

American Dexter Cattle Association

Board of Directors Meeting

July 9, 2024 - 7 pm CDT

President – Laaci Louderback	Youth Interim Dir - Jim Woehl	* Region 7 – Mark Ballard
Vice Pres – Jill Gurley	* 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 – Jill Delaney

- Registrations June 2024: females: 122 / bulls: 37 / steers: 1
- June 2023: females: 75 / bulls: 34 / steers: 3
- Transfers 2024: 146
- Total members July 9, 2024: 1413 - July 2023: 1515
- Jill received a request from a member wanting to register a PDCA cow with a bill of sale as the proof of ownership. The cow meets all other registration requirements. The BOD agreed that the bill of sale is adequate for registration.
- Skip Tinney asked for the total number of memberships in 2023. Jill responded that she has to complete the calculations manually because the new system adds things up differently. Based on previous manual calculations, Jill stated that 2023 membership was 1291.

b) Treasurer's Report - Mark Chaney

- May 31, 2024 Financial Statement balance: \$363,262
- ADCA revenue was \$11,945, Expo revenue was \$24,523. Mark Chaney moved expo revenue from the expo store PayPal account to the ADCA checking to pay bills. \$500 was left in the expo store PayPal account to keep it active. Total ADCA expenses were \$33,382.
- Mark Chaney gave a middle-of-the-year look at the financials and stated that he has moved close to \$50,000 from the savings to help cover expenses for the year. He does not anticipate expenses continuing at the same rate over the next six months as some of the larger expenses involved the expo. Another huge expense the board needs to consider for the future is the Dexter Bulletin. Mark stated that Kimberly Jepsen shared ideas with him for reducing the cost for producing the Bulletin, but It would involve making some big changes.
- Mark Chaney remarked that another expense of \$10,000 was made to Pork Rhyne in January and was wondering about the progress of that project. Laaci Louderback responded that the last meeting was held in April. The marketing seminars are tentatively scheduled for the end of August beginning of September.
- Kim Newswanger asked if the donation had been made to the university for the dun color project in Carol Davidson's name. Mark Chaney confirmed the donation was completed.

3) Committee Reports –

a) YADCA – Laaci Louderback

- The YADCA recently met to discuss the youth activities at the expo. Overall, they were pleased with the involvement and participation. They will be tweaking the speech contest to encourage contestants to prepare prior to the event next year.
- YADCA has \$2,523 remaining of their \$5000 budget following the expo. Their expenses included payment for the keynote speaker, prizes, and contests.

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- YADCA would like to have a designated section in the Dexter Bulletin. They will be supplying an article highlighting the new record keeping contest for the winter Bulletin. Due to summer activities the next youth meeting will be postponed until the first week of August.
 - b) Expo recap – Kimberly Jepsen
 - Laaci Louderback told everyone to contact Kimberly Jepsen with any questions.
 - c) Santiago Lizarraga announced that the show committee would be meeting Thursday, July 11, 2024. They will be taking into consideration some of the items that were brought up at the AGM.
- 4) Continuing Business -
- a) The BOD received a member request for registration certificates and the ADCA pedigree page to display chondo and PHA as “unknown” when testing information is not provided. Currently, obligate, and tested animals are displayed on the pedigree page and registration certificates. Those traits do not show up on the pedigree page if information is not available.
 - b) The board went into executive session at 7:25 to discuss an ethics concern and returned at 7:35
 - c) Software update – Laaci Louderback met with Susan Smythe of Better Built Cows to discuss some of the concerns surrounding the completion of the registry software.
 - Susan Smythe confirmed that her son, or anybody else would be able to pick up and keep moving forward with the software if a situation were to arise. It is not going to be as difficult as what may have been portrayed in the last meeting. Susan would like to see this through to completion but would help the ADCA if they chose to go into a different direction. She reminded Laaci that the ADCA will own the software when completed. Other companies offer different options for registration software, but it is rented and not owned.
 - Questions were raised about the timeline for completion of the online pedigree page, the members input and sale animal features. Jill Delaney assured directors that the registration software components that have been completed are working great. Jill stated that there is a lot of behind-the-scenes work going on and we may not see any results until BBC has a complete pedigree page to present to us for beta testing. Jill also said that in addition, Susan is finishing up little fixes as she goes along that will have long term benefits for the software.
 - Laaci Louderback will provide the board with the newest memorandum of understanding from BBC for the software project. The board did not have any other questions for Laaci to ask of Susan Smythe.
- 5) New Business
- P&G Committee - Derived genotype – Kim Newswanger sent an email to the board and asked them to participate in evaluating a request for registration based on a derived genotype. She wanted the board to understand the effort the Pedigree and Genetics committee provides to help members unravel difficult cases for registration. Kim was concerned that the board would be making decisions on derived genotype cases without any input from the P&G committee following the motion made at last month’s board meeting.
 - The motion made 6/4/2024 BOD meeting: *“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*

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Jepsen region 6, Santiago Lizarraga region 10 and Rick Seydel region 12 opposed”.

- Dave Cluff clarified his motion, stating his intention was for the board to bear the responsibility of approving or denying registration based on recommendations by the P&G committee.
 - Discussion was held about ADCA requirements for accepting a derived genotype for registration. UC Davis has protocols in place that require five offspring for reconstruction. TAMU does not have any rules currently in place. The P&G committee requires 5 offspring if a case goes through the committee for processing. The board agreed that derived genotypes should be handled on a case-by-case basis with the P&G committee. This will ensure consistency with how derived genotypes are created and allow the committee to make informed recommendations to the board for a final decision. The board also discussed creating an S.O.P. for derived genotypes. Laaci Louderback asked Kim Newswanger to create a SOP for the board to consider.
- b) Member request – calf registration
- The member recently used an older bull for A.I. breeding and now has a calf they would like to register in the ADCA. The bull does not have a genotype on file so the calf cannot be sire qualified. The member is asking for an exception because the bull was born before 2009 and already has offspring in the registry.
 - The board acknowledged that the rule for bulls to have a genotype on file has been in place for fifteen years and in order to maintain consistency for registrations an exception could not be made for this calf. They also noted that the member still has the option of sending a straw sample from the bull for genotyping so the calf can be sire qualified for registration.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm CST / Next BOD meeting: August 6, 7:00 pm CST
Submitted by Carole Nirosky