



**Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc.  
Held at Burns Lodge, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel,  
Dunedin, 8 June, 2019**

**Council June 2018 – June 2019**

**President – Wayne Pettersson**  
**Treasurer – Luan Kloppers**  
**Secretary - Robyn Snelgar**  
**Membership – Jillian Walst**  
**Showing & Judging – Mary Howard**  
**Dispatch Liaison – Wayne Pettersson**  
**AGM Liaison – Robyn Snelgar**  
**Webmaster - Grant Keymer**  
**Website Assistant – Bobbie Wisneski**

**Positions Held off Council**

**Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke**  
**Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson**  
**Research – Tony Cutten**  
**Youth Co-Ordinator – Julie Rush**  
  
**Complaints Officers - Colin Read**  
**- Julie Rush**

**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**

Wayne Pettersson the President declared the meeting declared open at **9.00am**. He welcomed everyone and introduced himself to members that did not know him. This is his first AGM as President.

He introduced the council that was voted in last year as there are several new councilors and talked about their council roles. He then and went over the house keeping for the day and thanked the sponsors that donated to the goody bag provided for our attendees.

As the 25<sup>th</sup> year of having a Dexter society Wayne talked about a brief history of the society.

He also asked for all mobile phones to be turned off or turned to silent.

He then went over the plan for the day.

Wayne thanks Marion Read, Robyn Snelgar & Maureen Pettersson for organizing the AGM.

**PRESENT:**

Wayne & Maureen Pettersson, Steve & Robyn Snelgar, Grant & Inger Keymer, Luan Kloppers, Jillian & John Walst, Marion Read, Bruce Jones, Tony Cutten, Marion Mangnall, Alison & Lindsay Moore, Marion Corbett, Sue Jones.

**APOLOGIES:**

Bobbie Wisneski, Colin & Marion Read, Julie Rush, Sue Monk, Mary & Dave Howard, Judy & Alex Bromham, Margaret Perry, Jo Robb, Keith & Heather Wratt, Louise Ball, Dayle Flannagan, Patsy Leek, Julie Rush, Sue Monk, Judy Coyne, Janice Viles, John & Helen Blanchard, Tom & Sue Dixon, Shirley Spick, Richard & Angela Stevens, Lee McAustin

**THAT** the apologies be accepted

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

**Obituaries**

There was a minutes silence in remembrance of members and/or their spouses that have passed away since the 2019 AGM.

Kath Aker of Peelview Dexters #121 in Geraldine has passed away. Her stud named after Mt Peel near her home. Passed away on July 21 2018 after a short battle with cancer

Kath was a member from 1998 - 2012 and also served on council for a couple of years. She particularly loved the short legged Dexters.

Tyna Charles of Charmac Stud # 75, from Greenpark, Christchurch. Passed away on Sept 18, 2018. Partner to Fergie McCormick who passed away a few months before Tyna. Also passed away due to cancer.  
Tyna had a lot of knowledge about Dexter history and bloodlines. She imported a semen and embryos to bring in new blood lines in the late 90's and early 2000's.

Hamish Ensor – Glanaan Stud #30. Passed away on 8 December. Before retiring in Rolleston Hamish was a third generation high country farmer who ran 4,000 super fine merino sheep, Angus cattle and Dexters on his Rakaia Gorge property . He was involved with Molesworth Station. He was chairman of South Island High Country Committee of Federated Farmers (circa 1991), involved in Lancorp and conservation of the high country. Was a great supporter of Methven rugby. He was part of a group driving the High Country Land Managers' Carbon Project,  
On Christmas eve 2017 Hamish and Belinda lost everything in a fire that began in a nearby paddock destroyed their home.

Michael Spik husband of Shirley Spik from Bay of Plenty. He helped Shirley with her Dexters and attending the A&P Shows.

John Van Roon of Canterbury husband of Elaine Van Roon passed away in March 2019.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

Members were asked to read the agenda to move that it be accepted

**THAT** the agenda be accepted

Moved by Inger Keymer/Tony Cutten.....carried unanimously

**MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> AGM June 2018:**

Tony Cutten talked about the minutes of the last AGM. He talked about the election last year. He thought that the numbers of the voting for President should be recorded and so the minutes be amended.

**THAT** the 2018 minutes be amended to state the total number of votes for President be recorded.

Moved Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson .....passed by majority, 1 against

**THAT** the minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at The Coachman Hotel, 140 Fitzherbert Ave, Palmerston North, 9 June, 2018 with the above amendment be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson .....passed by majority, 1 against

**MATTERS ARISING FROM 2018 MINUTES:**

Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence was received

**REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Wayne Pettersson

Wayne asked the members if there was any questions or discussion on the Presidents report.

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

Moved by Bruce Jones/Tony Cutten.....carried unanimously

**Council Reports:**

Wayne asked the members if there was any questions or discussion on the reports published in the AGM booklet.

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

Moved by Jillian Walst/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Steve Snelgar asked if there is any idea why the membership has dropped so much. Jillian went over the report and talked about the numbers of the last 5 years. We have fewer new members and so the balance was out a bit. She talked about the reason people get into Dexters. She thought we may need to do some more advertising as this has not been done for a while.

It seemed be agreed that we should periodically advertise in local publications.

Land being subdivided and more lifestyle blocks coming along was talked about. An opportunity for new members.

Bruce Jones talked about people moving to lifestyle blocks and then after a few years they move back to town. This is a statistical fact throughout New Zealand.

There was a lot of discussion on advertising costs on local publications. Talk about creasing membership and then declining due to this was mentioned.

MPB has had an effect on cattle movements and sales. They are not an economically viable breed to sent to the works. They are not a commercial breed. Bulls seem to be the only ones that are making money at the works. There was a comparison to the Highland society and Australian Dexter society numbers as well.

It was suggested that we offer the first year membership fees.

The difference between stud breeders that are working for the breed to improve the breed with good genetics and blood lines etc and members that are just grazing a few Dexters to keep their pasture under control.

Perhaps the latter should be associate members if they have no inclination to improve the breed.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:** Luan Kloppers

Grant kicked off the meeting by thanking Wayne for his work as President and the professional manner he has run the society over the last 12 months.

He introduced Luan as the new Treasurer and talked about the hand-over of Treasury.

The last auditor has been uncontactable so Luan managed to find another good auditor to take on the job.

New rules with the societies office that came about in April meant that the new auditor needed to be appointed by the members before the accounts can signed off.

**THAT** the new auditor DBS Consulting LTD (Gareth Fannin) be appointed to audit the 2018/19 & 2019/20 periods.

Proposed by Bruce Jones/Luan Kloppers.....carried unanimously

It was asked if we can accept the accounts subject to audit.

Luan answered that once the audited accounts have been returned, they will be published on the website with a 14 day period for members to respond. Then they can be signed off. There will also be notification of this in the Dispatch.

Our current costs are about the same for both. It was noted that some accountants don't want the responsibility of an audit.

The new auditor will need a copy of the the2019 minutes showing his appointment before the accounts can be audited and signed off. Robyn will send the completed minutes to Luan to pass on asap.

Luan took the chair and began by thanking Grant for all his help if handing over the Treasurers role.

John Walst suggested to change the constitution to 'review' rather than 'audited and reviewed'. This would be less formal.

We will need to change the wording of the constitution to reflect this by remit next year.

Luan talked about the huge saving as council has run the society with conference calls and no travel costs for f2f meetings.

Another saving is there will be no postage costs as we have a 2 year stock pile of stamps.

Jillian said quite a few new members prefer to have their Dispatch by email 13 this year compared to 2 last year. This is a further savings in postage and looks like it will continue to grow

**THAT** the Financial report for the 2018/19 as published in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Luan Kloppers/Grant Keymer.....carried unanimously

#### **2019/2020 BUDGET:** Luan Kloppers

**THAT** the budget for 2019/2020 period as published in the AGM booklet be accepted

Moved by Inger Keymer/Alison Moore.....accepted

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.05am

Reconvened at 10.45

#### **ANNUAL FEES**

##### **Membership Fees**

**THAT** membership fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 period.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Maureen Pettersson ..... carried unanimously

##### **Registration**

**THAT** registration fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 period.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Alison Moore..... carried unanimously

##### **Transfer Fees**

**THAT** Transfer fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 period.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Marion Mangnall..... carried unanimously

**NEW COUNCIL:**

There was no election for President or Council. There were no other candidates for the position of President and there were no other candidates for council.

**THAT** Wayne Pettersson be accepted as President for 2019-2020 period.

Robyn Snelgar/Inger Keymer .....carried unanimously

**Complaints Officers –**

**THAT** the Complaints Officers Colin Read & Julie Rush be accepted for the 2019 - 2020 period

Maureen Pettersson/Alison Moore .....carried unanimously

**Other Positions held Off Council (non-elected):**

Current positions are as follows -

**Herd Registrar** - Tony Houlbrooke

**Dispatch Editor** - Maureen Pettersson

**Research** – Tony Cutten

No election was needed this year

**Sitting Council 2019 - 2020**

- Grant Keymer
- Robyn Snelgar
- Luan Kloppers
- Jillian Walst
- Bobbie Wisneski

**THAT** the council for the 2019-2020 council are accepted.

Moved by Wayne Petterson/Inger Keymer.....carried unanimously

**REMITTS**

**Remit 1 Update of Regulation 8.10 - "Recognition of Imported Dexter Cattle, Semen & Embryos"**

**THAT** the following documents relating to imported animals are to be lodged with the Society as a prerequisite to registration of any their progeny –

Regulation 8.10 (e) is –

- i. The original Registration Certificate provided by a recognised Dexter organisation
- ii. A four-generation pedigree (excluding the animal concerned) for each imported animal, donor of imported semen, or imported embryo.

**Updated to -**

- i. A copy of the Registration Certificate provided by a recognised Dexter organisation.
- ii. Remove this part of regulations as it is no longer necessary – all pedigree info can now be found online

**Rationale:**

Amendment I – The original is not necessary. The owner should retain this. A COPY of the original is all that is necessary.

Amendment ii – The pedigree can be obtained online for imported animals. Imported Embryos and calves sired from imported semen are registered in NZ in accordance with our registration rules. A four generation pedigree can now be obtained online easily

For - 18, carried unanimously

**Remit 2 Use of Common Seal - New Regulation**

**THAT** the following be added to the regulations in regard to the society Common Seal –

1. The Committee shall provide a common seal for the Society and may from time to time replace it with a new one.
2. The Secretary shall have custody of the common seal, which shall only be used by the authority of the Committee. Every document to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary or a member of the Committee.

**Rationale**

This is a legal requirement as informed by the Societies Office prior to 2018 AGM. The Societies Office has provided the suggesting wording for the new regulation

For - 18.....carried unanimously

### **Remit 3 Change to 7.1 of the Constitution - Number on Council**

Regulation 7.1 is –

The Council will be composed of no less than five (5) and no more than eight (8) members including the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### **Proposed Amendment**

The council will be composed of no less than four (4) and no more than eight (8) members including the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer

**Rationale** - Day to day Council business needs to be taken care of to operate efficiently and without major problems. Council was unable to operate for approx. 1 month prior to last year's AGM due to low numbers on council. Reducing the minimum number by one down to 4 members will greatly reduce the risk of this occurring again.

Voting – For - 14, Against - 4 carried by majority

Marion Mangnall was against it as she was concerned about the chances of too much power amongst council which could consist of spouses or friends and so the balance of power may not be equitable.

Robyn & Maureen both said to prevent this we need more on council to keep the numbers up and spread the load.

### **SNOWLINE & TUROA YOUTH TROPHIES**

These were not be presented this year all cattle showing was cancelled due to micoplasma bovis.

### **SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD – There were no nominations this year**

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

#### **RAS Affiliation** – Future plan for DCSNZ - RAS in house problems and effect of MPB

Grant talked about the fees the society spend to be affiliated to the RAS. MPB has put a stop to showing so we are not getting anything for our money.

Wayne informed the meeting that he will be attending the RAS conference in 2 weeks.

He has written to the RAS asked if our membership can be suspended until such time that we able to attend A&P Shows.

He has had no reply to date.

Very few members show but to have no shows is quite a big thing for our society.

He will raise this at the RAS Conference.

Bruce said that the entry forms for shows state that you must be a member of the RAS and the affiliated cattle breed society.

It was stated that if cattle breeds drop out RAS may collapse so we have an obligation to remain a member.

The Equine side of RAS is very big and has not been affected to the bulk of their funding comes from them.

Wayne would like to suggest that the RAS fees be structured so that it is charged based on the number of members that show.

It was suggested that Wayne speak to the Highland society to see what they are thinking and what their plans are.

It was asked if we can withdraw from the RAS but there is a risk that RAS may decline our application to return at a later date.

To rejoin would cost about \$500-\$600 so a suspension is preferable.

A maintenance fee could be suggested to RAS. RAS regulations may dictate.

Bruce said he has heard that the Royal show will go ahead for cattle in Hawkes Bay in October 2019

There was agreement in the concept of a base fee.

Public promo at Mystery Creek was talked about. Very expensive for a site and OSH requirements have to be considered. Less

live animals are on show at Mystery Creek each year. Display tents at A&P shows was also discussed. These sites are more expensive but there is more through traffic and more public interest so possibly money well spent.

Wayne will report back to the members through the Dispatch on how things go at the RAS conference.

#### **Brass Tagging Discussion**

How do we get more members to apply DCSNZ brass tags and ways to have a better ID system for registered Dexters.

It is a legal requirement to have the NAIT tag. Brass tags not being inserted is a big problem with our members.

Problems with members not having adequate facilities to put brass tags in.

Tony Houlbrooke (Herd Registrar) has endless problems with cattle identification when selling and transferring animals to non-members & not putting in brass tags or letting him know that the original Nait tag has been lost and replaced with another number.

Wayne showed some examples of Nait tags with the visual secondary tags that have DCSNZ and member number and in individual ID # printed on it.

Robyn Snelgar said they use a second visual tag that matches the NAIT button as well as the DCSNZ brass tag.

A number of other members indicated they do the same.

There was a lot of discussion on various options and systems and experiences of individual breeders.

There was a lot of discussion that indicated a preference to using the NAIT tag as the primary for of ID and the brass tag being optional for members that want to continue with them.

**2020 AGM**

Venue – North Island (upper)

Suggestions were Rotorua & Whangarei.

Discussions on the logistics and talk to Area Reps to gauge support.

Council will discuss further and make a decision at a later date.

Steve Snelgar brought up incentives to get members to come to the AGM’s.

Lots of discussion on what people generally think of AGM meetings.

Wayne Pettersson declared the meeting closed at 12.35pm

Note – This year there were 2 workshops for the members held after lunch if they wanted to attend.

They were Tony Cutten talked about Dexter Genetics, BD1 BD 2 and PHA and the second workshop was A vet talking about general cattle health.

President

Wayne Pettersson.....

Date .....

Secretary

Robyn Snelgar.....

Date .....

Treasurer

Luan Kloppers .....

Date .....