

# American Dexter Cattle Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

March 7, 2023 - 7 pm CDT

President – Laaci Louderback	* Youth Dir - Elissa Emmons	Region 7 – Mark Ballard
Vice Pres – Dan Edgington	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) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm central and roll call was taken. Susan Smythe was also in attendance.
- 2) Reports:
  - a) Better Built Cows software update – Susan Smythe
    - Susan Smythe presented a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which outlines an agreement between the American Dexter Cattle Association (ADCA) and Better Built Cows (BBC), for development of ADCA registry software enhancements. In addition, the MOU also addresses work which was completed in the second release of the original MOU, but which has not yet been financially settled. Due to the enormous amount of work and follow-up needed to ensure that each release is working properly the timeline needed to be remapped. Because some of the components from the second release will now be completed at a later date, Susan adjusted the original payment from \$3000 to \$2000. She made a request for the board to review the new MOU by March 15 at which time she will be paid work that has been completed. Susan also included an invoice for \$1000 for the completion of the data migration which took much longer to complete than anticipated. Susan was happy to report the database is solid and secure. Work will begin on the third release of the software which will contain a public component and member services. These segments will be completed in smaller components and a plan will be developed for introducing members to the new software.
  - b) Treasurer’s report – Roberta Wieringa was unable to attend, she sent reports to the board prior to the meeting. Total liabilities and equity \$412,226.80 as of January 31, 2023.
  - c) Registrar’s report – Jill Delaney
    - Members Feb 2023: 968 / Feb 2022: 983 There were no questions about the registrars reports.
    - Jill noted that the member map would be updated soon.
    - Eamon Delaney is working part time to help enter membership request and will be trained to process transfer applications.
- 3) Committee / Task Force Reports – Committee Chairs
  - a) Bulletin Committee – Kevin McAnnany
    - Kevin gave an update on the progress for the Dexter Bulletin and the new publisher EG Media, he said everything is going according to schedule. Kevin reminded everyone that the deadline for the next edition is March 15, and he stressed the importance of meeting the new deadlines. The committee was joined by other board members to help choose bulletin covers. Members should be encouraged to send photos for use in the bulletin.
    - The committee asked the board to review and accept newly updated SOPs for the Bulletin standard operating procedures which included changes for the new deadlines and publishing dates.
      - (i) Following a brief discussion Santiago Lizarraga made a motion, Dave Cluff seconded, to accept the new Bulletin SOPs as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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- b) Expo committee – Santiago Lizarraga
  - The expo committee is exploring the idea of purchasing sound system equipment such as a mixer, wireless microphones, and storage cases suitable for shipping for the purpose of using the equipment for the annual general meeting. Santiago will research the cost and present them at the next meeting.
  - The Expo store is up and running. Sponsors are already coming in. Meals, merchandise, and other items will be added to the store soon.
  - John Wallace has been in touch with Utah State University about obtaining students to video tape seminars at the expo. The university has a website for job postings and suggested using it to find a photographers for the expo. The board thought it was a good plan and following some discussion, Laaci asked John to finish gathering information and make a formal presentation to the board. Kevin McAnnany suggested that a video release form should be signed by every presenter because we will be posting videos on the ADCA YouTube channel.
- 4) Other Business –
  - a) Youth Director
    - Laaci Louderback received inquiry regarding the youth director position, they wanted to know if it could be a shared position. Laaci suggested that one person could serve as the youth director and the other could serve on the youth committee. Discussion followed and it was stated that the idea could be reconsidered when the nominations are received.
    - Mark Chaney asked if the youth director was provided funds to travel to youth events. Laaci stated the travel expenses were approved by a previous board but the details for implementation were never completely worked out.
    - Dan Edgington wanted clarification about the age requirements for the youth director. Kimberly Jepsen stated that the youth director has to be an ADCA member, and anyone under 18 years of age cannot be a member of the association. Youth membership does not qualify because they are not voting members of the association. Dan would like it to be made clear in future advertisements.
- 5) The board went into executive session at 8:46 and to discuss two specific member issues, they returned at 9:22.
- 6) New Business
  - a) Expo travel expenses
    - Laaci asked the board for a decision about covering travel expenses for staff members. The board agreed to cover actual travel expenses for either driving or flying and hotel rooms.
  - b) Other –
    - Mark Chaney had a member contact him about the PHA case that was discussed at the last meeting. This member wanted to know if the ADCA was covering the cost for testing animals in this particular case. Kim Newswanger stated that new testing was not necessary in this case because it was determined that two cows had been switched when sold. The pedigree committee is working with the breeder, owners, and the lab to sort everything out with existing testing.
    - Laaci reminded directors to encourage members to send in nominations for the annual ADCA awards. Chris Odom, Daggett Good Citizen, and Talisman Farm Awards.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31pm CST

Next scheduled board meeting is April 4, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky