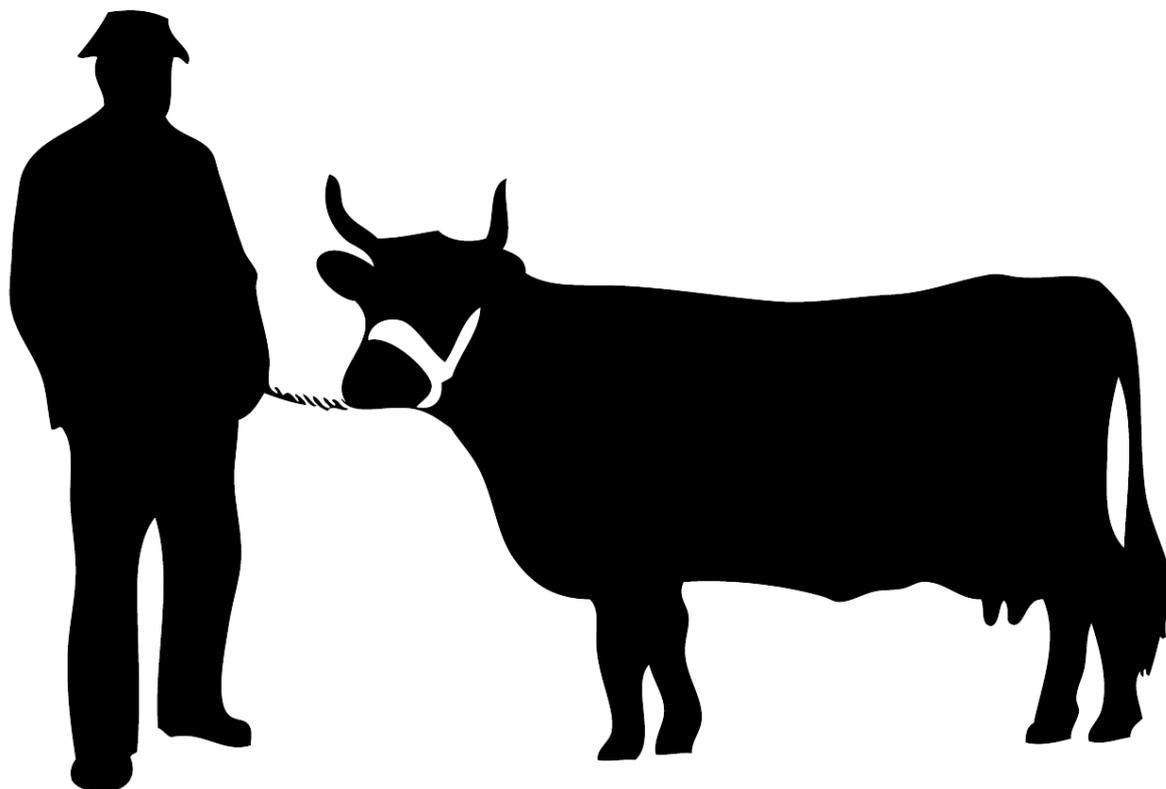


Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc)



2017

Annual General Meeting

10 June 2017

Hamilton Airport and Conference Centre

201 Airport Rd

Located adjacent to Hamilton Airport

Hamilton

2017 AGM PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

Travel to Hamilton

HUDSON'S RESTAURANT AND BAR (attached to Hamilton Airport Hotel, 201 Airport Rd. Located adjacent to Hamilton Airport)

Informal, casual get-together (at own cost)

6pm pre-dinner drinks

7pm dinner

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

HAMILTON AIRPORT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, 201 Airport Rd. Located adjacent to Hamilton Airport.

8.30am Registrations

9.00am (sharp) AGM commences

10.00am Morning tea (complimentary)

10.20am AGM continues

12.00pm AGM finishes

12.30pm Lunch (complimentary)

1.30pm Workshop 1 starts: Trees For Cows

2.15pm Workshop 1 finishes

2.30pm Workshop 2 starts: Soil/Plant/Animal Connection

3.15pm Workshop 2 finishes

6.00pm Meet in bar for pre-dinner drinks

7.00pm Buffet Dinner (\$45 per person; to be paid to DCSNZ on registration)

SUNDAY 11 June

9.00am Bus Trip. Pick-up and drop off outside Hamilton Hotel and Conference Centre.
Complimentary lunch included.

2.30pm Approx time of return to Hotel.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

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3. Moment of Silence in Remembrance
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13. 2018 AGM - Suggested venue: ?
14. Close Meeting

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Trailways Hotel, Nelson, 11 June, 2016

Council June 2015 – June 2016

President - Betsy Smith
Treasurer - Grant Keymer
Secretary - Robyn Snelgar
Membership - Maureen Pettersson
Showing & Judging - Betsy Smith
Area Groups/Promotions - vacant
Dispatch Liaison - Maureen Pettersson
Webmaster - Grant Keymer
AGM Co-Ordinator – Sue Monk

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke
Herd Registry Assistant - Mary Howard
Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Complaints Officers - North Island Grant Conway
- South Island – Di Burgess

Life Members

Alec Meades - 2004
Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006
Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek-- 2008

Nancy Edge - 2004
Peter Lucking - 2007
Keith Wratt - 2008

PRESENT:

Betsy Smith, Robyn Snelgar, Grant Keymer, Maureen Pettersson, Sue Monk, Steve Snelgar, Marion Corbett, Lindsey & Barry Benbow, Sue Jones, Trudy Robertson, Julie Rush, Helen Taylor, Linda Searell, Mary Howard, Cathie Hughes, Jo Brightwell, Helen & John Blanchard, Lucy & Simon Raisbeck, Tony Cutten, John & Jillian Walst, Marion Mangnall.

APOLOGIES:

Sheril & Jamie Fryer, Judy & Alex Bromham, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Murray & Marti Winn, Alec & Anne Meades, Garth & Jean Woodward, Margaret Perry, Shirley Spik, Keith & Heather Wratt, Dave Howard, Wayne Pettersson, Dayle Flannigan, Grant Conway, Rodney Cardno, Adrian & Mike Marfell-Jones, Michael Trotter, Graham & June Cooper, Marie & Michael Malone, Simon & Wendy Stokes, Elaine & Rob Partridge, Ava Hunt, Christin Bennett, Coopers, Teagues, Brenda Batchelar, Don & Janice Viles, Robby Moran, Vince & Gwen McBride, Glen Joslin, Jacki & Alister Teague.

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Helen Blanchard/Grant Keymer.....carried unanimously

Note from the secretary – Please accept my apologies for any omissions and/or spelling errors in the member list of those that are in attendance and the apologies. I do ask that names be printed clearly on the attendance, proxy & apology lists. Thank you

Betsy Smith the President declared the meeting declared open at 9.00am. She welcomed everyone and went over the house keeping for the day. She thanked Marion Mangnall and her team organizing the AGM. She also thanked Marion Corbett for organising and displaying the photo competition.

Betsy asked if there were any bereavements since the last AGM to report. This was acknowledged with a minutes silence for - Terry Arthurs #228 from Masterton

Confirmation of Agenda

Betsy asked if there was anything to add to the agenda.

THAT the agenda be accepted

Moved by Betsy Smith/Mary Howard.....carried unanimously

Betsy asked if there were any other matters to be added to the agenda under General Business

The following items were added for discussion in General Business - Deregistering animals, SI Complaints Officer, Change of date for AGM Weekend, Use of surplus society funds.

THAT the changes to the agenda be accepted

Betsy Smith/Helen Blanchard.....carried unanimously

MINUTES OF THE 16th AGM June 2015:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Salt Conference Centre, Napier on June 06, 2015 have been read.

Moved by Betsy Smith/Sue Monk.....carried unanimously

Maureen Pettersson said that proxy voters had not been added to the apologies.

Robyn apologized and will add these.

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Salt Conference Centre, Napier on June 06, 2015 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by Betsy Smith/Tony Cutten.....carries unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2015/16 financial reports.

THAT the correspondence be accepted

Moved by Grant Keymer/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Betsy Smith

Betsy asked the members if there was any discussion on the Presidents report.

THAT the President's report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Betsy Smith/Julie Rush.....carried unanimously

Council Reports: Betsy Smith

Betsy briefly went over the council reports and moved they be accepted

THAT the Council reports and the report of Office Holders off Council as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be taken as read.

Moved by Betsy Smith/John Walstcarried unanimously

THAT the Council Reports and the report of Office Holders off Council be adopted

Betsy Smith/Grant Keymer.....carried unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT: Grant Keymer

Grant talked about the healthy state of the society bank account. He talked about his proposal that existing members have a free membership for the next financial year.

Tony Cutten asked how much the net loss would be. Grant said this would be about \$17,500.

Grant also talked about the cut in interest rates from Westpac bank.

Steve Snelgar asked about putting surplus funds towards encouraging members to attend the AGM. Grant explained this was discussed at last years AGM and there was a survey sent to members for suggestions and it concluded that the members that responded did not want to use money on the AGM as only a small proportion of the members attend.

John Walst pointed out this is a remit so it will be discussed then. Betsy agreed and asked members to think about this before the remits are discussed.

John Walst asked about making a term deposit at another bank with a higher interest rate. Grant talked about the effort required for the return which is very little extra compared to the current investment at Westpac.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2016 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Moved by Grant Keymer/Robyn Snelgar.....carried unanimously

Jillian Walst proposed a vote of thanks to Grant for his work as treasurer.

Everyone thanked Grant for his work on the finances

THAT the Treasurers report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Grant Keymer/Tony Cuttencarried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

Betsy vacated the chair. Robyn asked for the Presidents nomination to be accepted. There were no other nominations.

THAT Betsy Smith be re-elected as President for 2016-2017 period.

Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson.....carried

Tony Cutten talked about Betsy and her service to Dexters, in Showing & Judging and also in leasing out her bulls to members. She & Stan lead from the front and do very good job promoting the breed.

Betsy said she will take Tony's words back to Stan.

Julie Rush also thanked Betsy for her professional manner in running the society and conduct at shows.

The new council was announced. An election was not required. Betsy welcomed Lucy Raisbeck to council

President	Betsy Smith	(Unopposed)		
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(Unopposed)	Maureen Pettersson	(Unopposed)
	Grant Keymer	(Unopposed)	Sue Monk	(Sitting)
	Lucy Raisbeck	(Elected)		

THAT the council nominations be accepted

Moved by Betsy Smith/Julie Rush.....carried unanimously

Betsy Smith thanked Lucy for joining council.

Betsy informed the members that it is a society requirement to have complaints officers and that Di Burgess has resigned so we need a replacement Complaints Officer preferably South Island based.

Elected Positions held Off Council:

Complaints Officers – North Island - Grant Conway – (unopposed) South Island – vacant

There was no nomination received for the SI Complaints officer.

Helen Blanchard nominated John Blanchard for the position of SI Complaints Officer

THAT John Blanchard be accepted as the SI Complaints Officer for 2016-2017 period

Helen Blanchard/Simon Raisbeck.....carried unanimously

Betsy thanked John for accepting the nomination.

THAT the Complaints Officers Grant Conway & John Blanchard be accepted for the 2016 - 2017 period be accepted

Robyn Snelgar/Grant Keymercarried unanimously

Other Positions held Off Council (non elected):

Betsy acknowledged the positions held of council and talked about the Research position that had be held by Brenda Batchelar and is now vacant.

Current positions are as follows -

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke **Assistant Herd Registrar** - Mary Howard

Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Grant Keymer had been in discussions with Tony Cutten and nominated Tony Cutten for the position of research.

THAT Tony Cutten be accepted to the research portfolio
Grant Keymer/ Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Robyn & Betsy welcomed Tony to the role.

Julie Rush offered to take on a new position as Youth Encouragement/Promotion Officer
Julie talked about her proposal and what she would like to do.

Betsy talked about the RAS proposal promoting Youth in the show ring
Robyn asked Julie if she was interested in being co-opted to council as the Promotions portfolio holder
which she accepted

THAT Julie Rush be co-opted and accepted to the role of Promotions Officer on council with and Youth
Encouragement being included in the role.
Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Betsy thanked Julie for volunteering to take on this position.

SNOWLINE & TUROA YOUTH TROPHIES

Betsy announced the winners of the 2 Showing Trophies
She talked about the trophies and how they came about and they criteria for entry for these 2 awards.
The winner of the Snowline Trophy is Julie & Alex Bromham of Te Kuiti with 29 points. The runners up were
Daniel Ward & Jane Rist.
Betsy accepted the trophy on Julie & Alex's behalf.

The winner of the Turoa Trophy is Arjan Pederson with 89 points. He has been showing Dexters since he
was about 5 years old.
Grant accepted this on Arjan's behalf and will take the trophy to him.
Betsy talked about the Turoa Youth Trophy while presenting it.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00am for morning tea
Meeting reconvened at 10.30am.

REMITTS

Remit 1 – Membership Fees - Proposed by council

THAT membership renewal fees be waived for the 2016/2017 financial year with fees applicable to new
members remaining unchanged.

Rationale – The society currently has surplus funds. This has arisen due to the greatly reduced costs of
printing the Dispatch over the past 2 years. Council sees this is an equitable way of returning surplus funds
to all current members.

There was a lot of discussion on alternatives to using society funds.

John Walst proposed an amendment to the remit

THAT remit 1 be amended to read -

THAT membership fees for new members be waived with fees applicable to existing members remaining unchanged.

John Walst/Tony Cutten.....

For -3, against 19.....lost

John Walst replied to this and said that this seemed to be a good idea based on his experience with new members. This is a good way to promote the breed.

John Blanchard said that the current \$50 fee is very little paying a fee shows a commitment to the breed.

Lindsey Benbow suggested 2 years for the price of one.

Trudy said that we have a very cheap membership. The Herefords charge \$150 per year plus dam fees

Mary Howard said that by making this available to new members only would take a long time to reduce surplus funds.

Grant said this would only benefit new members

Marion Mangnall felt that many new members only last a couple of years so would not be of much benefit.

John Walst replied with comments on the declining membership so this remit may help by giving them the benefit of the society.

Robyn talked about the national decline in membership of all breeds of animals and the national decline of people coming and going on lifestyle blocks.

Maureen Petterson proposed another amendment to the remit

THAT remit 1 be amended to read **THAT** all subs be reduced by \$10.00 for the next financial year

Maureen Petterson/Julie Rush

For 11 , against 8, abstentions 1.....carried

The new remit was voted on

THAT all subs be reduced by \$10.00 for the next financial year

Maureen Petterson/Julie Rush.....carried by majority

For 11 proxies 16, against 7, abstentions 2

Maureen said that all members will get something out of this including junior and associate members.

John Blanchard said \$50 is very cheap and thought funds could be spent elsewhere.

Lucy Raisbeck asked why surplus funds is a problem. Grant said we are a non-profit organization so we need to do something with some of the funds. John Blanchard said to spend more on promotions and could we budget for it.

Grant said there is \$400.00 per year for each area group which doesn't get spent.

Julie Rush suggested more money be spent on prize money.

Note - Remit 1a will not be necessary if Remit 1 is passed – this was not voted on as an amendment was passed for membership

Remit 1a – Membership Fees - Proposed by council

THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale - There is no need to make any change.

Remit 2 – Registration fees - Proposed by council

THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

For 21 proxies 9, against 0.....carried unanimously

Remit 3 - Transfer Fees

THAT Transfer fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

For 20 proxies 14, against 1 proxy.....carried by majority

Remit 4 - Membership Categories

THAT Regulation 2.1 - Membership be updated as follows

2.1 Categories of Membership:

Membership shall be divided into the following categories:

(A) MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Limited to residents of New Zealand who belong to one of the following categories

Full membership, 1 vote per *stud* - \$50.00

Be changed to

Full membership, 1 vote per *person* - \$50.00

Rationale – To ensure a quorum is met at the AGM by allowing all current Full Members voting rights.

Trudy asked why a stud with 2 members get 2 votes and a stud with 1 person get 1 vote.

There general discussion was that we need the votes and it is a practical way of making sure the quorum is met after the effort taken to attend the AGM.

The remit was amended to remove the \$ amount from the remit

THAT remit 4 be amended to read - THAT Regulation 2.1 - Membership be updated as follows

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(A)

MEMBERS WITH V OTING RIGHTS: Limited to residents of New Zealand who belong to one of the following categories

Full membership, 1 vote per *stud*

Be changed to

Full membership, 1 vote per adult member to a maximum of 2 per stud

Rationale – To ensure a quorum is met at the AGM by allowing all current Full Members voting rights.

For 20, proxies 14, Against 1.....carried by majority

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Be changed to

Full membership, 1 vote per adult member to a maximum of 2 per stud

For 16, proxies 15, against 4.....carried by majority

Remit 5 – Amendment of Regulation 9.7

THAT Regulation 9.7

9.7 In the event of a non-member selling previously registered Dexters to a DCSNZ full paid member, these cattle are able to be transferred to that person with all the original rights of registered Dexters. The cattle will be inspected to confirm their identity by sighting at least one but preferably both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph..

Any registration forms are to be returned to Herd Registrar, **along with payment for transfer.**

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. For any cow/heifer purchased in-calf, proof will be required that the sire is a registered Dexter bull and is owned by a current financial member of DCSNZ.

Be amended to read as follows –

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Any registration forms are to be returned to Herd Registrar..

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. For any cow/heifer in-calf, proof will be required that the sire is a registered Dexter bull and is owned by a current financial member of DCSNZ.

Rational – The society has no jurisdiction over non-members to pay the transfer fee. The buyer (member) has not created the situation therefore should not asked to pay a fee.

For 20, proxies 15, against 0.....carried unanimously

Remit 6 – Members Selling to Non-members

THAT Regulation 9 **Transfer of Ownership of Cattle** have a section added to cover the fees due for members selling to non- members. The regulation being –

9.8 In the event of a member selling to a non-member no transfer fee will be payable. The seller must sign, scan/email or post the green form to the Herd Registrar within 30 days of sale.

Rationale – The process has been unclear and transfer fees have frequently been unpaid in these circumstances.

For 20 proxies 15, against 0.....carried unanimously

The budget could not be confirmed until the remits were finalized due to membership remit Grant made amendments to the budget due the remits that were passed.

This was presented to the members showing all figures that were changed. The members recorded these changes in their copies of the AGM booklet.

THAT the amended budget for 2016-2017 period be accepted

Grant Keymer/Helen Blanchard.....carried unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Deregistering Animals

Marion Mangnall talked about this in Remits - Deregistering animals.

The merits of cattle that are sold on and how they should be represented in the herd book was discussed. If an owner decides that an animal is not suitable for future breeding due to poor conformation these animals are often sold on as unregistered (on hold). Currently such animals can be brought back into the herd back with Nait or dna.

Terminology of the records was discussed – Not suitable for breeding, commercial

This needs to be covered in a remit next year.

SI Complaints Officer

This was covered in the elections section of the meeting with John Blanchard being co-opted as the South Island representative.

South Island Breed Show

This was discussed earlier but there was a recap and further discussion on the future of the show.

This show has been struggling due to poor support in recent years.

Betsy informed the members of how the show is organized and how the host A&P show is chosen.

Betsy suggested that the show be put on hold as there has been no suggested host A&P show for the next year. If a member would like to suggest and/or continue this can be reinstated at any time.

Change of date for AGM Weekend.

The AGM weekend being change to Queens Birthday weekend was briefly discussed. The members were all happy to keep things as they are.

Use of surplus society funds.

John Walst suggested that a historical data base be kept for data that may be of interest to members. Research articles kept for member interest. Grant talked about documents being stored in a central data base.

Jillian Walst suggested more promo material in the local magazines.

Marion Corbett suggested leasing a trailer for shows being funded by the society.

Truck hire was also suggested.

2017 AGM

Council had previously discussed a possible option for the venue for next and year and put their suggestion to the members.

The members in attendance were happy with this suggestion.

The suggested venue for 18th AGM & Conference on 10 June, 2017 will be held at Hamilton (North Island).

Note -

SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD

There were no special service awards this year.

Meeting closed 12.45pm.

Note – This year the members had the choice to attend 3 workshops held after lunch if they wanted to. They were the society website and it’s functionality, chondrodysplasia and colour genetics

President

Betsy Smith.....

Date

Secretary

Robyn Snelgar.....

Date

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Council met 3 times over the past year, as has been the pattern for several years now. These F2F (face to face) meetings have been the main vehicle by which Council members have discussed Society matters. For the rest of the year, Council's main method of communication is by email. As has also been the case for several years, the F2F meetings were held at the home of Robyn & Steve Snelgar, thus reducing the accommodation cost for the Society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn & Steve for hosting Council F2F meetings for those 3 weekends.

In April, Council trialed a meeting via conference call. Thanks go to Grant Keymer for co-ordinating this. Due to the success of the April meeting, Council has agreed to meet via conference call again in place of the July F2F meeting. It is hoped that other members may consider joining Council if the majority of meetings are conducted in this way in future.

I would like to thank fellow Council members and office-holders for all the hard work you do on behalf of the Society throughout the year. These voluntary positions are very important to the running of the Society. Recognition must also go to those members who promote the Dexter breed in a variety of ways, both locally and nationally.

Unfortunately, Lucy Raisbeck, who joined Council last year, has resigned due to family and work commitments. This means that there is currently no South Island representation on Council, which is not an ideal situation. As members will have noted, Council has circulated messages via the Dispatch and the DCSNZ Face Book page, inviting the nomination of a South Island member. This is a matter for the membership to rectify.

The DCSNZ Face Book page has become increasingly popular as a means of communication for members, Area Reps and Council. Advertisements for cattle (both for sale and wanted to buy) can be posted on the page. This is a closed FB group; if you are not a member and wish to join, make a request to Grant Keymer via the FB page.

The Website Market Place is no longer functioning; it now has a link to the DCSNZ Facebook page for those wishing to advertise stock.

It is pleasing to note that the Society's finances continue to remain favorable. Grant will give more details in his financial report.

As you will have read in the May Dispatch, the Society has a new internet domain: dextercattle.nz. Thanks go to Grant for securing this for us when it became available. The existing domains will also remain functional for now.

There have recently been a number of new members joining the Society, which is a pleasing trend. Membership numbers are included in Maureen's report.

Julie Rush has taken on the new 'Youth Co-ordinator' portfolio which she is in the process of developing. This initiative fills a gap in the Society's functions and is in line with the RAS focus of encouraging youth into the show ring.

Over the last few months, 2 national bodies have asked Cherry Oak Stud to provide Dexters for their events: the FMG Waikato/BOP Young Farmer of the Year Regional Final and the Dairy NZ and Fonterra sponsored Waikato Excite Interactive Exhibition 'Milk Matters: Towards Sustainable Farming', aimed at 7- 12yr olds and their families. Cherry Oak Stud was also asked to provide 2 quiet weaner heifers for a 'Farmyard' display at the recent Waikato Show (a combined Waikato Winter Show and Waikato Home Show). These 3 occasions provided ideal opportunities to promote Dexters to the wider public, in particular to audiences who wouldn't usually have the chance to learn about the breed.

Massey University, Palmerston North, informed Council in April that BD1&2 testing (for chondrodysplasia in Dexters) is now available. The previous DNA/sire verification submission form available on the DCSNZ website has been updated to include a request for BD testing.

I wish to remind members of one particular DCSNZ regulation ie that brass tags **MUST BE INSERTED IN ANIMALS' EARS**. The lack of brass tags (or matching NAIT tags) has created additional expense for members who wish to have previously registered Dexters brought back into the Herd Book, as they have had to pay for a DNA test prior to sire verification of the animal.

Council has recently discussed a possible future remit requiring female Dexters to be DNA profiled prior to registration. This would bring heifer registrations in line with that for bulls, thus increasing the integrity of the Herd Registry. It would also take the Society one step closer to enabling future FPV (full parent verification).

Both the online cattle registration and cattle transfer forms are being accessed by a significant number of members. Paper copies may still be sent to Mary Howard (Herd Registrar Assistant) for processing. It is vital also that members inform Tony Houlbrooke (Herd Registrar) when animals need their status updated in the Registry – either because they're deceased/culled or have been sold to a non-member. It is a regulatory responsibility of members to inform the Herd Registrar of changes so that the accuracy of the Registry is maintained. Animals sold to non- members, as well as those whose status has not been notified, are coded 'ON HOLD' in the Herd Registry. This indicates that the animal is not 'active' in the Registry and is therefore not counted in the tally of registered stock.

I hope all members who attend this year's Conference & AGM in Hamilton have a most enjoyable weekend.

Betsy Smith

WEBSITE REPORT 2017

Our new web server hosted by NZ company NET24 has been up and running for just over 6 months now with excellent performance and reliability. The utilisation from month to month has been fairly consistent, with a slight reduction over the December/January period before rebounding to record levels in February/March. Usage by overseas visitors is about 63% vs. 37% for domestic visitors meaning that our site is proving to be a valuable resource for people not only within NZ but around the world.

On March 30th, the internet address dextercattle.nz became available after its 'Reserved' status lapsed. This provides the shortest possible address for members to reach our website and I've had my eye on it since it was announced in September 2014. Dextercattle.nz is now owned by DCSNZ and will become our preferred web address over time as printed materials are updated. The existing dexter-cattle.co.nz address will continue to operate in parallel with the new one for many years or perhaps indefinitely as it has been our web address since 2002.

Grant Keymer

SOUTH ISLAND PROMOTIONS 2017

During my time on council I have displayed a couple of Dexters at two Mid Canterbury A&P shows, Ashburton in October last year and Methven in March this year. On display was a 3 year old red cow and a 2 year old black steer. The most repeated comment was "I can't believe they are fully grown" We are surrounded by Dairy cows in Canterbury so seeing such animals of short stature was a novelty. Marion Magnall has been holding regular field days for Canterbury, Nelson & West coast areas, they are a great way to meet "Dexter People" and there is always time to ask lots of questions. The Council would like to have some more South Islanders join the Council, it is a great opportunity to have an input to the running of the Society. The council are a lovely bunch! so why not stand up and get involved, its fun and very rewarding

Diana Lucy Raisbeck

NORTH ISLAND PROMOTIONS AND YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR 2017

This is the first year I have carrying out this role so am still in the learning stages of what is the best avenue to take to promote the Dexter breed. However so far this year I have shown several Dexters at the Levin and Masterton A&P shows along with Trudy Robertson and Bruce Jones. At both shows we received a lot of interest and queries about the breed. What was noticeable particularly at the Levin show were the high number of dairy cows being shown so having Dexters close by did help to create this interest.

I also attended a rural day in Feilding with Sue Monk which was a great success with numerous people given our Dexter brochures. I have also placed information about Dexters at several offices of Vets, Farmlands, and RD1 around the lower North Island.

I do feel it is very important to get the word out there amongst community about what a fantastic breed our little Dexters are. One area I do wish to encourage is to get the youth involved through the calf days and at various A&P shows around the North Island. So this is a plea to all parents, grandies, and other family members involved with Dexter to encourage the kids to get going.

Julia Rush

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2016/17

As of the 1st April 2017 we have 275 Financial Members and 5 Life Members

There were a total of **46 New Members**, which is double that of last year.

2016/17

2015/16

Financial Members – 275 (46 New Members)	279 (23)
Life Members – 5	5
Resigned Members – 354 (18 16/17 year)	331 (16)
16/17 Lapsed Members – 30	33
Lapsed Past Members – 502	441
Deceased/Merged Members – 8	8

Since the 1st June 2017 and writing this report we have had another 6 New Members or Lapsed Members paying their Membership.

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON FILE – 1177 (Past & Present)

Maureen Pettersson

SHOWING AND JUDGING REPORT 2017

As has been the case for the past few years, some A&P Shows last season had good numbers of Dexter entries, some provided a separate Dexter Section and at other shows Dexters were paraded with other breeds.

Well done to those members who helped with shows in any way and to those who exhibited Dexters last season, with a special welcome to 'newbies' to the show ring. It was especially pleasing to see some new youth handlers exhibiting Dexters.

Exhibitors at the NIBS held at Rotorua were very fortunate to benefit from judge, Carl Botha's, excellent commentary on each animal in the ring. This was a very well supported event, with 15 animals entered by 5 members.

The Waikato and Tauranga Shows were also very well supported, with entries of 9 and 14 Dexters respectively.

Smaller numbers of Dexters were entered in shows in Northland, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu and Wairarapa.

The 2016/17 NIBS will be held at Morrinsville.

Unfortunately the SIBS was not held last season, due to a continued lack of members exhibiting Dexters in the South Island.

There were very few Dexter entries at the Royal A&P Show, which was held at Hastings again last season. It would be good to see an increase in entries at this Show in October 2017.

A&P Shows, Show results, past trophy winners and a judges' list can all be found on the DCSNZ website. A Dexter judges' list is also in the RAS website.

The NIBS & SIBS shields and DCSNZ Royal Show Trophy are each presented at their respective shows. In addition to these, the Society has 2 show trophies which are awarded at the AGM, on points accrued over the season. The winners of the Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy will be announced at this Conference & AGM.

Betsy Smith

HERD REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2017

● *Keeping the register in shape*

After the "purge the register" operation which removed a large number of animals that were long since dead there were 1735 live animals at that point (May 2015). Twelve months on the number of live animals (May 2016) was 1624. Currently (May 2017) there are 1450 live animals showing. So we appear to be keeping the registry trimmed with culls being regularly removed.

We are continuing to remind members to advise us when they do cull animals.

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● *Online versus standard mail*

The use of online registration continues to be the favoured way to register animals – this has increased over the last 12 months so that possibly 75% are registered in this manner. The online transfer system has emerged also this year which is used often. There are some challenges with this. To mimic the paper system we needed to have involvement of both seller and buyer verifying the transaction. This required that both fill out the online form. Inevitably one or other is tardy doing this. The question has been asked – do we need both to do this – would it be satisfactory to just have the seller fill in the form?

We do now have an online form for reporting culls as well.

A reminder also that it is an acceptable practise to scan and send transfers or culls attached to emails – thus saving the postage cost and time lag.

We are continuing to maintain the physical records – it is surprising how often they need to be accessed to verify when and how something was actioned in the past.

Payment is often a headache. This is amplified with more online processing. A majority pay promptly as they tick the paid online option, but some take a long while. Also locating the appropriate payment from the bank can be challenging. The simplest identifiers are Membership number & reason – eg Mem 123, 2x transfers

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- ***Brass Tags & Identification of animals***

Brass tags continue to be issued with each registered animal though it is discouraging that so few find their way into ears. This means we need to be vigilant in gathering secondary physical identification. NAIT tags are in the ears of every animal and we do encourage those numbers to be included with registration. Many members are doing this now.

In the cases where tags are not conclusive in providing ID of an animal occasionally DNA profiling can assist. We have had quite a number of cases this year which have been difficult – where lapsed members have sold animals and these having no brass tags. So begins the process of checking for other tags, or then a DNA test. Also the DNA test may not be an option as there may not be a profile of the sire to match to.

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- ***DNA test arrangements***

The changed arrangements for DNA profiling have been in place for 18 months now. Members are taking responsibility to send in tail hairs directly and action their own DNA tests. By and large this is working well. Massey was suggested as being the recommended provider (with UQ & UC Davis as other alternatives). Almost all profiling this year was done through Massey.

Registrations of bulls continue to require a certain amount of work from the registrar – locating a profile of the sire often being needed – and there are still sires out there who were profiled under Genemark's G3 (SNP) profiling. These cannot be converted and must be re-profiled with tail hairs and a satellite test.

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- ***Full parent verification***

Discussions are in progress for the possible requirement that all registrations be parent verified. This has rather large implications. Matches would have to be done to both sire and dam. This is underway in the US. They have started this by initially requiring that all females be profiled (bulls already are). In particular the time requirements of the Herd registrar would be extended greatly. It may be attainable for a retired person, or with an extra assistant registrar!

Tony Houlbrooke, Herd Registrar

DISPATCH REPORT 2016/17

Thanks to the many members who have given me positive feedback and sent articles and/or photo's for the Dexter Dispatch. Without you the Dispatch as we know it would not exist.

Once again I would also like to thank our Dispatch printers at Rimutaka Prison, they have been amazing to work with, have given us an amazing service and nothing is ever a problem.

The 2018 Winter Issue of the Dexter Dispatch will reach its 100th edition this time next year and Council was hoping to put forward the idea to have a Special Edition for this issue.

It is hoped this would include the History of Dexters in NZ, Story's from the past, and possibly a cheaper fee for all studs that advertise in this issue.

It would be great to get everyone's ideas and opinions on this subject, so that Council can start to make plans for this very special edition.

Maureen Petterson

ELECTIONS 2017

This year, 4 nominations were received for Council and one nomination for President, along with one nomination for Complaints Officer. Our regulations state that Council should be a maximum of 8, so we have no need for an election this year.

All nominations will be ratified at the AGM.

Betsy Smith #329 – President – Nominated by Jeanette Ward #1067

My husband Stan and I have bred Dexters at Cherry Oak Stud in Matangi since 2002. We've shown our cattle since 2005, enjoying much success over the past 11yrs.

My interest in Dexters began in 1998 when I bought my first 2 weaner heifers. The focus of Cherry Oak Stud has always been to breed animals of sound conformation and temperament. Our foundation herd was black; through selective breeding all our Dexters are now either red or carrying red.

Since retiring at the end of 2014 after 37yrs in education, I have certainly had no time to be bored!

I have continued to value my involvement on Council and have an interest in assisting the Society to keep up to date with current trends of the digital era.

I am happy to accept this nomination and if elected for a further term as President, would endeavor to continue to act in the best interests of the Society and its members.

Robyn Snelgar #221 & #449 – Council – Nominated by Stan Smith #329

REMITTS 2017

Remit 1 – Membership Fees

Proposed by Council

THAT membership fees remain at \$40.

Rationale – The society still has surplus funds so this is a way to give something further back to the members.

Remit 2 – Transfer fees for Member purchasing from Non-member

Proposed by council

THAT Reg 9.7 be updated to include the following: ‘ the DCSNZ full paid member who purchases the stock is to pay the transfer fee’

9.7 In the event of a non-member selling previously registered Dexters to a DCSNZ full paid member, these cattle are able to be transferred to that person with all the original rights of registered Dexters. The cattle will be inspected to confirm their identity by sighting at least one but preferably both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph.

Any registration forms are to be returned to Herd Registrar.

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. For any cow/heifer in-calf, proof will be required that the sire is a registered Dexter bull and is owned by a current financial member of DCSNZ.

Rationale: To clarify payment of the transfer fee in line with information on the website.

Remit 3 - MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – Proposed by Trudy Robertson #978, seconded by Michelle Goodwin #1114

THAT Regulation 2.1 – Membership be updated as follows

2.1 Categories of Membership:

Membership shall be divided into the following categories:

MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Limited to residents of New Zealand who belong to one of the following categories

Full membership, 1 vote per adult member to a maximum of 2 per stud

Be changed to

Full Membership, 1 vote per Stud

Rational – To have voting rights fair for all studs within the Society no matter how many people are involved in each stud. No other Cattle Society or Association within New Zealand allows anymore than 1 vote per stud.

Remit 4 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION 4.4 CATEGORIES – Proposed by Trudy Robertson #978, seconded by Michelle Goodwin #1114

THAT Constitution 4.4 be updated to as follows

4.4 The quorum for a General Meeting will be twenty (20) voting members.

Be changed to

4.4 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Society or fifteen (15) voting members all personally present or by proxy whichever shall be the lesser.

Rational – To ensure a quorum is more easily met at the AGM.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2017

Financial Report for the year ended 31/3/17

* Accumulated Funds are \$37,502 vs. \$35,800 budgeted

* Current year deficit is \$5,799 vs. \$7,500 budgeted

This happy situation is largely due to the 46 new members who have joined this financial year -- the largest number since 2012-13. Also, careful management of costs, and some promotional budgets being underspent.

We have sufficient postage stamps in stock to cover at least 18 months of Dispatch issues. This should mean a smaller deficit next year; however the Brochures and Breeder's Handbook will soon need to be reprinted, resulting in some erosion of next year's savings.

Term deposits total \$24,500 which will allow us to leave membership subs at \$40 per year and continue running modest deficits for at least the next 3 years. Thereafter, subs may have to return to \$50 but 2020 is a long way off, so it's difficult say with any certainty.

Due to personal circumstances, we have not yet received the audited accounts as we normally would have at this time of year. Hence the audited accounts are not included in this booklet. However, the complete accounts will be provided at the AGM in June, and will be published online as soon as they are available.

Grant Keymer

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017-18

Basically the same as actual expenditure 2016-17 except for:

- 1) Breeders handbook needs to be reprinted. 500 copies costing approx. \$1500.
- 2) We don't need to buy any stamps this year due to large remaining stock.
- 3) Brochures need to be reprinted. 1000 copies costing approx. \$300.
- 4) AGM is expected to be about \$1500 more expensive than last year due to increased numbers attending, a more costly bus trip and meal costs being a bit more expensive. The final amount may be less than initially thought depending on the generosity of members at the auction.

DEFICIT for 2016-17 was \$5800

PROJECTED DEFICIT for 2017-18 is also \$5800 approx.

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Proposed Budget Statements for the year ended 31st March 2018

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DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Membership Budget for the year ended 31st March 2018

	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget
MEMBERSHIP			
Income			
Subscription Renewals	\$7,412	\$9,265	\$9,000
New Members	\$1,200	\$2,380	\$1,500
New Herd / Stud Registration	\$400	\$550	\$400
	\$9,012	\$12,195	\$10,900
Expenses			
Breeders Handbook			\$1,438
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$200	\$24	\$100
General Expenses			
	\$200	\$24	\$1,538
Surplus	\$8,812	\$12,171	\$9,363
DISPATCH			
Income			
Advertising			
Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$5,200	\$5,238	\$50
Printing	\$3,600	\$3,189	\$3,800
General Expenses		\$50	\$100
	\$8,800	\$8,477	\$3,950
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,800)	(\$8,477)	(\$3,950)
MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$12	\$3,694	\$5,413

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Cattle Budget for the year ended 31st March 2018

	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget
<u>HERD REGISTRY</u>			
Income			
Registration Fees	\$2,500	\$2,200	\$2,200
Transfer Fees	\$2,000	\$1,895	\$1,900
Brass Tags		\$40	
	\$4,500	\$4,135	\$4,100
Expenses			
General & Travel Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$300	\$225	\$300
Brass Tags			
Website Upgrades			
	\$300	\$225	\$300
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$4,200	\$3,910	\$3,800
<u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u>			
Income			
Merchandise			
Expenses			
Advertising			
Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs	\$1,500	\$318	\$500
Brochures & Promotional Flyers	\$455	\$454	\$524
Website	\$700	\$1,215	\$517
Cost of Merchandise sold	\$0	\$97	\$0
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$5	\$50
RAS Affiliation / Delegate Fees	\$891	\$891	\$910
Area Group Support	\$1,000	\$914	\$1,000
	\$4,647	\$3,894	\$3,501
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,647)	(\$3,894)	(\$3,501)
CATTLE FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$447)	\$16	\$299

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Administration Budget for the year ended 31st March 2018

	2016/17 Budget	2016/17 Actual	2017/18 Budget
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Income			
Interest Received (incl. Savings account)	\$500	\$384	\$300
Interest Accrued (Term Deposits/Savings)		\$471	
	\$500	\$855	\$300
Expenses			
Accountancy Fees	\$280	\$267	\$280
Bank Charges	\$170	\$70	\$50
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$50	\$20	\$50
Travel Expenses			
	\$500	\$357	\$380
Surplus / (Deficit)		\$498	(\$80)
<u>COUNCIL</u>			
Income			
Expenses			
Meeting Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,873	\$2,000
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$29	\$50
Travel Expenses	\$4,500	\$4,955	\$5,000
General Expenses		\$222	
	\$6,100	\$7,079	\$7,050
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,100)	(\$7,079)	(\$7,050)
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>			
Income			
Dinner			\$1,800
Raffle and Sponsorship	\$500	\$438	\$400
	\$500	\$438	\$2,200
Expenses			
Booklet Printing			
Nomination Forms			
General Expenses	\$2,280	\$1,999	\$3,090
Venue Costs and Speaker	\$1,779	\$1,368	\$3,520
	\$4,059	\$3,367	\$6,610
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,559)	(\$2,929)	(\$4,410)
ADMINISTRATION			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$9,659)	(\$9,510)	(\$11,540)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
Budgeted Income
for the year ended 31st March 2018

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>SUMMARY</u>			
Surplus / (Deficit) from -			
Membership Functions	\$12	\$3,694	\$5,413
Cattle Functions	(\$447)	\$16	\$299
Administration	(\$9,659)	(\$9,510)	(\$11,540)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$10,094)	(\$5,800)	(\$5,829)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
Budgeted Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2018

	Note	2017/18	2016/17
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		Budget	Actual
Bank Cheque Account	2	\$6,645	\$12,045
Savings Account	2	\$0	\$0
Term Deposits	2	\$24,500	\$24,500
Accrued Interest	2	\$471	\$471
Stock on Hand (at cost)	3	\$57	\$57
Prepayments			\$429
Total Current Assets		\$31,673	\$37,502
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred Revenue			
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$31,673	\$37,502
Represented by:			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Opening Balance		\$37,502	\$43,301
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$5,829)	(\$5,799)
<u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		\$31,673	\$37,502