

American Dexter Cattle Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 5, 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 7:01 pm by Laaci Louderback and roll call was taken.
- 2) Reports
 - a) Treasurer’s Report - Mark Chaney
 - January 2024 Financial Statement balance: \$355,737
 - February 2024: revenue: \$19,844 / expenses: \$12,519
 - Expo PayPal account balance is \$8700
 - Mark Chaney stated that some items in the financial statement were not coded, and the accountant is looking at previous records to help sort it out.
 - Mark Chaney has requested documents from insurance companies to include in our records. We currently pay for two policies, one for directors and the other is liability insurance for shows. One policy has been paid, the other is due in April.
 - Mark Chaney moved \$200,000 from the savings into a CD at 5% APR, it will mature in December.
 - In regard to the January financial report, Kimberly Jepsen requested for the \$10,000 expense listed under “other” be split moved to the education and marketing accounts. She also questioned the odd amount listed under fairs and show because money allotted is either \$500 or \$1000. Mark Chaney replied that award purchases were made. Stefani Millman stated that she has returned unspent fair money in the past and that could account for the odd numbers.
 - A request was made for a budget report to be included in the monthly reports so the board and committees could keep track of their spending. Mark Chaney stated that the accountant has built a spreadsheet, Mark will send it to Kimberly so she can input the budget data and he will return it to the accountant for future reporting.
 - The board thanked Mark Chaney for his efforts and taking on the role of treasurer. Mark told the board that he is creating a job description that includes a list of treasurer responsibilities and duties that need to be done daily, weekly, monthly, and annually.
 - b) Registrar’s Report for February 2024 – Jill Delaney
 - Registrations 2024: females: 141 / bulls: 42 / steers: 5
 - 2023: females: 111 / bulls: 41 / steers: 5
 - Transfers 2024: 227 / 2023: 154
 - Total members 2024: 879 / New members: 82 / New Youth – 3
 - Jill was able to spend more time reaching out to members about their contact information because of the additional help from Fiona Delaney. The member map will be updated on the website sometime this week.
 - Mark Ballard asked when the member portion of the new software was expected to be completed. Jill Delaney answered that it will probably be another year to two years. BBC is

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currently working on the new online pedigree platform. Jill and Laaci Louderback will be meeting with Susan Smythe on Thursday. Laaci is hoping to schedule Susan to give an update at the next meeting.

c) YADCA update – Erin Chambers

- The youth are working on some more projects for youth involved activities at the Expo. The information on the speech contest was sent out to members via email. Santiago Lizarraga asked if youth included up to 21 were allowed to participate in the speech contest. Erin replied that a graduate level was added for 18 to 21 years old.
- Committee / Task Force Reports

d) Show Committee – Santiago Lizarraga

- The show committee met to consider the age requirements for the youth show as requested by a couple of members. The committee unanimously agreed with not changing any show rules this year. They believed the previous show committee members had put effort and thought into the rules and did not want to make any changes without affording the same effort. The committee will reconvene after the 2024 show to consider show rules going forward.
- Laaci Louderback received a question from a member about the age requirements for the open show. While the youth show states ages 7 to 17, the open show rules states “all ages”. The board agreed that ages 7 and older for the open show was the intended age requirement. Safety concerns were a determining factor for age. The peewee class A suggestion was made to spell out the requirements in the 2025 show rules.
- Another question was raised by the member about how to list the animal being used for showmanship if they were not being shown in any classes in order to reserve barn space. It was determined that a field could be added to the showmanship entry for the animal being shown.

e) Sponsor funds requirements – Mark Chaney asked the board if they wanted to keep the requirement regarding documentation of the use of the received funds as stated on the funds request form:

- *"G. Documentation of the use of the received funds is required. Examples of this documentation include a. Photograph of the ADCA banner display. b. Receipts from the show/venue showing use of funds. c. Receipts from any product purchase, ribbons, trophies, etc. Please forward this documentation within 30 days after the event to:"*
- Following discussion, the board determined that the rule should be enforced to ensure that funds are being used as stated. We have a responsibility to our members to require proof of all sponsored events. Documentation could be as simple as a photo which includes the ADCA banner. Those photos could possibly be used in the Dexter Bulletin, on the website and social media to help promote that groups future events.

f) Education Committee / Beef Sub Committee – Mark Ballard

- Mark Ballard is the new chair for the education committee. Before beginning any new projects, he asked the board if they had any priority education needs based on member requests. One suggestion was to create a step-by-step how to register a Dexter beginning with how to pull tail hairs. The member welcome packet document contains some information and is available on the member page of the ADCA website, someone suggested making a video about registration in addition to the welcome packet document.

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- Other ideas included: how to use the ADCA website to find information, how to use the pedigree page to look up information, a document or short video explaining the ADCA, how it functions and is primarily volunteer ran, acceptable animal identification, 840 tags and premise id's. Create short YouTube videos and link them to the website to increase traffic. Mark Ballard proposed hosting periodic panel sessions on specific topics for members to participate in. Another goal of his is to build a beef subcommittee once the infrastructure is in place for the education committee.
 - Mark will be searching for members to add to his committee and asked directors to send any members that are interested in helping develop and produce an educational program his way.
- 4) Continuing Business –
- a) Lifetime Membership Honor Nomination of Carol Davidson – Kimberly Jepsen
- The board received a proposal from Patti Adams that would honor Carol Davidson's 30 years of work in the Dexter cattle community. Carol was vested in a new research project to determine a new Dexter dun coat color that does not show up on the typical Dexter dun allele. These animals look dun but do not test as dun. Dexter owners in the Netherlands and Ireland were working along with Carol before her passing. Carol has left part of her estate to help the project continue. Patti proposed a \$10,000 memorial donation from the ADCA directly to the research project in memory of Carol Davidson.
 - Kimberly Jepsen reminded everyone that the ADCA Certificate of Incorporation states one of the purposes of the ADCA is supporting breed research. (Third section, iii).
 - Kimberly just received a document about the study earlier that day and sent it to the board for review. Kim Newswanger questioned if any of the animals not testing as dun were in the US, Kimberly was unsure.
 - The board was in agreement about honoring Carol Davidson, but they were not ready to approve a \$10,000 donation to this project. A robust discussion was held with concerns raised about the benefits the research would offer members in the long run. It was suggested that research affecting growth or health issues would be more beneficial to members. It was noted that most members only do tests that are necessary for registration, funding research projects for volunteer traits could be interpreted by members as eventually leading towards more registration requirements. The association was able to eliminate testing requirements for red and polled when genotyping was implemented, and parent verification was able to confirm obligate status. The board has no desire to add any registration requirements.
 - The board was grateful for the proposal because it opened doors for conversation and offered incentive to look into research projects as well as ways to honor members that have contributed to the Dexter cattle community. They will continue to look for the best way to honor Carol Davidson and continue this discussion at the next meeting.
- b) Import Bull requirements – Kim Newswanger
- Kim, following up from conversation at the last board meeting, provided her findings for registration requirements in the UK, Canada, and Australia. Based on her findings we would

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be hard pressed to find a younger bull from a dam born from 2016 on that would qualify to be imported and registered for use in the United States. Concerns were raised about losing genetic diversity by not allowing new genetic imports into the US. On the other hand, allowing a bull, without full parent verification in a five-generation pedigree, into the registry could have serious consequences. The board agreed it was important to uphold the integrity of the registry and hold everyone to the same standards for registration.

- Kim Newswanger provided charts showing the comparison for color, horned/polled registered animals that she believes to be alarming. The board discussed the imbalance and believed education was the best way to make members aware of the declining numbers of black-horned animals being registered. It was noted that the average Dexter owner only lasts five years so education about breeding decisions and culling needs to be repeated over and over for everyone to hear.
- A recommendation was made to add a Coefficient Calculator to the website. Jill Delaney believes the new software will have this feature, she will check with BBC.
- Laaci asked Kim to put her findings together in a document for the education page of the website and for publication in the Dexter Bulletin.

5) New Business –

- a) Santiago Lizarraga had a member reach out to him, asking how the new parent verification rule for calves born January 1, 2024 and later would affect old A.I. bulls that are ADCA registered with no genotype on file. Kimberly Jepsen and Stefani Millman replied that one of our members recently stated that she has personally sent used straws to UC Davis for genotyping.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm CST
Next BOD meeting: April 2, 2024, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky