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AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION MISSION

The mission of the American Dexter Cattle Association is to protect, improve, develop, and promote the interests, standing, and quality of the Dexter breed, and to assist members in adding value to their animals.

ADCA CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the American Dexter Cattle Association, I agree that I will:

- Not knowingly make any untruthful statement in submitting applications for registry and not register animals of questionable parentage.
- Not neglect or mistreat my animal(s), but, on the contrary, at all times safeguard and further its/their well-being.
- Not transfer any animal to a party who I feel will not conscientiously look after its health, safety and well-being or may exploit or degrade or otherwise act to the detriment of the breed of animal.
- Only breed animals that I know to be in good condition and health.
- Represent my animals honestly to prospective buyers and give such advice or assistance to the buyer as may be reasonably requested.
- Keep on the alert for and work diligently to control potentially adverse effects of known genetically inherited conditions by educating prospective buyers regarding the implications associated with the presence of these conditions in a breeding program.
- So act in my breeding practice and in dealings with others as to protect and improve the good standing and reputation of the breed and of the association.



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

As we move into fall, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who helped make the 2026 ADCA Expo in Wooster, Ohio, such a tremendous success. A special thank you goes to Santiago Lizarraga and his family, along with everyone who served on his committee. The time, effort, and hospitality they provided were instrumental in making the Expo a memorable event.

The Expo also gave us an opportunity to recognize two individuals who have given decades of service to the American Dexter Cattle Association. Jim and Peggy Woehl of High Plines Dexters were honored with the ADCA's highest distinction, Lifetime Membership. Jim has served the Association in numerous leadership roles, including multiple terms as president, and both Jim and Peggy have made an extraordinary contribution to the Dexter breed. Their service has previously been recognized through the Talisman Award and the Chuck Daggett Award, honoring their significant contributions to the breed and their willingness to mentor and support fellow breeders. We are grateful for their many years of dedicated service and the lasting impact they have had on our Association and our breed.

Congratulations as well to everyone who exhibited or participated in this year's Expo. The quality of the cattle representing our breed was outstanding, and the educational and networking opportunities were exceptional. It was wonderful to see so many of you, visit with old friends, and get to know new members.

Now we look forward to Ames, Iowa, for the 2027 ADCA Expo and the celebration of our 70th anniversary. Planning is already well underway, and we are excited about what is being prepared. Make your plans now to join us June 16-19, 2027 for what promises to be another outstanding Dexter event.

We also have exciting news on another long-awaited project. We anticipate launching our new registration software by November 1. This has been several years in development, and we are excited to finally bring it to our members. Please watch for information from the ADCA and your regional directors as we help everyone make the transition. There will undoubtedly be a few adjustments and minor hiccups along the way, but we are confident the new system will provide breeders with more tools and resources than ever before.

I hope you have had a successful summer, with green grass and fat cattle preparing for winter. Thank you for your continued support of the ADCA. It was a pleasure seeing so many of you in Wooster, and I look forward to continuing our work together to strengthen the Dexter breed.

David Cluff
ADCA President

GREETINGS FROM REGION 4!

I hope everyone has had an excellent summer season. As the late summer heat pushes us into the third quarter, it is a great time to evaluate our pastures as well as our herds to ensure they are transitioning smoothly. As we move towards the fall, remember to keep a close eye on the varying nutritional requirements of your growing calves, pregnant cows, and mature bulls.

The highlight of this past quarter was the ADCA National Expo. Region 4 was well represented. Congratulations to Anakin Highley for Chris Odom Youth Award (Intermediate Award Winner). Anakin, along with siblings Audreya, and Archer along with their family made the long trek all the way from Arizona. Watching these kids jump feet first into everything the Expo had to offer, from working with their Dexters, participate in the youth social events. The Expo provides a welcoming, educational environment where lifelong family memories are made. Seeing the excitement on the kids' faces as they wash their Dexters, put on their show attire to placing that cowboy hat square on their head or placing ribbons in their hair, to being in the show ring. What a fantastic reminder of why we do what we do. And let's not overlook the Moms and Dads, Grandmothers and Grandfathers that make this journey possible Great Job. The bond with fellow youth from across the country proves that the future of the American Dexter Cattle Association is in great hands.

Looking ahead Region 4, we have one more quest speaker coming prior to the end of the year, along with our monthly video chats. And as always if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely, Don Swisher

REGION 12 UPDATE

What a wonderful Expo! It was great to see so many Dexter breeders, exhibitors, families, and friends come together to celebrate the breed we all enjoy so much. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, participate, volunteer, and help make this year's Expo such a success.

For those of us in Region 12, we are especially excited about what comes next. We will soon begin the process of organizing and preparing for the **2027 American Dexter Cattle Association Expo in Ames, Iowa!**

Hosting the Expo in our region is a wonderful opportunity to showcase not only our Dexter cattle, but also the people, farms, and agricultural community that make our part of the country special. There will be plenty of planning ahead, and we look forward to bringing members together as we begin working toward 2027.

As plans develop, we will continue sharing updates and opportunities for Region 12 members to become involved. Whether you are interested in volunteering, helping with activities, supporting the event, or simply attending, we hope you will join us in making the 2027 Expo one to remember.

Thank you again to everyone who made this year's Expo such a wonderful experience. We are excited to carry that momentum forward and look forward to welcoming the Dexter community to **Ames, Iowa, in 2027!**

Erica Lantz
Region 12 Director





REGION 10 MEETING

Join us for a meal, a presentation on Body Condition Scoring (BCS) our Dexter cattle, and a regional meeting with open Q&A. Connect, learn, and share with fellow breeders. Families are welcome, please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.



Date: September 19, 2026



Time: At 11:00 AM



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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Body Condition Scoring Presentation

John Yost is an Assistant Professor with Ohio State University Extension in Wayne County, OH. He provides educational programming on livestock management, precision livestock technologies, and forage production. Recently he has focused on cattle handling, biosecurity, and agriculture emergency preparedness. His research efforts focus on feed and water use efficiency in beef cattle and use of small grain crops for forage.

Chuck Daggett Good Citizen Award 2026 WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS

Carol Farrell

J.A.C. Dexter Cattle
Region 8



Talisman Farm Award 2026 WINNER

CONGRATULATIONS

Mark & Kathy Chaney

Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm
Region 8



Lifetime Membership

**Jim & Peggy
Woehl**

**High Pines
Dexters**





2026
ADCA
SHOW
RESULTS



YOUTH SHOWMANSHIP

Peewee - 6 years old and younger

Sponsor: Lazy Days Farm, region 8

- Ean Lantz
- Luke Daughters
- Audreya Highley
- Brooklyn Davis

Junior Youth Showmanship - 7-12 years

Sponsor: Feeders Grain & Farm Supply Inc / Purina, region 12

- **DebraAnn Lizarraga - Champion**
- **Santiago Lizarraga - Reserve Champion**
- Jasper Lantz
- Archer Highley
- Jeremias Lizarraga
- Clara Harmon

Senior Youth Showmanship - 13-17 years, Class 3A

Sponsor: Shupp Hill Farms, region 9

- Elliot Lange *showmanship champion drive
- Easton Jensen
- Lucas Melton *showmanship champion drive
- Ely Buxton *showmanship champion drive
- Josiah Lizarraga
- Emmalyn Berry



DebraAnn Lizarraga- Champion



Santiago Lizarraga Reserve Champion

Senior Youth Showmanship - 13-17 years, Class 3B

Sponsor: Shupp Hill Farms, region 9

- Lyvia Jensen
- Kathryn Mink
- Anakin Highley *showmanship champion drive
- Roman Lizarraga *showmanship champion drive
- Isaiah Lizarraga *showmanship champion drive
- Isaac Harmon

Senior Showmanship Champions

- **Youth Grand Champion Senior Showmanship - Lucas Melton**
- **Youth Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship - Ely Buxton**



Youth Grand Champion Senior Showmanship - Lucas Melton



Youth Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship - Ely Buxton

2026 ADCA EXPO RESULTS

YOUTH SHOW - FEMALES

Y-1 - Junior Heifer Calf, 0–6 months

Sponsor: Steve & Maryan Pannell of Serenity Ridge Farm, region 1

- **1st:** Mossy Roots' Patsy Cline - Emmalyn Mitchell

Y-2 - Intermediate Heifer Calf, 6–9 months

Sponsor: Dave, Linda & Rodney Hartzler, Heart's Farm, region 10

- **1st:** JK Celeste - #59127 - Kathryn Mink
- **2nd:** Ballard Family Emmylou - Ely Buxton

Y-3 - Senior Heifer Calf, 9–12 months

- **1st:** SBR Sadie - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **2nd:** SBR Sofia - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **3rd:** Chaney's Opal - Roman Lizarraga
- **4th:** Chaney's Pippi's Wildfire - Iasiah Lizarraga
- **Scratch:** Ballard Family Shania - Ely Buxton

Divisional Heifer Calf

- **Champion:** JK Celeste
- **Reserve Champion:** SBR Sadie

Y-4 - Spring Yearling Heifer, 12–15 months

Sponsor: Greg & Pam Baker, Maple Creek Dexters, region 1

- **1st:** Circle H Dina - Ely Buxton
- **Scratch:** SBR Azalea - Spotted Bottom Ranch

Y-5 - Junior Yearling Heifer, 15–18 months

Sponsor: Kelvin & Diane Tomlinson of Wolsey Farm in region 11

- **1st:** JDC Ally - Santiago Lizarraga
- **2nd:** NMF Red Velvet - Jeremias Lizarraga (youth owned)

Y-6 - Intermediate Yearling Heifer, 18–21 months

Sponsor: Grant Collins of 4C Farms, region 8

- No entries

Y-7 - Senior Yearling Heifer, 21–24 months

Sponsor: Mark & Kathy Chaney of Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm in region 8

- **1st:** Chaney's Dream Come True - Chaney Dexter Cattle
- **2nd:** Mossy Roots' Lucky Clover - Emmalyn Mitchell
- **3rd:** SBR Lainey Denay - Spotted Bottom Ranch

Y-8 - Senior Heifer, 24–36 months

Sponsor: Chris & Melissa Bannen of Haven Creek Farm region 10

- **1st:** JK Flare - Kathryn Mink
- **2nd:** Hawk's Grove Fox - Ely Buxton
- **3rd:** Royal Fare's Licorice - Isaac Harmon (youth owned)

Youth Divisional Junior Female

- **Champion:** JK Flare
- **Reserve Champion:** Hawk's Grove Fox



Champion: JK Celeste



Reserve Champion: SBR Sadie

Y-9 - Young Cow, 2–3 years

Sponsor: The Whistle Stop Ranch, Stormie Adix, region 6

- No entries

Y-10 - Intermediate Cow, 3–5 years

Sponsor: John Paulin of Paulin Dexter Farm, region 10

- No entries

Y-11 - Mature Cow, 5 years and older

Sponsor: John Paulin of Paulin Dexter Farm, region 10

- **1st:** JK Merry - #O48189 - Kathryn Mink
- **2nd:** Royal Fare's Flower - Isaac Harmon
- **Scratch:** Whittington Cara - Issac Harmon

Youth Divisional Senior Female

Champion: JK Merry

Reserve Champion: Royal Fare's Flower

Divisional Champions competing for the 2026

Grand & Reserve Champion Female

- Divisional Heifer Calf Champion – JK Celeste
- Divisional Heifer Calf Reserve Champion – SBR Sadie
- Divisional Junior Female Champion – JK Flare
- Divisional Junior Female Reserve Champion – Hawk's Grove
- Fox
- Divisional Senior Female Champion – JK Merry
- Divisional Senior Female Reserve Champion – Royal Fare's
- Flower

Youth Show Champion Female

Grand Champion Female - JK Flare

Sponsor – Feeders Grain & Supply Inc /Kent Nutritional Group, region 12

Grand Champion Female Buckle - JK Flare

Sponsor – Chris & Vicki Jones, Moosters Meadows, region 4

Reserve Grand Champion Female - Hawk's Grove Fox

Sponsor – Shupp Hill Farms, region 9

Reserve Grand Champion Female Buckle - Hawk's Grove Fox

Sponsor – Pennie & Kenny Schober, Acorn Acres



Reserve Champion: Hawk's Grove Fox



Champion: JK Flare



Reserve Champion: Royal Fare's Flower

2026 ADCA EXPO RESULTS

YOUTH SHOW - STEERS

Y-12 - Junior Steer Calf, 0–6 months

- **1st:** EGF Odie-Wan - Anakin Highley (youth owned)

Y-13 - Senior Steer Calf, 6–12 months

Sponsor: Carl & Jeanne Bean of Bean Legacy Homestead in region 10

- **1st:** NMF Brutus - Isaiah Lizarraga
- **Scratch:** JK Otto - Kathryn Mink

Y-14 - Yearling Steer, 12–20 months

Sponsor: Daniel and Jill Gurley of Spotted Bottom Ranch, region 8

- **1st:** Morning Star Mikey - Kathryn Mink
- **2nd:** SBR Leo - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **3rd:** SBR Darius - Clara Harmon (youth owned)

Y-15 - Senior Steer, 20–30 months

Sponsor: Chris & Melissa Bannen of Haven Creek Farm region 10

- **1st:** BAA Moneymaker O'Killian - Ean Lantz (youth owned)
- **2nd:** BAA Murtaugh O'Echo - Jasper Lantz (youth owned)
- **3rd:** SBR Bart - Spotted Bottom Ranch

- **4th:** S&F Farms MrLukeSkywalker - Anakin Highley (youth owned)

- **5th:** Heart's Farm Sam - Kathryn Mink

Grand Champion Steer - BAA Moneymaker O'Killian

Sponsor – Broken Arrow “A” Livestock, region 12

Grand Champion Steer Buckle - BAA Moneymaker O'Killian

Sponsor – Sharie & Billy Stocklin, Rocking Star Ranch, region 7

Reserve Grand Champion Steer - BAA Murtaugh O'Echo

Sponsor - Feeders Grain & Farm Supply, Inc/ Purina, region 12

Reserve Grand Champion Steer Buckle - BAA Murtaugh O'Echo

Sponsor – John Paulin, Paulin Dexter Cattle Farm – region 10

Grand Champion Steer BAA
Moneymaker O'Killian



Reserve Grand Champion
Steer- BAA Murtaugh O'Echo



YOUTH SHOW - BULLS

Y-16 - Junior Bull Calf, 0–6 months

Sponsor: Nancy Bowers, Lonestar Ranch, region 7

- **1st:** Ballard Family Jacob - Ely Buxton
- **2nd:** NMF Hugo - Santiago Lizarraga

Y-17 - Senior Bull Calf, 6–12 months

Sponsor: The Mink Family of JK Acres, region 10

- **1st:** Chaney's Top Gun - Josiah Lizarraga

Y-18 - Cow-Calf Pair

Sponsor: Chris and Vicki Jones of Moosters Meadows, region 4

- No entries

Grand Champion Bull - Ballard Farm Jacob

Sponsor - Feeders Grain & Farm Supply Inc/Purina, region 12

Grand Champion Bull Buckle - Ballard Farm Jacob

Sponsor – Pennie & Kenny Schober, Acorn Acres, region 4

NMF Hugo

Reserve Grand Champion Bull - NMF Hugo

Sponsor - Feeders Grain & Farm Supply Inc & Purina, region 12

Reserve Grand Champion Bull Buckle - NMF Hugo

Sponsor – Maria Legler, J&M Dexter Mini Cow Farm, region 8



Grand Champion Bull - Ballard Farm Jacob

2026 ADCA EXPO RESULTS

ADULT SHOWMANSHIP

Class 4A - ADULT Showmanship 18 years and older

Sponsor: Sharie & Billy Stocklin of Rocking Star Ranch, region 7

- #423 - Jessica Emery *showmanship champion drive
- #424 - Shannon Gardner *showmanship champion drive
- #425 - Dawn Mitchell
- #426 - Grant Collins
- #427 - John Paulin
- #428 - Jill Gurley

Class 4B - ADULT Showmanship 18 years and older

Sponsor: Sharie & Billy Stocklin of Rocking Star Ranch, region 7

- #429 - Charlotte Dykstra *showmanship champion drive
- #430 - Charlotte Ballard
- #431 - Aiden Sell *showmanship champion drive
- #432 - Graci Collins - **Scratch**
- #433 - Kathy Chaney

Adult Showmanship Overall

- **Grand Champion Adult Showmanship:** Grant Collins
- **Reserve Champion Adult Showmanship:** Shannon Gardner



Grand Champion Adult Showmanship: Grant Collins



Reserve Champion Adult Showmanship: Shannon Gardner

OPEN SHOW - FEMALES

0-1 - Junior Heifer Calf, 0-6 months

Sponsor: Becky Eterno of Tollgate Farm, region 4

- **1st:** SMD Maytle Brigos calf - Silver Maple Dexters
- **2nd:** SMD Hester Flaith - Silver Maple Dexters
- **3rd:** Mossy Roots' Patsy Cline - Mossy Roots Farm

0-2 - Intermediate Heifer Calf, 6-9 months

Sponsor: Lonnie Ruesch of White Rock Mountain, region 4

- **1st:** Ballard Family Emmylou - Charlotte Ballard
- **2nd:** JK Celeste - Jenny Mink
- **3rd:** Mossy Roots' Pumpkin - Mossy Roots Farm
- **4th:** Heart's Farm Ruby - Heart's Farm

0-3 - Senior Heifer Calf, 9-12 months

Sponsor: Mark & Kathy Chaney of Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm in region 8

- **1st:** SBR Sofia - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **2nd:** SBR Sadie - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **3rd:** Chaney's Opal - Chaney Dexter Cattle
- **4th:** Chaney's Pippi's Wildfire - Chaney Dexter Cattle
- **5th:** Heart's Farm Lizzy - Heart's Farm
- **6th:** A Acres Liberty Belle - Lyvia Jensen
- **Scratch:** Ballard Family Shania - Charlotte Ballard
- **Scratch:** SMD Eustacia Nel - Silver Maple Dexters

Divisional Heifer Calf

Champion: Ballard Family Emmylou

Reserve Champion: SBR Sofia

0-4 - Spring Yearling Heifer, 12-15 months

Sponsor: Justine & Mike Webb of LittleAss Farm, region 6

- **1st:** Ballard Farm Lisa Marie - Charlotte Ballard
- **2nd:** Timberview Gigi - Shannon Gardner
- **3rd:** SMD Hope Nel - Silver Maple Dexters
- **4th:** SMD Daisy Jane Nel - Silver Maple Dexters
- **5th:** Woofter's Tequila - D.K Cattle Company
- **Scratch:** SBR Azalea - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **Scratch:** Morning Star Brie - Nirosky's Morning Star Farm

0-5 - Junior Yearling Heifer, 15-18 months

Sponsor: Carl & Jeanne Bean of Bean Legacy Farm, region 10

- **1st:** JDC Ally - Santiago Lizarraga
- **2nd:** Moosters Cinnamon - Shannon Gardner
- **3rd:** NMF Red Velvet - Jeremias Lizarraga
- **4th:** Woofter's Malibu - D.K Cattle Company



Champion: Ballard Family Emmylou



Reserve Champion: SBR Sofia

2026 ADCA EXPO RESULTS

0-6 - Intermediate Yearling Heifer, 18–21 months

Sponsor: Karen Schuster of Grand Oak Ranch, region 8

- **1st:** 4C Red's Golden Noel - Grant Collins
- **2nd:** T.F.F. Sassy Cheyenne - Jessica Emery
- **3rd:** CSG Autumn - Shannon Gardner
- **4th:** T.F.F. Hershey's Almond Joy - Jessica Emery

0-7 - Senior Yearling Heifer, 21–24 months

Sponsor: Adam and Jessica of Emery of Dunnit Dexters, region 1

- **1st:** Chaney's Dream Come True - Chaney Dexter Cattle
- **2nd:** SBR Lainey Denay - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **3rd:** Mossy Roots' Lucky Clover - Mossy Roots Farm

0-8 - Senior Heifer, 24–36 months

Sponsor: Mark & Kathy Chaney of Chaney Dexter Cattle Farm, region 8

- **1st:** Morning Star Padme - Nirosky's Morning Star Farm
- **2nd:** JK Flare - Jenny Mink
- **3rd:** Royal Fare's Licorice - Isaac Harmon

Divisional Junior Female

Champion: Ballard Family Lisa Marie

Reserve Champion: 4C Red's Golden Noel

0-9 - Young Cow, 2–3 years

Sponsor: Grandma's Dexter Farm, region 12

- **1st:** Morning Star Raven - Nirosky's Morning Star Farm
- **2nd:** Mossy Root's Lucky Penny - Mossy Roots Farm
- **3rd:** Lucky Dog Rye - Jessica Emery
- **4th:** QCR Marilyn JC - Charlotte Dykstra

0-10 - Intermediate Cow, 3–5 years

Sponsor: Brian Meaghe of MTC Cattle, region 7

- **1st:** SMD Ellie Nel - Silver Maple Dexters
- **2nd:** High Pines Belle - Santiago Lizarraga
- **3rd:** Timberview Ali - Nirosky's Morning Star Farm

0-11 - Mature Cow, 5 years and older

Sponsor: Sharie & Billy Stocklin of Rocking Star Ranch, region 7

- **1st:** SMD Maytle Brigos - Silver Maple Dexters
- **2nd:** JK Merry - Jenny Mink
- **3rd:** SMD Helga Ferl - Santiago Lizarraga
- **4th:** Wieringa's Chelsea KO - Charlotte Dykstra
- **5th:** NMF Heidi - John Paulin
- **6th:** Stone Meadow Tulip - John Paulin
- **7th:** Royal Fare's Flower - Isaac Harmon
- **Scratch:** Whittington Cara - Isaac Harmon



Champion: Ballard Family Lisa Marie



Reserve Champion: 4C Red's Golden Noel



Champion: SMD Ellie Nel



Reserve Champion: SMD
Maytle Brigos

Divisional Senior Female

Champion: SMD Ellie Nel

Reserve Champion: SMD Maytle Brigos

Divisional Champions competing for the 2026 Grand & Reserve Champion Female

Divisional Heifer Calf Champion – Ballard Family EmmyLou

Divisional Heifer Calf Reserve Champion – SBR Sofia

Divisional Junior Female Champion – Ballard Family Lisa Marie

Divisional Junior Female Reserve Champion – 4C Red's

Golden Noel

Divisional Senior Female Champion – SMD Nel

Divisional Senior Female Reserve Champion – SMD Maytle

Brigos

Open Show Champion Female

Grand Champion Female - Ballard Family Lisa Marie

Sponsor – Lazy Days Farm, region 8

Grand Champion Female Buckle - Ballard Family Lisa Marie

Sponsor – Clem & Carole Nirosky, Morning Star Farm, region 10

Reserve Grand Champion Female - SMD Ellie Nel

Sponsor – Kelvin & Diane Tomlinson. Wolsey Farm, region 11

Reserve Grand Champion FemaleBuckle - SMD Ellie Nel

Sponsor – Rick & Macheal Seydel, Timberview Dexters, region 12

2026 ADCA EXPO RESULTS

OPEN SHOW - STEERS

0-12 - Junior Steer Calf, 0-6 months

- **1st:** EGF Odie Wan - Archer Highley

0-13 - Senior Steer Calf, 6-12 months

Sponsor: Chris & Melissa Bannen of Haven Creek Farm, region 10

- **1st:** JK Otto - Jenny Mink

0-14 - Yearling Steer, 12-20 months

Sponsor: Stormie Adix, The Whistle Stop Ranch, region 6

- **1st:** Morning Star Mikey - Jenny Mink
- **2nd:** PDF Hector - Kathryn Mink
- **3rd:** SBR Leo - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **4th:** SBR Darius - Clara Harmon

0-15 - Senior Steer, 20-30 months

Sponsor: Carol Farrell of J.A.C. Dexters, region 8

- **1st:** BAA Moneymaker O'Killian - Ean Lantz
- **2nd:** SBR Bart - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **3rd:** BAA Murtaugh O'Echo - Jasper Lantz
- **4th:** S&F Farms MrLukeSkywalker - Anakin Highley
- **5th:** Heart's Farm Sam - Jenny Mink

Grand Champion Steer - BAA Moneymaker O'Killian

Sponsor – Heidi Wyatt, HbarH Ranch, region 7
Grand Champion Steer Buckle - BAA Moneymaker O'Killian

Sponsor – Don & Becky Swisher. Little Hoof Ranch, region 4

Reserve Grand Champion Steer - SBR Bart

Sponsor – John Paulin, Paulin Dexter Farms, region 10

Reserve Grand Champion Steer Buckle - SBR Bart

Sponsor – Teki Lyons & Teresa Ledbetter, Rocking Double T Farm, region 8



Grand Champion Steer - BAA Moneymaker O'Killian



Reserve Grand Champion Steer - SBR Bart

OPEN SHOW - BULLS

0-16 - Junior Bull Calf, 0-6 months

Sponsor: Lee and Roberta Wieringa of Wieringa Dexter Farm, region 10

1st: Ballard Family Jacob - Charlotte Ballard

2nd: QCR Pascal MM - Charlotte Dykstra

3rd: Morning Star Captain Jack - Nirosky's Morning Star Farm

4th: NMF Hugo - Santiago Lizarraga

5th: QCR Peterbilt KC - Charlotte Dykstra

0-17 - Senior Bull Calf, 6-12 months

Sponsor: Steve & Maryann Pannell of Serenity Ridge Farm, region 1

1st: Oak Hollow Farm Mason - Aiden Sell

2nd: Chaney's Top Gun - Chaney Dexter Cattle

Scratch: Oak Hollow Farm Zachary - Aiden Sell

0-18 - Junior Yearling Bull, 12-18 months

Sponsor: Steven & Cherrie Wood of Plum Creek Little Cattle Company, region 12

1st: Ballard Family Maury - Charlotte Ballard

Scratch: SMD doge Paycheck - Silver Maple Dexters

0-19 - Senior Yearling Bull, 18-24 months

Sponsor: Justine & Mike Webb of LittleAss Farm, region 6

Scratch: Lucky Dog Irish Whiskey - Jessica Emery

0-20 - Young Bull, 2-3 years

Sponsor: Brian Meagher of BTC Cattle, region 7

1st: Ballard Family Adonis - Charlotte Ballard

2nd: 4C Red's Golden Flash - Grant Collins

0-21 - Mature Bull, 3 years and older

Sponsor: Don and Becky Swisher of Little Hoof Ranch, region 4

1st: SMD Lord Baron Nelson - John Paulin

2nd: Silvercreek Kent - John Paulin

Grand Champion Bull - Ballard Adonis

Sponsor - Chris Carlough of Rising Glory, Farm LLC, region 8

Grand Champion Bull Buckle - Ballard Adonis

Sponsor - Sharie & Billy Stocklin of Rocking Star Ranch, region 7

Reserve Grand Champion Bull - SMD Lord Baron Nelson

Sponsor - Mike and Kelsey Pressler of Sweet Briar Farm, region 10

Reserve Grand Champion Bull Buckle - SMD Lord Baron Nelson

Sponsor - Don and Becky Swisher of Little Hoof Ranch, region 4



Grand Champion Bull - Ballard Adonis



Reserve Grand Champion Bull - SMD Lord Baron Nelson

OPEN SHOW - SPECIAL CLASSES

0-22 - Cow-Calf Pair

Sponsor: Irish Dexter Cattlemen, irishdextercattlemen.com

- **1st:** SMD Ellie Nel / SMD Hester Flaith - Silver Maple Dexters
- **2nd:** SMD Maytle Brigos / SMD Maytle Brigos calf - Silver Maple Dexters
- **3rd:** SMD Helga Ferl / NMF Hugo - Santiago Lizarraga
- **4th:** High Pines Belle / NMF Booke - Santiago Lizarraga
- **5th:** Mossy Root's Lucky Penny / Mossy Roots' Patsy Cline - Mossy Roots Farm
- **Scratch:** Wieringa's Chelsea KO / QCR Peterbilt KC - Charlotte Dykstra
- **Scratch:** QCR Marilyn JC / QCR Pascal MM - Charlotte Dykstra
- **Scratch:** Morning Star Raven / Morning Star Captain Jack - Nirosky's Morning Star Farm

0-23 - Best of Udder *Cow must be in milk.*

Sponsor: MooShine Ridge Dexter Farm, region 6

- **1st:** SMD Ellie Nel - Silver Maple Dexters
- **2nd:** Mossy Root's Lucky Penny - Mossy Roots Farm
- **3rd:** JK Merry - Jenny Mink

0-24 - Get of Sire *Three animals from same sire; both sexes represented.*

Sponsor: Pennie & Kenny Schober of Acorn Acres, region 4

- **1st: Sire:** Ballard Farm Titan – Ballard Farm Lisa Marie, Ballard Farm Shania & Ballard Farm Maury - Charlotte Ballard
- **2nd: Sire:** Glenn Land Knox – JK Flare, JK Celeste & JK Otto - Jenny Mink

0-25 - Produce of Dam *Two animals from same dam.*

Sponsor: Lazy Day Farm, region 8

- **1st: Dam:** ABK Elsie's Little Red - 4C Red's Golden Noel & 4C Red's Golden Flash - Grant Collins
- **2nd: Dam:** JK Athena - JK Flare & JK Celeste - Jenny Mink
- **3rd: Dam:** Whittington Lucky - Mossy Root's Lucky Penny & Mossy Roots' Lucky Clover - Mossy Roots Farm
- **4th: Dam:** SMD Maytle Brigos - SMD Daisy Jane Nel & SMD Maytle Brigos calf - Silver Maple Dexters
- **Scratch: Dam:** SBR Call Me The Breeze - SBR Bart & SBR Azalea - Spotted Bottom Ranch
- **Scratch: Dam:** Wieringa's Chelsea KO - QCR Marilyn JC & QCR Peterbilt KC - Charlotte Dykstra

DEXTER AUCTION RESULTS

The document lists **six auction lots**:

1. **Lucky Dog Rye** - ADCA #056719
 - 2-year-old bred chocolate dun heifer
 - **\$2,600**
2. **Ballard Family Lisa Marie** - ADCA #057952
 - Spring yearling heifer
 - Won her class and Grand Champion Female
 - **\$4,000**
3. **Mossy Roots' Lucky Clover** - ADCA #056194
 - 2-year-old bred chondro heifer
 - 3rd in her class
 - \$2,100
4. **Mossy Roots' Pumpkin** - ADCA #059441
 - 6-month-old polled, red, chondro heifer
 - **\$1,500**
5. **Bittersweet Acres Gladiator** - ADCA #059479
 - 7-month-old red, dehorned, A2/A2 bull calf
 - **NO SALE**
 - Sold in the barn after the auction
6. **High Pines Belle** - ADCA #055082, with **NMF Brooke** - ADCA #B051634
 - 3-year-old dun cow with 1-month-old heifer calf
 - Hetero polled; cow A1/A2
 - Belle was 2nd in her class
 - **\$6,000**

MAJOR 2026 AWARDS

Best in Show

- **Best in Show Dexter: Ballard Family Adonis**

Youth

- **Youth Champion Female:** JK Flare
- **Youth Reserve Champion Female:** Hawk's Grove Fox
- **Youth Champion Steer:** BAA Moneymaker O'Killian
- **Youth Reserve Grand Champion Steer:** BAA Murtaugh O'Echo
- **Youth Champion Bull:** Ballard Family Jacob
- **Youth Reserve Grand Champion Bull:** NMF Hugo
- **Youth Grand Champion Senior Showmanship:** Lucas Melton
- **Youth Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship:** Ely Buxton

Open

- **Open Champion Female:** Ballard Family Lisa Marie
- **Open Reserve Grand Champion Female:** SMD Ellie Nel
- **Open Champion Steer:** BAA Moneymaker O'Killian
- **Open Reserve Grand Champion Steer:** SBR Bart
- **Open Grand Champion Bull:** Ballard Adonis
- **Open Reserve Grand Champion Bull:** SMD Lord Baron Nelson
- **Grand Champion Adult Showmanship:** Grant Collins
- **Reserve Champion Adult Showmanship:** Shannon Gardner

The showbook identifies **Ballard Family Adonis** as the 2026 ADCA **Best in Show Dexter**.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 26, 2026 - 7 pm CST

President – Dave Cluff
Vice Pres – Jill Gurley
IPP /Youth - Laaci Louderback
Secretary – Carole Nirosky
Registrar – Jill Delaney
Registrar – vacant

Treasurer – Mark Chaney
* YADCA – Peyton Collins
Region 1 – Pam Baker
Region 2 – Vacant
Region 4 – Don Swisher
Region 6 – Patti Adams

Region 7 – Nancy Bowers
Region 8 – Grant Collins
Region 9 – Rob Whitlow
Region 10 – Santiago Lizarraga
* Region 11 – Bob Fenton
Region 12 – Erica Lantz

*designates member absence.

1) Dave Cluff called the meeting to order at 4:00pm EST.

There was a slight delay as technical issues were resolved.

2) Dave Cluff welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave instructions for how to participate to the members joining online. ADCA Board members in attendance introduced themselves to the audience. There were fifty-two members in attendance, an additional eleven joined online.

A. Question: A member at the expo wanted to know if the AGM slide show would be available to members online to review later. Answer: Yes, the slide show will be made available on the website.

3) The staff presented reports:

A. Carole Nirosky – Secretary
B. Jill Delaney - Registrar

C. Mark Chaney – Treasurer

4) Committee Reports presented

A. Elections – Jill Gurley

- 2026 elections to be held in regions 9, 10, and 12.

B. Expo Committee – Santiago Lizarraga

- New for 2026 – live auction added.
- Based on success in 2025, the youth show and open shows were held on separate days.
- Exhibitor participation, nineteen farms with 85 Dexter cattle entered in for both shows.

C. Show Committee – Jill Gurley

- Dexter Auction added.
- Rule change for 2026: Members who are physically unable to show their cattle may have another member in good standing of the ADCA show their Dexter for them.
- Added new class: Young heifer age 2-3 years old.

D. Education – Erica Lantz

- Leveraged the Bulletin as key educational resource for members.
- Supported and coordinated educational efforts with the YADCA.
- Preparing for future educational resources to help members transition to / Digital Beef 701X.

E. Social Media – Erica Lantz

- Promoted ADCA events, programs, and deadlines.
- Increased awareness of educational opportunities available to members.
- Shared information related to YADCA and association events.
- Highlighted the Dexter breed and member involvement.
- Supported communication efforts between the association and membership.
- Continued focusing on social media as a tool for education, engagement, and event promotion.
- Looking ahead with continued efforts to align Bulletin, Education and Social Media. Encourage greater contribution of content from members such as photos, and educational topics.

F. Marketing and Advertising – Pam Baker, chair – presented by Robert Whitlow

- Recap of funded 2025 Events - \$8,000 budget, \$5300 spent on regional shows and events.
- For 2026, \$3,500 has been given to support regional shows and events.
- Magazine and Website advertising: \$9,384 spent in 2025.

G. Pedigree and Genetics – Jill Gurley

- Jill gave an update on several issues the committee worked on to help members resolve registration issues.
- Jill also advised members needing a derived genotype to contact the P&G committee for advice before starting the process. The committee should be able to confirm if a derived genotype is possible or not, potentially helping members avoid unnecessary costs.

H. Registry Software Update – presented by Dave Cluff

- Dave gave an update on the progress of the Digital Beef software build. 701X bought out Digital Beef before the ADCA made the decision to move our registry to their program.

701X was committed to updating the overall look of the Digital Beef software to give it a new look. Part of their plan was to eventually rebuild the software to modern standards. During our initial setup for the ADCA to transition to Digital Beef, 701 recognized that they needed to step up their efforts on the overall rebuild. This has stalled our transition, but we feel we will be better off overall because we will be offering members a much better product.

- The ADCA is currently in the process of beta testing the new product to make sure all functions are working correctly. Screen shots of the new software were presented to the membership. We do not have a go date at this moment but hope to be up and running by the end of 2026.
- Questions:
 - Roberta Wieringa wanted to know how much has been spent and why we have been doing this for 10 years. Answer: Dave Cluff gave a summary of the process for resolving an ongoing problem with securing the ADCA registration software. There are not a lot of choices for registrar software, and this board like those in the past is committed to finding the best solution for the association. In the past our software has been owned and operated by one or two persons. Moving to Digital Beef puts us in a better position when updates are needed due to the many people involved in creating and operating the software. Susan Smythe was recognized as a key individual for saving and cleaning up the ADCA registry database. This was an important step in moving into the future with our registry database. Dave also stated that we are not making any payments to Digital Beef until we are up and running with the software.
 - Renee Dykstra – Will members have to pay to advertise animals for sale. Answer: No, this is a free service to members.
 - Becky Swisher: The new software will allow members to print their own certificates; will members still be able to order certificates from the ADCA if they want the type the ADCA sends now? Answer: Yes, members will be able to order a printed certificate for a small fee to cover print and postage.

- Josh Mink – Will members pay for Digital Beef monthly or quarterly? Answer: Digital Beef registry is included with membership. Annual memberships are valid for their full term, starting from the payment date and depending on the selected tier. Digital Beef will send a reminder when membership is due again. Members must maintain active membership to enjoy complete access to the registry.
- Pat Mitchell, a previous board member, offered some insight into the history of the various attempts to better software development.

5) Membership Retention Committee – Don Swisher

A. Don Swisher introduced a new tiered membership program that will be offered to members when the transition to Digital Beef is complete.

- Inaugural Tier 1-year membership = \$50
- Bronze Tier 1-year membership = \$50
- Silver Tier 5-year membership = \$200 savings of 20%
- Gold Tier 10-year membership = \$400 savings of 20%
- Platinum tier 15-year membership = \$600 savings of 20%
- Diamond Tier 20-year membership = \$750 savings of 25%
 - Pat Mitchell reminded the board that these changes must be made to the governing documents.

B. ADCA Scholarship Program

- The committee is working on the details for a scholarship program, and they are hoping to offer it in 2027. Details will be announced soon.

6) YADCA – youth program – Laaci Louderback

A. Laaci Louderback introduced the Youth Board of Directors and reviewed the YADCA Expo events.

B. 2025-2026 initiatives:

- Formation of a youth buckle committee
- The YADCA board voted to implement annual youth membership dues of \$10 beginning January 2027. The goal is to increase the YADCA budget and expand future youth activities and opportunities.
- Continue to focus on youth engagement and leadership opportunities within the YADCA.

7) Open Discussion –

- A. Charlotte Ballard – Lots of animals are for sale on Facebook. Should the ADCA allow a “part-bred” animal registry (only one parent registered) to help increase revenue for the association? Answer: Dave Cluff thanked Charlotte for her question and said he would take that to the board for future discussion.
- B. Jill Gurley encouraged members to become more involved in the association by joining a committee. Members should contact Jill Gurley or a committee chair for more information.

8) Directors at large – Dave Cluff

- A. Dave requested nominations for two members to function as Directors at Large, they will join the board for the follow up meeting to discuss topics presented tonight and to elect the new President and Vice President.
- Nominations received for Charlotte Dykstra, region ten, Sherri Stockland, region seven and John Paulin, region ten. A member vote was taken; Charlotte Dykstra and John Paulin were elected as Directors at Large.

The meeting was officially adjourned following a motion by Grant Collins, region eight, seconded by Sherri Stocklin, region seven, with the Board Wrap-up meeting set for June 27th, 2026, 5:30pm EST –

Submitted by Carole Nirosky



AGM WRAP-UP MEETING

June 27, 2026- 5:30 pm EST

President – Dave Cluff
 Vice Pres – Jill Gurley
 IPP /Youth - Laaci Louderback
 Secretary – Carole Nirosky
 Registrar – Jill Delaney
 Registrar – vacant

Treasurer – Mark Chaney
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- 1) Dave Cluff called the AGM wrap up meeting to order at 5:30 pm EST.
- 2) Directors at Large, Charlotte Dykstra, region ten, and John Paulin, region ten, were in attendance.
- 3) Dave Cluff called Jim and Peggy Woelh so the entire board could congratulate them on being chosen for the ADCA Lifetime Membership award.
- 4) AGM and Expo Takeaways:
 - An open show should allow exhibitors to have any ADCA member show their animal. Some saw this as a way to involve new members, while others worried about professionals being hired. The board asked the Show committee to review the rules and suggest changes, with Dave Cluff requesting to join and provide background.
 - Patti Adams noted that some members were confused after the Annual General Meeting about the discontinuation of family memberships. The new tiered program does not include family memberships; instead, individual memberships allow members to list family members but only grant one vote in ADCA business and elections. Previously, family memberships provided two votes. The board noted that most memberships

are individual with very few family memberships purchased in the past. Members wanting individual voting privileges will have to purchase an individual membership. Dave Cluff requested that Don Swisher ask the membership retention committee to provide a clear explanation of the new membership tier program, so members can understand why family memberships are being discontinued. Additionally, Jill Gurley emphasized gathering youth names in the new software to help YADCA collect information and encourage participation.

- Event Feedback:
 - Youth Agenda could have been promoted better by providing a schedule for youth activities.
 - Communication for OSU tour was confusing.
- 5) Directors at Large – Dave asked the directors for their opinions and input that would help make the association better.
 - Charlotte Dykstra preferred holding the AGM at the Expo rather than online. John Paulin felt communication and online minutes were effective and agreed that in-person interaction at the Expo was beneficial.
 - 6) The meeting moved into an executive session at 5:00 EST to conduct election of the president and vice president as well as



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 7, 2026 - 7 pm CST

President – Dave Cluff
Vice Pres – Jill Gurley
IPP/Youth – Laaci Louderback
Secretary – Carole Nirosky
Registrar – Jill Delaney
Registrar – vacant

Treasurer – Mark Chaney
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1) Dave Cluff called the meeting to order at 7:02pm CST.

Roll call was taken.

2) Staff Reports

A. Registrar's Report – Jill Delaney

- Membership June 2026= 1398 / June 2025 = 1413
- Registrations June 2026 = 167 / June 2025 = 186
- Transfers June 2026: 157 / June 2025: 149
- Jill Delaney reported that registration numbers are consistent with the previous year, with a slight increase in cattle transfers. The association recorded sixty-six new paid memberships in June 2025 compared to 39 in June 2024 and have already registered nineteen new members in July.
- Erica Lantz recommended adding a forwarding address to the secondary registrar email to ensure member emails are not lost due to that email account not being monitored. Jill will add the response and forward emails to her email address.
- Carole Nirosky noted that testing is continuing to happen with the new Digital Beef software. One feature that should significantly reduce the administrative workload is the addition of new members. Digital Beef will automatically send emails to new members when they are added to the system, a new member number is automatically generated, the new member receives an email that includes a new member-package and another email with a link to reset their password. The member pays for membership and gains full access to the software.

Testing has shown how simple the process is.

B. Treasurer Report – Mark Chaney

- May 31, 2026, Financial Statement balance: \$ 343,492.
- The June bank account activity:
 - Revenue: \$14,408
 - Expenses: \$20,679
 - Digital Beef refunded the over-payment.
 - Large expense items in June include:
 - EG Media \$5850, Credit Card \$3368 (including \$1400 Expo expenses), Expo onsite checks: \$5295 (Judges, Photographer, Keynote Speaker & hay).
- Expo onsite sales and donations
 - Merchandise and meals \$1510, Fundraiser Auction \$3651, Cattle Auction \$362.
- Expo Show Award Payouts \$9375 plus Odom
- Mark Chaney plans to move approximately \$18,000 from the Expo PayPal account and additional funds from the Square account into the main bank account. Total Expo expenditures are projected near \$40,000, with \$23,500 in revenue, and payout amounts were roughly \$2,500 higher than the previous year due to increased entries.
- Dave Cluff congratulated Mark and Kathy Chaney on receiving the Talisman Award from the American Dexter Cattle Association, acknowledging the significance and merit of the recognition.

C. Secretary

- Carole Nirosky updated the board on completion and posting of the Expo results, including social media and website updates. ADCA officer election announcements along with Annual award announcements have been shared on social media and the website as well. She has also been working with Kimberly Jepsen on data testing the new Digital Beef software. They have been making progress on the 701X software implementation, including data testing the admin side and submitting tickets for fine-tuning, with a goal of system readiness for January 1, 2026, or potentially sooner.

3) Committee Updates - Jill Gurley initiated a review of committee leadership, noting that Patty Adams has agreed to chair the Pedigree and Genetics (PNG) committee. Dave Cluff clarified that committee chairs do not need to be board members and encouraged directors to be involved in at least one committee. Jill Gurley plans to contact current committee members to verify their status and update committee lists.

A. Youth - Laaci Louderback reported a successful Expo youth turnout, highlighting the new skill-a-thon with twenty-five participants, a speech contest, the Moolympics, and a costume contest. All participants received items such as blowers or show sticks, and Erica Lantz assisted with feed identification samples for the youth. Carole Nirosky added results from the youth activities, including winners of the Moolympics and skill-a-thon, to the youth section of the website to ensure participants could see their names listed.

- Dave Cluff and the group praised the dedication of youth participant Anakin High, noting their long-distance travel to the Expo and significant growth in animal husbandry skill. The group emphasized the positive impact the association has had on the development of youth participants.

B. Expo – Santiago Lizarraga provided feedback on the Expo reporting that overall comments were positive.

- Santiago received some constructive comments suggesting that future events require clearer signage for directions. He also recommended avoiding shared buildings with other events to prevent conflict.
- Expo Catering and Dietary Policy: Santiago Lizarraga suggested that the association clarify and post a policy stating they cannot accommodate special dietary restrictions at events. They proposed informing attendees that they are welcome to attend events even if they cannot consume the provided meals, provided they bring their own food.
- Expo Infrastructure Standards: Santiago Lizarraga noted that the association should clarify that provided cow/calf pens are basic, and exhibitors are responsible for providing their own extra gates or dividers if they require specific setups.
- Expo Feedback Mechanisms: Santiago Lizarraga suggested placing survey cards at the welcome desk at the start of future

events to capture feedback from attendees who leave early, rather than relying solely on post-event surveys.

- Executive Session: The board went into executive session at 7:43pm CST to discuss show practices and they returned at 8:12pm CST.
- Post-Expo Appreciation: The board expressed appreciation for the successful expo, thanking Santiago Lizarraga and the team for their hard work, organization, and hospitality. Participants shared their enjoyment of the event, highlighting the opportunity for in-person connection and camaraderie, which they valued even more than the livestock competition.

C. Member Retention Committee: Don Swisher

- Don Swisher updated the board on membership retention efforts, including the proposed Chris ODOM Memorial Heifer Initiative, which aims to involve youth in setting program rules. Patti Adams noted they would contact the ODOM family to inform them of this transition out of respect. Don Swisher reported that since mid-March, there have been ninety-five new active members, generating \$4,750 in revenue, with a projected annual increase of \$12,892 if trends continue.
- Region 4 Updates and Hay Inquiries: Don Swisher reported conducting a Zoom call for three new members to address questions regarding animal training and medical care. They also noted receiving numerous inquiries from members regarding hay quality and availability, which has become a significant challenge for the region.
- New Member Enrollment Strategy: The board discussed the process of recruiting new members. Patti Adams shared a successful strategy of printing online forms, addressing and stamping envelopes, and asking sellers to hand them directly to new buyers to facilitate enrollment.

4) Other

A. Proposed Emergency Relief Fund: Jill Delaney proposed the creation of a small emergency fund to assist members facing disasters, such as fires or floods, or to help offset the high costs of transporting hay. While the board acknowledged the difficulty of the current agricultural climate, they expressed caution regarding the complexity of policing who receives funds and how to distribute them fairly.

B. Official Association Endorsements: The board discussed the risks of listing hay suppliers on the official association website. Patti Adams cautioned that endorsing businesses could lead to liability issues if a member encounters a scammer, noting the association cannot vet every supplier. Dave Cluff agreed that while members should continue to share contacts informally, official endorsement by the ADCA is not advisable.

The meeting was officially adjourned following a motion by Patti Adams, seconded by Don Swisher with the next meeting set for August 4, 2026, 7:00pm CST.

Submitted by Carole Nirosky



AGM WRAP-UP MEETING

August 4, 2026 - 7 pm CST

President – Dave Cluff
Vice Pres – Jill Gurley
IPP /Youth - Laaci Louderback
Secretary – Carole Nirosky
Registrar – Jill Delaney
Registrar – vacant

Treasurer – Mark Chaney
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Region 12 – Erica Lantz

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1) Dave Cluff called the meeting to order at 7:02pm CST. Roll call was taken.

2) Staff Reports

A. Registrar's Report – Jill Delaney - July 2026 was a super active month for membership, registrations, and transfers. Paid new memberships continue to increase monthly. August already has eight new memberships. Jill observed that there has been an increase in the number of animals being purchased by new members, compared to previous one or two transactions.

- Membership July 2026= 1493, includes 28 new paid memberships / July 2025 = 1388
 - Last month, July 2025 should have been 1284 – the BOD approved amending the minutes to reflect the correct total.
- Registrations July 2026 = 251 / July 2025 = 150
- Transfers July 2026: 266 / July 2025: 180

B. Treasurer Report – Mark Chaney reported that revenue for June and July was approximately \$15,000, which exceeds

the \$11,000 to \$12,000 reported for the same months last year. Financial activities primarily involved expo-related funds, and it was noted that a final invoice for the expo caterer is still pending.

- June 30, 2026, Financial Statement balance: \$ 344,300.
- The July bank account activity:
 - Revenue: \$40,512 / Expenses: \$37,739
 - This revenue also includes a \$18,041 transfer from the EXPO PP account, a \$3,093 transfer from the Square account, and numerous checks and cash from EXPO merchandise sales and fundraiser donations.
- Large expense Items in July include:
 - Wayne County EXPO: \$4,016, Credit Card \$7623 (including \$5,907 EXPO expenses), EXPO Award Payouts: \$9,350, Travel Allowance for Directors & Officers: \$5,000, Odom Award Payouts: \$1,500

C. Secretary - Carole Nirosky confirmed that the SOP regarding

free memberships has been updated, and she has been working with Kimberly on 701X testing. It was noted that support calls remained low for July, with only fourteen calls received. Processed website and Ranch House updates.

3) Board of Directors Officers Updates/Report

A. President - Dave Cluff:

B. Vice President - Jill Gurley identified challenges in recruiting youth members and suggested adding children to 701X listings. Nancy Bowers proposed adding a youth membership link directly to the youth page, as it is currently difficult to find, and Carole Nirosky agreed to address this on the website.

C. Region 4 - Don Swisher: Don Swisher announced that Region 4 will host a quarterly guest speaker event on August 11th, featuring Jill Delaney and Josephina from the Texas A&M University lab, to discuss testing requirements and ADCA needs.

D. Genotype Report Submission Process: Laaci Louderback asked Jill Delaney if members should email genotype reports directly to Jill Delaney rather than using the online Gravity Forms. Jill indicated that members may either email forms to her directly or upload them alongside their registration documents. Emails sent from Ranch House forms provide a link to the documents, rather than copies. Jill will download these forms as they are received to maintain accurate records.

4) Committee Updates

A. Show Promotion and Bulletin: Erica Lantz requested that members submit photos and information about regional shows within two weeks for inclusion in the upcoming bulletin. The focus is on promoting networking and community building beyond just cattle showing.

B. National Expo Site Preparation: Erica Lantz announced plans for a site visit to the Hansen building in September with a local member to assess the layout for next year's nationals. It was noted that local committee members are essential to the planning process.

C. Marketing and Advertising Expenses: Pam Baker reported that \$1,500 was paid out to support the Tennessee and Nebraska State Fairs (\$750 each). Mark Chaney suggested that with potentially extra funds available due to the 701X delay and staffing changes, the group should consider increasing the advertising budget for the upcoming year.

D. Registered Dexter Beef Initiative: The group discussed creating guidelines for "Registered Dexter Beef" to assist members with

marketing. Grant Collins and Pam Baker were tasked with coordinating a small group to develop these marketing guidelines.

E. Website Hosting and Data Management: Carole Nirosky and Jill Delaney reported issues with the current website host, Ranch House, including a shift to monthly billing and increased server costs of an additional two hundred dollars a month. There were concerns over the inability to download and save all historical form data. The group is exploring options to download files before potentially switching to the new server. David Cluff emphasizes the importance of securing the association's information for the registrar to ensure records are accurate, suggesting that if necessary, they may need to renegotiate the contract to achieve this. Carole Nirosky agrees to communicate with Ranch House to facilitate access to these documents.

F. Registration & Data Software / 701x Testing Progress: Carole Nirosky reports that weekly meetings are occurring to address updates and job tickets. Kimberly Jepsen has been performing significant testing alongside other associations. The testing process is proceeding efficiently, with anticipated access for the board and a selected group of volunteer members to commence testing in the near future. During this phase, Kimberly, Jill, and Carole will initiate testing on the staff side of the software. This stage is expected to progress promptly, as the membership component of the product is nearing completion. The "go live" date has not been determined.

G. Replacement Certificate Pricing: Carole Nirosky proposes increasing the fee for replacement certificates from \$3 to \$5, citing rising costs for paper, postage, and administrative labor. Jill Delaney confirms that the current cost to produce these documents exceeds \$3. While the board discusses the timing, they agree to code the \$5 fee into the 701x system to be applied upon the system's launch.

H. Registration Certificate Format Adoption: Nancy Bowers suggests clarifying laboratory attributions on certificates (e.g., using "UCD" or "TAM" instead of "Dex") to assist members in identifying testing sources. Carole Nirosky agrees to verify if there is sufficient space for these labels on the design. Following the discussion, Grant Collins made a motion, Don Swisher seconded, to adopt the new registration certificate design. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

I. Membership Retention Committee:

- Scholarship Proposal: Don Swisher proposes a \$1,000

scholarship to be funded by the retention committee, with applications opening in February and closing March 15th. Don Swisher notes that the committee has raised \$6,150 from new memberships between mid-March and July.

Laaci Louderback and Grant Collins move and second the motion to approve the scholarship program. The motion passed unanimously by the board.

- **Tiered Membership Implementation:** Don Swisher presents the tiered membership system intended to improve retention and encourages announcing the program to members soon. David Cluff confirms the board previously voted to approve this system and directs that it be announced via the upcoming bulletin, with full implementation tied to the 701x launch. Carole Nirosky confirms that the bill codes are already prepared for this integration in 701X.
- **Membership Retention Materials:** Don Swisher details new member welcome initiatives, including the use of new, color-printed cards and stickers. Don Swisher credits the donation of a color printer and scanner by Little Hoof Ranch and Mooers Meadows for enabling this effort, with Jill Delaney managing the production to ensure members have clear information about their membership status and expiration dates.
- **Budget and Interest Planning:** Don Swisher inquired about the timeline for budget planning. Mark Chaney advises that the budget process typically begins after October and notes that current interest rates on bank holdings are approximately 3.5% to 3.7%.
- **Youth Committee Initiative:** Don Swisher shares that a meeting is scheduled for August 17th with Jill Delaney and Erin Chambers to finalize details for the Chris Odium Memorial Youth Heifer initiative.
- **Patch Procurement:** Don Swisher plans to order 2,000 patches around October for the tiered memberships at an estimated cost of \$5,300 to be prepared for the upcoming year. Don Swisher plans to revisit this request in subsequent board meetings.

5) Executive Session: Dave Cluff asked the board to enter an executive session at 8:16 pm to discuss a member contract issue. The board returned at 8:51pm. Laaci Louderback took charge of the meeting due to Dave Cluff having another meeting to attend.

6) Other items:

- A. **Dexter Milking Competition Proposal:** The board discussed a proposal for an annual milking competition to be recognized at the expo. It was suggested to focus on a 12-hour milk-out competition or potentially a quarterly format to encourage wider participation, with the goal of promoting Dexter cattle as a productive dual-purpose breed. The consensus is to request more specific information from Dave regarding the proposal and revisit the topic at the next meeting.
- B. **Grant Collins expressed frustration with members not following through with transferring or registering animals they have sold to their buyers.** Grant asked for clarification about the transfer policy and how it will be implemented in the 701X program. Discussion was held and the board agreed that the policy will continue with the buyer or seller being able to transfer a purchased animal. While we have never had anyone abuse the process any individual found misusing the system for animal transfers will be held accountable for violating the ADCA ethics policy. Following recurring registration issues, the group discussed the need to educate new buyers and sellers on proper documentation. Grant Collins proposed holding a class on required documentation at next year's expo to assist members who are new to the association and unfamiliar with registered animal procedures.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:55pm CST following a motion by Robert Whitlow, seconded by Grant Collins with the next meeting set for September 1, 2026, 7:00pm CST.

Submitted by Carole Nirosky

ADCA COMMITTEE LIST

Pedigree & Genetics Committee

Patti Adams Chair region 6@dextercattle.org
Jill Gurley Co-Chair
Zippy Stahl
Isaac Harmon (youth member)

Education Committee

Erica Lantz Chair region12@dextercattle.org
Nancy Bowers
Sharie Stocklin
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