

American Dexter Cattle Association

Board of Directors Meeting

June 4, 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) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and roll call was taken.
- 2) Reports
 - a) Registrar's report
 - Registrations May 2024: females: 143 / bulls: 54 / steers: 10
 - May 2023: females: 130 / bulls: 39 / steers: 4
 - Transfers 2024: 199 / 2023: 173
 - Total members 5-7-2024: 1291
 - Mark Ballard received several calls about Texas A&M taking longer than normal to process genotype reports. Jill responded that some of the staff had recently traveled to Europe for a large Symposium and that may have been the cause of a slight delay in processing requests.
 - b) Treasurer's Report - Mark Chaney
 - April 30, 2024 Financial Statement balance: \$356,247
 - May revenue was \$14,445, expenses \$14,737. The expo account has grown to \$17,937.
 - Mark Chaney reported that a member in his region made a suggestion for the ADCA to reduce the registration fee for female calves up to 3 months old. Her suggestion was based on fee structure of the Dexter Cattle Society in the UK. Mark recommended for the board at some time in the near future, to revisit the fee structure of the association to ensure sustainability for the future of the organization.
- 3) Committee Reports –
 - a) YADCA – Erin Chambers –
 - The YADCA has been busy getting ready for the Expo. The record keeping project will be launched at the Expo. In addition to the scheduled youth events, there will be an activity room for kids of all ages at the Expo. Laaci asked the directors to promote the speech contest and youth activities in their regional emails.
 - b) Expo committee – Kimberly Jepsen
 - Kimberly offered a detailed list of income and expenses acquired thus far for the Expo. She projects the cost of the entire Expo to come in around \$5000. Kimberly has been in contact with the judges and keynote speakers to confirm commitments for the Expo. She will be sending out a request for volunteers to help fill the needs in several areas of service for the Expo. Laaci suggested for her to send it to the directors so they can share it with their members.
 - Discussion was held to work out some of the last-minute details for the needs for the welcome table and auction event. The auction helps to offset costs of the Expo. The auction was recently promoted on Facebook, directors should remind members in the monthly email that anyone can bring or send items for the auction.
 - Rick Seydel stated that at one time a how-to guidebook was created for the Expo, and it contained instructions and information for hosting the event. He thought it would be a good idea to get together after the Expo and begin creating an updated version.

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- c) Education – Mark Ballard
- The education committee has had several meetings. Their first virtual meeting has been planned, it will have a panel to help answer questions. The first topics going to be Bull or Steer it? They really want to have an educational session on what is the confirmation that you should be looking at? To help members decide if they should actually keep it as a bull. Aaron Lanz of region 12 and Dave Cluff, region 4 have volunteered to be on the panel. They are hoping to schedule the meeting for the second week of September.
 - Mark Ballard stated that he incurred some technical issues with google meet; they will have to be worked out before the AGM and his educational seminars.
 - Mark Ballard received permission to film Danny Collins confirmation talk at the Expo and plans to post it on the YouTube channel. Mark said he was considering reaching out to Carol Davidson’s estate to see if he can obtain permission to post her video “History of Dexter Cattle” on the ADCA website. He will distribute the video to the board once he receives permission.
- d) Odom Award – Dan Edgington
- Dan Edgington stated that he had received one junior application and four senior applications for the Chris Odom Award. In the senior division there was a tie for second place. Dan made a proposal to award both second place winners prize money. The junior division had a surplus of \$300 in prize money that would not be distributed. The board agreed to use that \$300 surplus and add an additional \$200 to fund the prize money for the senior division second place winners.
 - Dan was reminded to send Odom award winner information to the secretary for the AGM and essays to Kimberly Jepsen for the Dexter Bulletin.
- 4) Regional updates –
- a) Laaci Louderback – Region 2 – Washington state now has three youth market sale auctions that include mini division and Dexter cattle qualify.
- 5) Continuing Business -
- a) Software update discussion –
- Mark Ballard expressed concerns following the software update from the previous board meeting in May. Knowing that BBC cannot give a definitive timeline for completion of the software project he expressed his apprehensions about being able to find someone to complete the software program if something were to happen to our development team. He was also concerned about the availability of the secondary backup personnel who is currently living in Japan. While development continued behind-the-scenes at a much slower pace in the past year, it was noted that the RMMS committee had not met for any updates.
 - Several directors have received inquiries from members wanting to know when the software is going to be finalized with the features that were promised such as member driven tools and a sales page. It has taken much longer than anticipated to complete, members and directors are disappointed. It was noted that a large portion of time was devoted to cleaning up the original data. This step was vital and necessary to help maintain exactness in the performance of the software and accuracy of the pedigrees. The board was grateful for the tremendous job BBC did in accomplishing this huge task with the help of some members on the RMMS task force.
 - Discussion pursued, the board agreed that the major objective at this time is to establish a backup plan for the pedigree program. The board recognized that the probability of

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obtaining someone to complete the project may not be attainable or cost effective for the association. Other options may have to be examined. During the May 2024 meeting BBC encouraged the board to discuss their options and stated that they are willing and available to help with any transitions if necessary.

- Following discussion, the board acknowledged the need for further investigation into all options for securing a sustainable backup plan for the pedigree software. Options discussed included continuing with the BBC software or moving data to a new platform. Laaci Louderback and Dan Edgington will reach out to BBC for their insight and confirmation that the program is readily available for another programmer to understand and complete if we were put in a situation that was deemed necessary to do so. The software discussion will continue at the next meeting.

b) P&G Committee - Derived genotype - Kim Newswanger

- Kim Newswanger proposed a change to the standard operating procedures regarding genotypes for registration,
 - Any genotype for registration purposes must be obtained by testing DNA sample from the animal being registered. Any derived or reconstructed genotype would not be accepted for registration purposes, except in rare cases of significance to the national herd and such cases must be referred to the P&G committee to be handled at the discretion of the committee.
- The board shared their views, some were in favor of accepting derived genotypes and accepting the decision and authority of the lab. If a member is willing to put the effort in and cover the cost and the lab is willing to stake their reputation on their decision. Others believed derived genotypes leave too much room for errors. Kim Newswanger stated that Stefani at UC Davis confirmed that they do not issue a normal looking a genotype report when they do a derived genotype. They only issue a genotype report when they actually test a sample, so anytime that they are getting information in some other way they identify the case number with slash, for example: DEX/000.
 - Dave Cluff made a motion, Kim Newswanger 2nd, to change the standard operation procedures to state that only genotypes that are derived directly from the genetic material of the animals being registered is allowed. Any cases that do not meet that requirement has to be approved by the board. The motion passed by a majority vote, Kimberly Jepsen region 6, Santiago Lizarraga region 10 and Rick Seydel region 12 opposed.

6) New Business

a) Member Map – Santiago Lizarraga

- Santiago Lizarraga proposed the purchase of a new membership map for the ADCA website. Two options were suggested with the board in agreement to switch to the map that allows for multiple members at on address.
 - Dave Cluff made a motion, Kimberly Jepsen seconded to approve the new membership map for the ADCA website as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

b) EID tags – Laaci Louderback asked for the government information regarding the new EID rules for ear tags be placed on the ADCA website for members to read.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm CST / Next BOD meeting: July 2, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky