

**American Dexter Cattle Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**April 2, 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 - vacant
Treasurer-Mark Chaney interim	Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen	Region 12 – Rick Seydel

\*designates member absence.

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Laaci Louderback and roll call was taken.
- 2) Roll Call - Patti Adams, member #3850, was also in attendance
- 3) Lifetime membership honor – nomination of Carol Davidson.
  - a) Color research project – Patti Adams joined the meeting to ask the board to consider honoring Carol Davidson, who’s contributions to the Dexter breed were worldwide. Patti explained in some detail Carol’s accomplishments and will be submitting an article for the Dexter Bulletin. Patti proposed a donation from the ADCA in Carol’s honor to the Dexter dun color research project currently happening at the University of Nebraska by Dr. Jessica Petersen. Dr. Petersen is already involved in research of cattle coat colors. Kimberly Jepsen emphasized that a donation would not be so much about making a donation to the specific dun project but more about making a connection with the professor and University for future research projects.
    - Discussion followed and ideas were shared.
    - Mark Chaney thought that it would be appropriate to honor Carol by including Patti’s article on the ADCA website. Mark Ballard made a suggestion to create a memorial fund for the purpose of supporting research and allowing members to contribute in honor of someone.
    - Kimberly Jepsen remarked that this would be a great opportunity to follow through with ADCA by-laws which state one of the ADCA goal’s is to support research specific to Dexter cattle.
    - Kimberly Jepsen made a motion, Skip Tinney 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the ADCA to support the Dexter dun color research project with the proposed \$10,000 as requested. Further discussion followed with a decision made to divide the proposed motion.
      - Kimberly’s motion was amended: Kimberly Jepsen made a motion, Skip Tinney 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the ADCA to agree to support a monetary donation to the Dexter dun color research project in 2024. A roll call vote was held, yes votes: Skip Tinney, Stefani Milman, David Cluff, Kimberly Jepsen, Mark Ballard, Kim Newswanger, Rick Seydel, Jim Woehl. No Votes: Mark Chaney. The motion passed with a majority vote.
    - The board entered into executive session at 7:35pm CST, to discuss the proposed donation. They returned at 7:57pm CST.
      - Jim Woehl made a motion, Rick Seydel 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the ADCA to donate \$2500 to support the color research project at the University of Nebraska, with credit being given to the ADCA. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Reports
  - a) Treasurer’s Report - Mark Chaney
    - February 2024 Financial Statement balance: \$367,847
    - March 2024: revenue: \$13,325 / expenses: \$30,860. Larger expenses in March included the Bulletin, one of our insurance policies and we paid a couple of event sponsorship.

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- The accountant added the Expo PayPal account to the report, so expense and income are now included. The 2024 Expo classes have all been sponsored!
  - Mark Chaney, reflecting on how the income and expenses are flowing had a question about how the ADCA acquired the funds in our bank account. Jim Woehl responded that most of what was accumulated was due to the live auction sale commissions, but mostly the support given by members at the FUNd raiser Dexter auction in previous years at the EXPO. Skip Tinney remarked that we have not spent budgeted amounts in several years and our membership greatly increased at the time of covid. Jim Woehl interjected that in 2015 membership went over 1400 for the first time. We ended 2023 with 1958 members!
- b) Registrar's Report for February 2024 – Jill Delaney
- Registrations March 2024: females: 152 / bulls: 32 / steers: 4
  - March 2023: females: 115 / bulls: 38 / steers: 4
  - Transfers 2024: 184 / 2023: 190
  - Total members 4-2-2024: 1004 / Total Members 4-2-2023: 1114
  - Mark Ballard asked if there was a software update. Laaci Louderback responded that BBC was supposed to give an update this month but due to a death in the family the meeting was postponed.
- c) YADCA update –
- The youth have obtained a motivational speaker for a presentation at the Expo in June. The cost is being divided up between the YADCA and Expo budgets.
- d) Committee / Task Force Reports
- Educational Committee – Mark Ballard would like to add more members to his committee. He will have Carole send an email blast to the entire membership and use social media to solicit volunteers.
  - Expo committee – Kimbely Jepsen everything is coming along nicely. Everything has been ordered and paid for. Entries and meal reservations should be coming in shortly.
- 5) Continuing Business –
- a) Import Bull requirements – Kim Newswanger
- Kim Newswanger offered thoughts and ideas about updating the current standard operating procedures for accepting imported animals. She stated that most foreign registries do not follow the same guidelines for genotyping and parent verification that we require for registration in the ADCA. Kim was concerned that the US herd would be cut off genetically from all other registries and proposed changes to the SOP's regarding import of semen or live animals from foreign registries.
  - Recent requests from a Canadian breeder wanting to register animals in the ADCA illuminated the need to update the decision tree to clarify the necessary requirements for parent verified pedigrees. All females born in 2015 were required to have a genotype on file, all calves born from those females were intended to be dam and sire qualified from that point on, and most breeders did request full parent verification for registration.
  - The board held a lengthy discussion about registration policies. Points were made about the necessity to maintain the ADCA registration rules and standards that have been set in place. The initial goal of a fully parent verified registry has taken several years to accomplish. The board was concerned about loosening any rules for foreign registries for a variety of reasons including animals that have already been turned down for not meeting requirements. A

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suggestion was made to take foreign registrations on a case-by-case basis. Concerns were expressed about allowing upgraded animals into the registry if pedigrees were not thoroughly vetted. Finally, the board made a request of Kim Newswanger and the Pedigree and Genetics committee, to better define the decision tree to ensure its alignment with all other documents relating to registration.

6) New Business

- a) Laaci Louderback reminded the chairpersons of each committee to begin preparing reports for the Annual General Meeting.

7) Other –

- a) Rick Seydel asked for an update on the continuing harassment case.
- Laaci Louderback replied that the individual has continued to send explicit and inappropriate messages to some members of the board since January. The attorney acquired by the ADCA recently sent another letter to this party explaining that they have no legal standing for membership in the ADCA and to stop contacting and harassing board members.
  - This individual has threatened to cause a public scene at an upcoming event. The attorney has advised us on how to handle this situation if it unfolds.
  - Board members have been approached by other members about this party's denial for membership. The board is not at liberty to discuss details with other members. A suggested response was to share public knowledge that this party was also denied membership in another US registry after a board review and vote. Laaci Louderback reminded everyone that all communications with this party will be handled by our attorney.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: May 7, 2024, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky