

**American Dexter Cattle Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 7, 2025 - 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 – Pam Baker	Region 9 – Rob Whitlow
Secretary - Carole Nirosky *	Region 2 – Catherine Hall	Region 10 - Santiago Lizarraga
Registrar - Jill Delaney	Region 4 – David Cluff	Region 11 – Bob Fenton
Treasurer-Mark Chaney interim	Region 6 – Kimberly Jepsen	Region 12 – Erica Lantz

**\*designates member absence.**

- 1) Laaci Louderback called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- 2) Roll call.
- 3) Reports
  - A. Registrar’s report – Jill Delaney
    - Total Members 2024: 1825 (639 new members)
    - Total members as of January 7, 2024: 1793 / 2023: 1917
    - Registrations December 2024 = 159: females: 128 / bulls: 35 / steers: 6
    - Registrations December 2023 = 168: females: 112 / bulls: 49 / steers: 7
    - Transfers November 2024: 170 / November 2023: 155
    - The herd book for 2024 is closed. This is important to note because the software is working correctly and indicates when the new year has started it will not allow new registrations until the previous herdbook has been officially closed by the registrar. The registrar will automatically get an error message reminding them to roll over to the new year before he or she can move forward with any new registration. This helps to ensure that animals are listed in the correct herdbook.
    - Jill talked to Susan of BBC about the funds set aside by the board for the software program. Susan thought it was great that the board had taken those steps but advised the board to triple that amount in anticipation of future software needs that may come up. In support of Susan’s recommendation, Kimberly Jepsen told the board that she had received a detailed email from a member that spent their entire career in IT development. He confirmed that it would cost the association \$300,000 or more to build the software that Susan Smythe is providing.
  - B. Treasurer – Mark Chaney
    - November 30, 2024, Financial Statement balance: \$318,233
    - December account activity: revenue \$8,935.00 / expenses \$ 23,059.53. Mark Chaney stated the largest expense paid in December was to EG Media for the publication and mailing of the Dexter Bulletin. Mark said he also paid the annual fee of \$900 to Ranch House for the website and the corporate licensing fee which was right around \$500.
    - Per last month’s meeting and the decision to renew the savings CD, Mark moved those funds into two separate CD’s. He put \$18,000 in a 12-month CD and \$100,000 in a 90-day CD. In 90 days, he will change it to a 6-month CD. Last year’s interest earned was close to \$8,000.
    - Mark Chaney received a cancellation notice for the ADCA traveler’s insurance policy due to the underwriter not receiving requested information. The policy is good until the end of February and Mark hopes to have it sorted out before then.
  - C. YADCA –

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- Erin Chambers stated that the YADCA held a reorganizational meeting in December where they talked about goals for the next year. They reviewed their accomplishments from last year and are making plans for improvements in 2025.
  - They are exploring options for a speaker for the expo, improving the speech contest, record keeping competition and planning youth related activities for the expo.
  - A possible fundraising project is in the works, they are waiting for confirmation before making any announcements.
  - Laaci Louderback asked directors to include information about speech contest and record keeping competition in their monthly member emails to help promote both activities.
  - Carole Nirosky reminded the board that the youth membership was free in 2024 and asked the board if the free membership should continue for 2025.
    - Following a brief discussion Robert Whitlow made a motion, Erica Lantz 2 second, to make youth membership free for the year 2025. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Jill Delaney will refund any youth memberships that have already been paid for 2025.
- D. Committee Reports –
- Expo committee –
    - Kimberly Jepsen asked the board for a decision about holding the annual general meeting (AGM) in conjunction with the ADCA National Dexter Expo in order to help finalize the 2025 expo schedule. Discussion was held about the pros and cons of having the AGM at the expo. The board is required to hold an annual general meeting to report association business reports and financial statements with members. There is no requirement for a specific date other than being held annually. The ADCA president and vice president are voted in by the board at the AGM follow-up meeting; postponing the AGM would extend both of their terms. The board talked about the technical difficulties experienced while trying to stream the AGM at the expo due to equipment failure or internet issue. It was also noted that having a time set aside for members to talk with the board of directors was important, whether it be the AGM or a specific time set aside in the agenda.
    - Following discussion, the board agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting separate from the National Dexter Expo. The AGM will be held on July 12, 2025.
    - The board offered suggestions for adjustments to the expo agenda. Kimberly will make adjustments and update the agenda on the website.
    - A recommendation was made to put more effort into advertising and encourage members to bring items for the annual FUNdraiser auction.
    - A question was raised about the need to have staff members at the expo. The board thought it was important for them to be in attendance.
    - Erica Lantz will be in touch with the expo committee regarding vendors bringing items to display at the expo. Kimberly stated that tables will be available again at no cost for members to exhibit or sell items.
    - The expo information is available on the website including hotel information. The entire hotel (50 rooms) has been reserved for the ADCA, but members should call or reserve their rooms early. The expo store is open for order, sponsors, and entries. Sponsorships are already rolling in.
  - Part-time Registrar interviews – Laaci Louderback will be contacting candidates to arrange preliminary interviews.

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- 4) Continuing Business
  - A. Conflict of Interest policy update, digital signatures.
    - The secretary has received signed copies from the ADCA board of directors and the YADCA board of directors. She will be sending forms for signatures to all committee members within the week.
  - B. Letter from labs regarding the derived genotype issues
    - The pedigree and genetics committee received a formal letter, to keep in our files, from UC Davis and TAMU explaining how they came together to complete a recent derived genotype.
- 5) New Business
  - A. TAMU testing “release”
    - There was a time period several years ago where breeders would submit testing requests for TAMU through the ADCA. For some reason those test results list the ADCA as the owner and that is not correct, the ADCA does not own those test results.
    - The board went into an executive session at 9:08 to discuss testing ownership. They returned at 9:38.
    - Laaci Louderback stated that the labs have policies and procedures for releasing test results to someone other than the breeder or original owner of the tests. The ADCA will do their best to help the labs identify the original person that ordered the tests so the lab can contact the correct individual to obtain consent according to their policy.
- 6) Other –
  - A. Pam Baker had questions about hosting a regional meeting and wanted clarification regarding funds for meetings. Directors are required to hold one meeting a year and they have a \$600 budget that may be used for a speaker, meals, and or merchandise as they see fit. Meetings may be held in person or virtual and held as often as a director is so inclined.
  - B. Dave Cluff received a request from a member in his region, they asked if the monthly income and expenses could be posted for members to see.
    - The ADCA financial balance, monthly income and expenses are reported and made available monthly in the board meeting minutes which are posted on the ADCA website and Facebook. The detailed monthly financial report is available to members upon request. The full fiscal financial statement is made available annually at the AGM.
  - C. Mark Ballard received feedback from a member in his region regarding the announcement about the increase for registration fees. The member was under the impression that the board was not affected by the increase because he thought board members received free registrations.
    - That is simply not true, the ADCA bylaws state that the president, vice president, IPP and regional directors are not allowed to receive any compensation while serving on the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 pm CST / Next BOD meeting: February 4, 2025, 7:00 pm CST  
Submitted by Carole Nirosky