

American Dexter Cattle Association
Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 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
 - December Accounting Financial Statement shows a balance of \$361,720.
 - December revenue: \$11,296, expenses: \$24,558. The larger expenditures included stipend payments for both November and December, EG Media for the quarterly bulletin, and Better Built Cows invoice for completion of software rebuild of the Herdbook.
 - January revenue: \$18,299, included a refund from Utah Expo facility and Missouri Dexter Breeders. expenses: \$27,220. The larger expenditures were stipend payments for January, the upfront payment to Pork Rhyne Consulting for the AgroPreneur Mastermind Course for members.
 - Expo account balance is \$8109 as of 02/06/2024.
 - 1099 tax forms were prepared and mailed to 9 individuals. Mark suggested that the payouts for awards at the Expo be by check instead of cash and maintain a paper trail. Anyone who receives payouts that total to \$600 or more will receive a 1099 for tax purposes. Discussion followed with confirmation that a 1099 must be issued and it is not a good idea to have that much cash on hand at the Expo.
 - Reimbursements for purchases made for the ADCA must include an invoice for tracking purposes. Mark Chaney can issue payments via check or credit card, or payment can be issued via Jitasa.
 - Mark Chaney followed up on the question from December’s meeting regarding moving money from savings into a CD. The accounting firm confirmed that we could do this and not affect our status of a nonprofit organization. Mark gathered information from our bank regarding interest rates of CDs with the best rate being 5%(APR). He recommended moving \$200,000 into CDs. Following a short discussion about interest bearing accounts it was decided that Mark will gather more information and report it back to the board at the next meeting.
 - b) Registrar’s Report – Jill Delaney
 - Registrations 2024: females: 91 / bulls: 24 / steers: 1
 - 2023: females: 103 / bulls: 26 / steers: 4
 - Transfers 2024: 173 / 2023: 177
 - Total members 2024: 640/ New members: 56
 - Jill has been able to keep up with the number of service requests due to having Fiona’s help with processing transfers. Registration, transfer, and membership numbers are consistent with the previous year.
 - c) YADCA update – Erin Chambers

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- The youth have been working to get the youth bylaws amended and approved by the ADCA board. They have been working on a speech contest that will be held at the upcoming Expo. Another project in the works is a record-keeping competition for youth members to participate in the future.
 - Laaci Louderback asked if board had any questions regarding the amended youth bylaws, there were none. Mark Ballard made a motion, Mark Chaney 2nd to accept the youth bylaws as amended. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The board commended Erin and the youth board for the tremendous amount of work that they accomplished in a short period of time to rejuvenate the youth program.
- d) Committee / Task Force Reports
- Expo – Kimberly Jepsen has double confirmed commitments with all of the speakers and judges for this year’s Expo.
 - Due to increase in costs for use of the Pryor Ok facilities in 2025, Kimberly requested a quote from Stillwater to host the 2025 Expo. They will honor the previous quote and their event coordinator offered to help us with obtaining a possible \$5000 grant from the city.
 - The Expo agenda has been updated with youth activities and posted on the website.
 - Halters from Little MooCoo Halters are being purchased for the Grand and Reserve Champion winners. They will supply an e-certificate so winners may order the size and color for their halter. The halters will be embroidered with ADCA 2024 Expo on one side and Grand or Reserve Champion on the other at no additional cost. Total of \$360 for halters.
 - We are attempting to support more member-based business this year when purchasing items for the Expo. Swag item includes engraved “turn off the water” tags, we will have extra available for purchase to help offset costs. Metal ADCA member signs, cups, t-shirts, polo shirts will be available.
 - Deposits have been paid to secure the cater for the Friday and Saturday evening meals. We are offering dinners at half-price for kids ages 12 and under to help keep things affordable for members. There is no charge for kids ages 3 and under.
 - We have had tremendous support with the show sponsorships being over halfway filled already. All of the large classes have been sponsored.
 - Photographers have been contracted for the show and candid photos. Oklahoma Dexter Breeder’s is in charge of getting the backdrop for photos. Discussion was held about how it should look. Kimberly will email a proof of the backdrop to the BOD before it is ordered.
 - Laaci Louderback asked the show committee to review the age requirements for youth participation in the youth show now that the YADA bylaws have been approved. Members requested for the show ages to be in alignment with the YADCA.
 - Discussion was held about the pros and cons of changing the age requirements. Concerns were raised about a 21-year-old competing against a 7-year-old. Comments were made that the YADCA may have different needs and requirements than the ADCA Youth show. When questioned Erin Chambers stated within the bylaws the age guidelines are something that we talked about at several meetings, and we did have some disagreements on what they should be whether it should be 18 to preserve it being truly youth or if we should extend it to 21 for the time being as we are reestablishing the organization. And the conclusion that we came to was that at this point in time, it would be most beneficial to us to have the age guidelines be up to 21. So that those of us who are currently holding positions or those of us who are close to aging out but still want to have an impact on the newly forming

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organization can still have that impact for a few years, but then that is something that can be revisited later to move it back down to 18 for future purposes.

- Santiago Lizarraga will schedule a meeting with the show committee to discuss changing the age requirements for the youth show. With that being said some board members were not in favor of changing the age requirements for this year's Expo and suggested any changes should be implemented for the 2025 Expo.

4) Continuing Business -

a) Member Question Update – At 8:10pm the board went into Executive session to follow up on a registration question from last month's meeting. The board returned from executive session at 8:38pm. The registration question was resolved.

b) AGM Meeting – Kimberly Jepsen asked if the board wanted to continue hosting the annual general meeting (AGM) in person and via livestreamed because only 12 members participated online at the previous AGM.

- Rick Seydel thought we should continue hosting a livestream. He was under the impression that directors, per the SOPs, were expected to be in attendance at the expo so members could have an opportunity to meet them in person. Laaci replied that a SOP change was made to accommodate meeting for the AGM via zoom during covid. That change was exploited as allowing directors to attend via zoom going forward. Following discussion about the AGM, it was agreed that the AGM should continue to be livestreamed. Details will be worked out later.

5) New Business

a) Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Clarification of: Approved Labs, ID forms, and Import Bull PV requirements – Kim Newswanger reviewed the updates with the board.

- A copy of the SOP's was emailed to the board prior to the meeting to allow time for them to review the updates and proposed changes.
 - Added - Registration, section D: The three acceptable forms of animals identification are tattoo or USDA 840 tags or BANGS tag.
 - Added - Registration, section H: All tests, whether required or voluntary, must be done at an ADCA approved lab in order to be entered on the pedigree.
 - Removed – Registration, section I: Application for registration of and animal without both sire and dam previously registered in the ADCA registry shall be submitted with a copy of the registration certificates of the sire and dam showing ownership and a five-generation (62 ancestor) registered purebred pedigree from the registry of origin.
 - Added – Registration, section I: All non-ADCA animals of US origin must have both ADCA-registered sire and dam, and a 5-generation (62 ancestor) ADCA-registered pedigree in order to apply for registration.
 - Added: Section 5 Genotype Requirements, F: Effective January 1, 2024, all calves born on or after January 1, 2024, MUST be genotyped with full parentage verification to both sire and dam in order to be registered.

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- SOP changes were previously approved with the exception of the addition of Registration, section H: All tests, whether required or voluntary, must be done at an ADCA approved lab in order to be entered on the pedigree. There was a recent inquiry from a member who wanted to submit test results from another lab due to convenience and perceived cost savings. Kimberly Jepsen did a cost comparison and found this not to be true due to the other labs hidden costs. The only item that was less expensive was the milk panel test which is a voluntary test. Discussion was held and the board was in agreement that the ADCA had set precedent by only accepting lab reports from UC Davis and TAMU.
 - Dave Cluff made a motion, Kimberly Jepsen 2nd, to accept the SOP's as amended. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) Foreign Animal registration requirements – Kim Newswanger expressed concerns with the direction the national herd of Dexters is going in the United States. The numbers of red and polled Dexters have increased significantly over the past 20 years. Trajectory indicates that we are going to destroy the gene pool and our genetic diversity if we do not start looking for ways to increase the gene pool. She would like the board to revisit the requirements for importation of foreign animals. The problem is that most of the other countries have not kept pace with the ADCA with their genotyping requirements at this point. The board expressed concerns about relaxing import rules. Believing that education is key to helping members with sound breeding decisions the board will continue to gather statistics and information to help improve the breed for future generations. This will be an ongoing conversation and project for the board.
- c) Lifetime membership
- Lacci Louderback received a request from a previous member to give Carol Davidson a lifetime member of the ADCA. Due to time constraints the board agreed to table the topic until the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm CST
Next BOD meeting: March 5, 2024, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky