they are registered.
    - The board discussed the importance of protecting the registry with correct information and said they will continue educating and urging breeders to place a permanent ID in the ear of animal before registration. They will also be encouraging buyers to look for and verify the ID at the time of purchase. A question was raised about the possibility of tracking brucellosis tags. While the brucellosis tag used by veterinarians should be registered in the state applied, Jill could not find a library to search for those tag numbers. Jill said most veterinarians are now using the 840 tags for the brucellosis ID. Breeders experiencing a difficult time obtaining 840 tags due to supply issues should either contact their veterinarian for an 840 tag or place a tattoo in the animals ear instead. If a breeder replaces an 840 tag in an animal that is already registered they should notify the registrar so she can update the registry with the animals new number. It was noted that we are more aware of improper animal identification due to the requirements of genotyping and parent verification for registration. Both help to maintain the integrity of the breed and registry.
  - c) Pedigree and Genetics Committee – Kim Newswanger
    - Kim provided the board with details on two P&G committees cases.

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- The case from earlier this year is moving along nicely. After the Board approved funding for testing up to \$250, they have been able to order tests for the 5 offspring and their sire, needed to build a derived genotype for the dam, which they need in order to figure out which bull is her son. Samples are on their way and starting to arrive at UCD.
- Jill referred another case to the committee at the end of September, concerning registration of some Fingerlakes animals. Originally this had been partially dealt with by the previous committee in 2017. That committee only gave the breeder a final answer on the first bull, but not his daughter. Kim was able to get committee emails & information from that first case, then the current committee reviewed it all, and made a decision that the animals are not eligible for registration. The breeder was notified of the decision via certified mail.
- Since that letter was sent, Kim has received emails from another member who is helping the breeder requesting that the P&G committee reconsider their decision. This other member has provided information for what they believe is evidence that the cow in question should be allowed to be registered. Kim would like to answer this member with the committee's findings and the approval of the board.
  - The other member stated that there were 20 animals registered under the "Plan B" exception. Kim informed the board that following the sire qualification rule in 2010, Plan "B" allowed the registrar, at the request of the breeder, to register animals from sires that were deceased and could not be genotyped. Plan B was a short-term plan, and it was discontinued in 2014.
  - The member stated that three heifers were registered in 2016 without sire qualification after Plan B was discontinued. Kim told the board; at the time the registrar and the owner of those heifers were told by the P&G committee that they were going to have a derived genotype built for the sire. According to her research, neither lab has a record for the bull, but Jill and the owner were told the heifers could be registered. This was an error, not precedent, and the heifers should not have been registered.
  - The board discussed the P&G committee's findings and agreed with the decision that the animals do not meet the requirements for registration now and did not meet the requirements for registration at the time of submission in 2017. The rules were established with the intent to maintain the integrity of the breed. Kim will notify the helping member of the committee's decision.

3) Continuing Business –

a) Regional Updates – region 7 – Becky Eterno

- Becky confirmed that Don Giles was nominated for regional director but had to decline for personal reasons. Becky received a lead and requested for Laaci to follow-up on it. The board tossed around other names of members that might be interested. Laaci recommended advertising again to search for a volunteer to serve as the region 7 interim director.

b) Annual General Meeting update –

- Kevin McAnnany explained the process and order of events for the AGM meeting. Two directors at large will be chosen by members to represent them at the wrap-up meeting being held later that day following the AGM. Members will be able to ask questions using the chat feature relating to the reports being presented at that time. A time has been set aside for members to have an opportunity to voice comments or ask general questions of the board following the reports.
- The AGM committee held a test meeting, everything went well with the exception of Facebook, which may not be an option for use as intended due to technical difficulties.

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- Another email will be going out to the membership this week inviting them to attend Saturdays AGM, it will include the zoom invite. They will be reminded to sign into the chat feature with their name and member number.
  - Following the AGM there will be a 30-minute break before the board and directors at large meet for the wrap-up meeting.
- 4) New Business –
- a) President and VP elections
- Laaci reminded the board that President and VP elections as well as staff appointments will be discussed at the wrap-up meeting following the AGM on Saturday. She stated her intentions to run for president again but encouraged other to consider running also. Becky Eterno will be stepping down as VP, the board thanked Becky for her time served and years of service on the board. Several names were tossed out for consideration, Becky Swisher, Vicki Jones, Chris Jones and Michelle Hall as a possibility for the VP role. Becky will make some calls to see if there is any interest in serving. If no one with previous board experience is running for the position the board has the option of appointing someone from the membership.
- 5) Other items -
- Mark Chaney requested an item to be added to the next meeting's agenda. He has received several requests from members wanting to move animals from other registries to the ADCA. He was seeking clarification of the SOPs regarding registration of animals from other registries, specifically section 9 paragraph D. Kim Newswanger recommended using the ADCA decision tree as a reference for any registration questions. Laaci will add this item to the next board meeting's agenda.
  - Carole gave the board a preview of the AGM PowerPoint presentation.
  - Laaci reminded board members to sign in 10 minutes early on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for the AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm CST

AGM & wrap-up meetings Saturday, November 12, 2022 – 2:00pm central time

Next monthly scheduled board meeting is December 6, 2022, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky