

**American Dexter Cattle Association**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting – “Foreign Registry”**  
**August 14, 2023 - 7 pm CDT**

President – Laaci Louderback	IPP - Jim Woehl	Region 7 – Mark Ballard
* Vice Pres – Dan Edgington	Youth Dir - Vacant	Region 8 – Mark Chaney
Secretary - Carole Nirosky	* Region 1 – Skip Tinney	Region 9 – Kim Newswanger
* Treasurer – Roberta Wieringa	Region 2 – Stefani Millman	Region 10 - Santiago Lizarraga
Registrar - Jill Delaney	Region 4 – David Cluff	Region 11 - John Wallace
Youth Dir - Vacant	Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen	Region 12 – vacant

\*designates member absence.

- 1) Laaci Louderback called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm and roll call was taken.
- 2) The purpose of the meeting was to address and clarify foreign registries.
  - The PDCA is a recognized U.S. registry. Kimberly Jepsen expressed concerns about the increasing difficulties to register PDCA animals with the ADCA as each generation passes. Currently, animals from the PDCA can be registered in the ADCA while circumventing the ADCA policies regarding the first owner requirement. PDCA owners are considered the first owner and do not have to follow the same requirements as ADCA breeders. Kimberly suggested that the restrictions for the first owner policy be made easier for ADCA members, or a new policy be considered to shut the back door for PDCA animal registrations that circumvent the first owner policy.
  - Kim Newswanger stated that “foreign registries” as described in the original SOPs was applicable to actual foreign imports. PDCA should be recognized as a competing U.S. registry. Jim Woehl stated the board had already determined Legacy to be a database and not recognized by the ADCA as a registry. Santiago Lizarraga suggested that the SOPs should be updated to include the actual names of the foreign registries recognized by the ADCA.
  - Directors were in agreement that the ADCA cannot allow PDCA animals to be registered with less restrictions than required of ADCA breeders.
    - Registrations have been denied to ADCA members due to the first owner policy. Members often have difficulties getting animals registered when the first owner walks away and refuses to communicate with them, leaving them with an unregistered animal.
    - Jim Woehl stated that the ADCA’s first owner policy had a bailout clause that would give regional directors the capability in extreme cases where all other options and resources have been exhausted, to override the first owner policy. None of the directors present were aware of the bailout clause. Jim would like the board to update the SOPs to include the bailout clause and requested for Laaci to place this topic on the agenda for the September BOD meeting.
    - Santiago Lizarraga proposed changing requirements for animals being registered from a foreign registry to Instead of recognizing a five-generation pedigree, require that all animals in the pedigree be ADCA registered. He proposed a separate policy that would give owners from the other registry the ability to submit registrations with some form of approval from the original breeder.
    - Mark Chaney proposed charging a higher cost to register animals from a competing registry, to compensate for the additional work needed to complete that animals pedigree in the registry.
    - Jim Woehl clarified that the ADCA first owner policy was put in place to protect breeders and the decision to register animals under their farm name. The board can

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discuss and consider changes to the policy at the next board meeting, but they needed to stay on the topic of foreign registries for this meeting.

- Kim Newswanger made a motion, Mark Chaney 2<sup>nd</sup>, effective immediately, in order to register any animal from a competing US registry, that animal must have a five-generation purebred pedigree in which all sixty-two ancestors are registered with the ADCA. The motion was approved with 8 votes in favor and one vote in opposition.
- Jim Woehl made a motion, Mark Ballard 2<sup>nd</sup>, to update the Standard Operating Procedures, section 9, to clarify non-United States acceptable registries to include, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, and Canda and remove competing US registries. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mark Chaney made a motion to increase registration fees for animals from a US competing registry. Following discussion, the board deemed it unnecessary to increase registration costs due to the passing of the motion requiring all animals and their five-generation pedigree be registered with the ADCA. The board clarified that the new policy will not affect PDCA animals already registered in the ADCA registry, and they will be grandfathered in. Effective immediately, no more PDCA animal numbers will be entered into the ADCA registry, those animals will have to be ADCA registered according to ADCA requirements.
- Laaci Louderback, Kim Newswanger and Carole Nirosky will create the changes for the SOP's and send them to the board asap.
- Jim Woehl reminded Laaci to add the first owner policy discussion to the next board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm CST

Next BOD meeting: September 5, 2023, 7:00 pm CST

Submitted by Carole Nirosky