

American Dexter Cattle Association

Board of Directors Meeting

May 7, 2024 - 7 pm CDT

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| * 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 Dan Edgington.
- 2) Roll Call – Susan Smythe was in attendance.
- 3) Reports
 - a) Software update – Susan Smythe
 - Susan informed the board that she and her family had experienced various health problems since January 2023. Due to these health concerns and the death of her husband, it became evident that the ADCA needs a plan in place for maintaining the software in the case of an emergency. Susan’s son Stuart has begun training on the BBC software and will be able to assist the ADCA. In the event that he would not be able to continue working on the software he could assist the ADCA in obtaining a new developer. Susan will arrange a meeting with the registration software workgroup to introduce Stuart. Susan and Stuart will be working on the next phase of the software build but noted that it would be at a slower pace than first predicted. She could not give an estimated delivery date for the next phase.
 - Susan gave the board an explanation of the progress made during the past year. She stated that Jill has been working with the software for approximately a year and a half. During that time, it became apparent that some adjustments to the software were needed to help Jill function better. Fixes were made to accommodate membership discount pricing and to allow an automatic annual rollover into the new Herdbook volume. Susan explained the importance of having the registrar version correct before beginning the next phase which includes reorganizing code for the new pedigree and public portions of the software. This portion will operate on a different website. Susan cannot offer an estimated delivery date due to the amount of work involved.
 - The board asked questions about the new pedigree page and what features will be included for members. Susan reminded everyone that this portion is in the building stage. Additional features and ideas will be worked on by the registration software workgroup. She did offer a glimpse of the pedigree site which will be similar to the current pedigree page. When asked Susan replied that the sale page will be on the back burner of the entire software project.
 - The board offered their condolences and thanked Susan for her time and efforts.
 - Kimberly Jepsen told Susan that her family and health needed to take priority in her life and not to let her overwhelming sense of obligation to the ADCA interfere with that. Susan replied that she is finding a balance with things she needs to accomplish. Stuart is working on maintenance while Susan is working on development. If that does not happen quickly enough and if the board were to decide to move on, BBC would need to be made aware as soon as possible. The ADCA has a license for the software, they do not own it, nor can they rent it. Finding someone to complete the development would be costly. Susan anticipated that Stuart would need to be compensated differently if he were to continue working on

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development. Susan is happy to continue working on the software. The board thanked Susan for her report and she left the meeting.

- b) Registrar's report
 - Registrations April 2024: 236 total = females: 162 / bulls: 53 / steers: 21
 - April 2023: 146 total = females: 99 / bulls: 44 / steers: 3
 - Transfers 2024: 299 / 2023: 159
 - Total members 5-7-2024: 1183, 76 new members / Total Members 4-2-2023: 1230
 - c) Treasurer's Report - Mark Chaney
 - March 2024 Financial Statement balance: \$352,861
 - April revenue \$18,058. Expenses 13,786. Expo account balance \$11,240. Two large items paid in April, insurance policy with West Bend which covers events. Promotional items for the Expo were purchased at around \$2000.
 - Expo prize money will be paid out via checks and mailed to recipients. At the advice of Jitasa accounting, anyone earning \$600 or more in prize money must be 1099'd for tax purposes. Expo vendors will be paid by check during the event.
 - d) YADCA – Jim Woehl - nothing new to report
 - e) Chris Odom Awards – The board of directors agreed to extend the date to May 15, 2024 for receiving applications for the Chris Odom Awards to encourage more participation.
- 4) Committee Reports -
- a) Expo committee – Kimberly Jepsen - everything is running smoothly. Arrangements have been made for hay to be available for purchase.
 - b) P&G – Kim Newswanger
 - The board went into executive session at 9:34 to discuss a registration qualification. The board returned from executive session at 9:57.
 - Jim Woehl made a motion, Kimberly Jepsen 2nd, based on the data provided by TAMU to the P&G committee, to accept the lab's recommendation that Grandma's Trystane is not eligible for registration with the ADCA. The motion passed by acclamation; Rick Seydel, region 12 abstained from voting.
 - Kim Newswanger will write a letter notifying the owner of the boards decision.
 - c) The board was reminded to send their reports to Carole for the AGM PowerPoint presentation.
- 5) New Business
- a) Annual Awards – the board held a discussion about extending the deadline for Talisman and Daggett awards. Kimberly suggested that the board should have a serious discussion about whether or not the ADCA should continue with the annual awards as it appears our members do not value them enough to make nominations.
 - The secretary was asked to inquire about the deadline for engraving plaques in time for the Expo. The board will schedule a special meeting to discuss Daggett award.
 - Rick Seydel made a motion, Mark Ballard 2nd, to extend the deadline for the Talisman and Daggett awards to May 15, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm CST
Next BOD meeting: June 4, 2024, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky