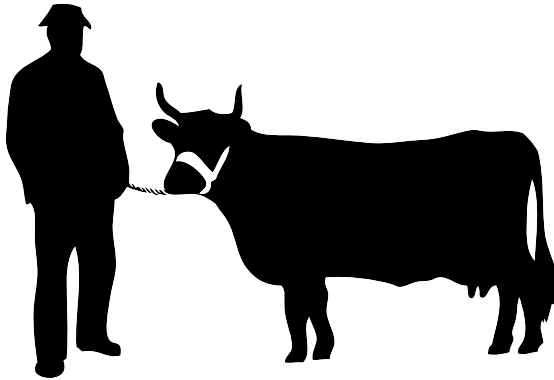


# **Dexter Cattle Society**

**New Zealand (Inc)**



## **2012 Annual General Meeting 9 JUNE 2012**

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**ANGUS INN  
CNR CORNWALL ST & WATERLOO ROAD - LOWER HUTT**

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# 2012 AGM PROGRAMME



## FRIDAY, 8 JUNE

### ***Angus Inn. Lower Hutt***

- 6.30 pm            Informal, casual get together over dinner at  
The 2 Black Sheep – at own cost. Free glass of  
wine or beer with each main.  
*(Meet in the foyer of the Angus Inn at 6.30pm  
for the short walk to dinner)*

## SATURDAY, 9 JUNE

- 8.45 am            Registrations  
9.30 am (sharp) AGM Commences  
10.30 am          Morning Tea (Complimentary)  
10.50 am          AGM Continues  
12.30 pm          Lunch (Complimentary)  
1.15 pm            AGM Continues  
3.00 pm (ish)    AGM Concludes  
3.15 pm (ish)    NAIT Workshop  
6.00 pm            Meet in Tattlers room for complimentary pre  
dinner drinks  
(AGM Dinner. \$40 per person)

## SUNDAY, 10 JUNE

- 9.00 am            Meet at the front of the Angus Inn for a local bus  
tour with lunch provided. (Return 3.00-3.30 pm).  
Evening            Casual meal together for those who are around.

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If you plan to attend the AGM, you need to complete the registration form in the middle of this booklet and mail it to Grant Keymer **IMMEDIATELY!**  
by **2 JUNE 2012.**

Send the Registration Form and Cheque for dinner (if applicable) to  
Grant Keymer  
5284 Old Russell Road, RD1, Russell 0272  
(or scan and email to: [grant@keymer.name](mailto:grant@keymer.name))

**Proxy Forms:**

Hand to Secretary or President prior to the commencement of the AGM

**Bring this Booklet to the AGM**

**Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting  
Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc.  
held at Emerald Hotel, Gisborne, June 11, 2011**

**Council June 2010 – June 2011**

President – Keith Wratt  
Treasurer – Phil Becker  
Secretary – Robyn Snelgar  
Herd Registry – Colin Read  
Membership – Maureen Petterson  
Research/Promotions – Steve Ring  
Showing & Judging – Betsy Smith  
Area Groups/Promotions – Marion Corbett

**Life Members**

Alec Meades – 2004  
Nancy Edge – 2004  
Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006  
Peter Lucking - 2007  
Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek – 2008  
Keith Wratt - 2008

Meeting opened at 9.30am with a very warm welcome by the President Keith Wratt to the 12th AGM of the society. Steve welcomed all those that have travelled from the South Island and remembered our meeting last year in Mosgiel.

Keith introduced and thanked Steve & Carol Ring for putting everything together for the AGM.

Steve Ring welcomed the members to Gisborne and briefly went over plans for tomorrow.

Keith welcomed Alec & Anne Meades founding members and life member to the meeting.

Keith asked the members to enjoy themselves and please contribute to the discussions and for those that have never attended an AGM before to please ask questions.

Keith asked the members to stand for a minutes silence in remembrance of members that have passed away.

Rosemary Tearle 29/05/2011

Alec Meades spoke about Rosemary and her life with Dexter Cattle., milking her Dexters, making, butter, cheese and yoghurt.

**PRESENT**

Keith & Heather Wratt, Steve & Robyn Snelgar, Maureen Petterson, Marion & Colin Corbett, Betsy Smith, Steve & Carol Ring, Alec & Anne Meades, Hilton & Margaret Perry, Bruce & Liz Jones, Brenda Batchelar, Lynette Winters, Inger & Grant Kymer, Owen & Shirley Drummond, Julia Eden, Don & Janice Viles, Marti & Grant Murray Wynn, Ian Booth, Denis & Violet Irwin.

**APOLOGIES**

Colin & Marion Read, Phil & Kate Becker, Marion Mangnall, Ava Hunt, Brian & Raewyn Rosser, Nancy & Don Edge, Wayne Petterson, Lance & Karen Mannagh, Maureen Skilton, Rodney Cardno, Vince & Gwen McBride, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, Simon & Liz Richardson, Ann Lunn, Nicola & Alan Rottwell, Leigh Corner & Lorraine Lawler, Ian & Andrea Blackburn, Shirley Spik, Simon & Rachel Holdaway, Sue & Roger Fielder, Clare Oliver, Lindsay & Alistair Tatton, Gardeners, John & Raewyn Fredrickson, Stan Smith, Garth Woodward, Lucy Stratford, Doug & Marie Boyd, Dianne Burgess, Peter & Maggie Bentley, Gavin & Dorothy Garcher, Cheryl Robinson, Michela Fox, Peter & Merrial Lucking.

THAT the apologies be accepted. Moved by Liz Jones/Don Viles.....carried

Note from the secretary – Please accept my apologies for any omissions and/or spelling errors in the member s recorded as present and the apologies records.

Thank you, Robyn Snelgar

Alec Meades to talk about the formation and history of the society

Juia Eden to talk about Steak of Origin

Country Living Expo Sept 2011

Short/Long Leg notation

Selling Studs/Properties

**MINUTES OF THE 11th AGM June 2010**

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as circulated held at the St Mary's Hall, Mosgiel, June 12, 2010 be accepted.

Moved by Liz Jones/ Julia Eden .....carried

Correction to 2010 minutes, Wayne Pettersson was not present

THAT these 2010 minutes are true & correct

Bruce Jones/Maureen Pettersson .....carried unanimously

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Australian tour has been cancelled due to lack of support from Australian members. BOP survey seems to have come to an end, Marion Read no longer involved in BOP polytech.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Auditor confirming our 2010/11 financial reports

THAT correspondence be accepted

Moved by Heather Wratt/Marti Wynn .....carried

**REPORTS**

**PRESIDENTS' REPORT**

Colin Read has sent his sincere apologies due to ongoing illnesses.

Phil Becker sent his apologies and has resigned as Treasurer.

The council will need to discuss the future plans for this role.

Keith expressed his appreciation and thanks to the council over the past years.

He also thanked Steve and Robyn Snelgar for hosting the council face to face meetings.

Keith talked about the needs of the society incorporated with our lives and the expectations of the society. The personal needs of volunteers now and then need to be taken into consideration.

The cost involved in the society paying professionals to take on some roles.

He talked about the history and past years of the society, the growth of the society and membership and also the loss of members. Changes in technology and the need to face challenges and face the opportunities the society comes up against.

He talked about his plans for the future and his Dexter breeding plans.

Keith plans to get the members hand book reprinted.

THAT the President's report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Keith Wratt/ Marti Wynn .....carried unanimously

Marti Wynn expressed appreciation to Keith for all his hard work he has put in over the years.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Keith expressed Phil's apologies on his behalf and presented the report and budget for 2011.

Any errors have been corrected and are in the copy presented at the meeting is the true and correct account of the societies financials.

Keith gave explanation of the layout of the financial report.

There were discussions on the Herd Book sales and the value it has to the different types of members within the society.

Janice Viles suggested that area reps have the herd book available at meetings, which some area reps already do.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2011 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Keith Wratt/Bruce Jones .....carried unanimously

The budget was discussed and explanation given.

Maureen Pettersson said she needs to have \$500.00 added to the budget for Membership/ Postage

Keith asked Betsy Smith to explain the RAS levies.

Inger Kymer talked about phone conferencing as opposed to face to face meetings.

Discussions of the funds on term deposits and what is planned for it's use/

Betsy suggested we use some of the surplus fund future planning of the society.

Discussions on public liability insurance options so the need for large funds set aside on term deposit are not required.

Talks about funds for advertising at the national Open Day. More clarification was needed so area reps know how much promoting they can do.

THAT the amended budget as printed and circulated at the AGM and explained be accepted

Moved by Maureen Pettersson /Don Viles .....carried unanimously

THAT term deposits be used by council to cover deficits and future society developments as required

Moved by Inger Kymer/ Alec Meades .....carried unanimously

Keith talked about the requirements of the Treasurer for a person that may take over this role.

Meeting adjourned for 20 minutes for morning tea.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Maureen Pettersson presented her annual report and explained the graphs in the report.

Total Current/Life – 434

Total Lapsed – 161

Deceased Merged - 4

Total Membership to date - 907

Those in attendance were interested in trends with membership.

Maureen talked about the improvements she has made to make her job easier and more efficient.

Inger Kymer suggested that we survey the membership again regarding why members leave.

Mrs Rundel suggested doing a phone survey to cover the small numbers, probably about 20 per year.

Inger suggested area reps take this on.

Steve Snelgar suggested that cattle transfers to new members be passed to the membership secretary for follow up with a view to promoting the membership.

Maureen is happy to follow up these Dexter owners.

Robyn Snelgar thanked Maureen and the hard work she has done over the last year. Keith also conveyed thanks to Maureen and the hard work she has done over the last year.

THAT the Membership report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Brenda Batchelar .....carried unanimously

## **AREA GROUPS**

Marion presented the area reps report.

Some area reps are not taking care of the role but are not allowing another member to take over.

It was noted that sometimes a council member is the area rep as there is no one willing to take over the role.

It was felt the area rep should be elected at a local level.

Guidelines for the area reps has been formulated.

Stewart Low has resigned as area rep for Hawkes Bay and Maureen Skilton will now take up this role.

THAT the Area Groups report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Marion Read/Brenda Batchelar .....carried unanimously

## **SHOWING AND JUDGING**

### **ROYAL SHOW**

This will be in Hamilton this year.

There is talk of having eligibility to show at Royal Shows based on accumulation of points at regional A&P shows.

This will be discussed further at the RAS conference which Betsy will attend.

Betsy was happy with the past show season.

Maureen expressed her appreciation to Betsy for her passion for showing & judging.

Betsy talked about being in contact with local A&P shows if Dexter classes are required.

Julia said there is a trend in the South Island to remove individual breed classes in favor of more condensed breed classes – Small Breeds/Large Breeds

### **NORTH ISLAND BREED SHOW**

2011/2012 - Waikato

2012/2013 - Rotorua (option only at this stage)

2013/2014 – Manfield/Manawatu

Keith thanked Betsy for her work on council and attending so many shows.

THAT the Showing & Judging report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Betsy Smith/Anne Meades .....carried unanimously

## **PROMOTIONS**

Marion Corbett talked about the National Open Day, it's successes and failures.

It was felt that advertising was the biggest issue.

Steve Ring talked about difficulties with getting the promotions up and running.

Liz Jones talked about the success they had in their area and how they promoted it through local news papers.

Keith said Marion and Steve did a great job putting the Open Day together especially considering it was the first event of this nature it was felt that in was a successful weekend

but in need of improvement.

Liz Jones expressed an appreciation to Marion and Steve for their work on the National Open Day.

Marion will put together documentation on the do's and don'ts for this promotion.

Marion had the merchandise for sale at the meeting. She wanted to know what other options or repeats the members would like. The clothing is successful item.

Marion informed the meeting that the society will contribute to the funding of sites for field days, expos etc.

THAT the Promotions report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Marion Corbett/Liz Jones .....carried unanimously

**Meeting Adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm for lunch**

**Meeting reconvened at 1.15pm**

Keith showed the members the new bumper stickers now available for \$2.00 each

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

Steve Ring talked about the new NAIT ear tags. These have been deferred until November next year.

Betsy said if you have ordered ear tags they can still be used.

Marion asked if Rosemary Tearle's milking records are available to the society. Alec will look into this at a later date.

Keith said that this is difficult part of the society is sometimes nothing is happening that needs researching.

Inger Kymer talked about the use of the beef data sheet

THAT the Research & Development report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Steve Ring/Janice Viles .....carried unanimously

**HERD REGISTRY REPORT**

Keith presented the herd registry on Colin's behalf. He explained that Colin's has been under poor health over the last 12 months and will endeavor to get things back on track. 2010 Herd Books and CD are available for purchase.

There were discussions on job sharing the registrar role as it is a huge job now.

Maureen suggested that all registrations, transfers to the Herd Registry person and then once the paper work is complete and in order that it would be passed onto the Herd Registrar.

Carol Ring has offered to take this job on.

Betsy suggested that the dna part of registrations be split off for someone else to take care of. Also to ask Colin if there are any parts of Herd Registry that he would like to hand over to someone else.

There will be a new Herd Registry person on council. Colin will be herd registrar but acting off council.

This will hopefully take some pressure off Colin.

There are a number of tasks that the Herd Registry person could take over. The politics and checking of paper work for registrations and transfers could be done by another person.

THAT the Herd Registrars report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Keith Wratt/Bruce Jones .....carried unanimously

Talks of changing the systems from an excel spread sheet to a data base are in the



pipe line. Grant Kymer talked about the use of data bases as the data used by the society increases.

Keith reminded us of the important of accuracy and integrity in the Herd Book and how well Colin does this.

Marti talked about the importance of communication regarding registration and transfers. She also said she is happy to continue to print the herd boks

Janice Viles suggested that we send a letter to Colin from the society in acknowledgement of his illness and appreciate the work he does

THAT the Herd Registration report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.  
Moved by Keith Wratt/Marti Wynn .....carried unanimously

**DISPATCH**

Keith said he is happy to continue to work as the editor of the Dispatch but will need a Dispatch liason person on council.

Keith explained how the Dispatch is formatted and printed.

Robyn Snelgar thanked Keith for his work on the Dispatch.

Jane White offered to assist Keith as she tutors photoshop.

THAT the Dispatch report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Keith Wratt/Marion Corbett ..... carried unanimously

**NEW COUNCIL**

The new council was announced. An election was not required.

|            |                   |                            |
|------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| President  | Steve Ring        | (unopposed)                |
| Council    | Robyn Snelgar     | (sitting)                  |
|            | Maureen Petterson | (sitting)                  |
|            | Marion Corbett    | (sitting)                  |
|            | Betsy Smith       | (sitting)                  |
|            | Bruce Jones       | (unopposed)                |
|            | Di Burgess        | (unopposed)                |
| Complaints | Hamish Ensor      | (unopposed – South Island) |
| Officers   | Maggie Bentley    | (unopposed – North Island) |

Ratify the new council and complaints officers

THAT the new Council and complaints officers, as named above, be accepted

Moved by Marti Wynn/Heather Wratt .....carried unanimously

**REMITs**

**Remit 1**

THAT honorariums are paid to key council portfolio holders annually at the discretion of council. The amount to be decided by council based on the needs and the financial position of the society at the time.

Rationale – The need to provide a stable, reliable service with integrity in order to meet the legal and constitutional requirements of the society.

Proposed by council

For – 2 Against - 43 .....lost

**Remit 2**

THAT the current membership fee structure is removed and replaced with the following Full membership, 1 vote, 1 stud name - \$50.00

Associate member, non breeding, no vote - \$40.00

Junior Member, breeding, no vote (under 18 years of age) - \$30.00

Herd Registration (stud name) 1 off fee \$25.00

Rationale –

To simplify the current membership fee structure.

Associate members will have the option becoming full members after a years grace of this decision should decide to breed & register their Dexter's.

Associate members that become full members would pay the full membership fee and the stud fee.

Proposed by council

For – 32, Against – 13 .....carried

**Remit 3**

THAT the registration fees for bulls increase to \$30.00. After 12 months of age the fee is \$60.00 and registration is only with council approval if the animal is over 24 months of age.

Rationale –

To fairly reflect the amount of time and costs associated with registration.

To cover the increasing administration costs of the herd registry.

To encourage the registration of higher quality bulls and improve the overall national herd.

Proposed by council.

Marion Corbett /Julia Eden moved that Remit 3 be amended to readTHAT the registration fees for bulls increase to\$30.00 up to the age of 24 months of age.

After 24 months of age the fee is \$60.00 and registration is only with council approval. ....carried

Amended Remit 3 to read -

THAT the registration fees for bulls increase to\$30.00 up to the age of 24 months of age. After 24 months of age the fee is \$60.00 and registration is only with council approval.

For 41,Abstentions 1 .....carried

**Remit 4**

THAT the registration fees for cows increase to \$20.00. After 12 months of age the fee is \$40.00 and registration is only with council approval if the animal is over 24 months of age.

Rationale –

To cover the increasing administration costs of the herd registry.

Proposed by council

For 3, Against 42 .....lost

**Remit 5**

THAT the closing date for remits be revised to 31 January from the present 1 December

Rationale –

Members are busy leading up to Christmas and holidays and are not thinking much about Society matters in December. This date still enables the remits to be published in the February Dispatch so there is time for the members to give them full consideration before the AGM in June.

Proposed by council

For 45, against 0 .....carried

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**SNOWLINE TROPHY**

Betsy Smith presented the Showline Trophy

Hiwinui Stud - Claire & Eilish Oliver were the winners of this award.

Betsy explained to the members the criteria for this award.

Bruce Jones accepted this on the winners behalf

### **DCSNZ History**

Alec Meades talked to the members about the history of the Dexter breed in NZ.

Beginning with importation of semen to NZ and registering with ADA as NZ did not have a society at that stage. He talked about his experiences getting his herd started.

Keith thanked Alec and Anne for their contributions to the society and for staying involved even though they now have no Dexters

### **STEAK of ORIGIN**

Julia Eden talked about the requirements for this prestigious beef competition.

She talked about the breeding program they went through to choose a steer to send to the competition.

A Dexter x Fresian was chosen.

The sirloin is taken from the animal, aged for 3 weeks and tested for PH,

It is tested for a variety of items such as water retention, tenderness. Coked and tasted

She entered the best cross breed section and won 4th place.

She attended the final and the dinner and had an amazing time.

Keith congratulated Julia and Stewart on their effort.

Marion & Colin Corbett also entered the competition

### **Website**

Grant Keymer addressed the meeting with his thoughts on the requirements of the society.

He suggested the Dispatch be available online. Content updated more often, the events calendar is not user friendly, a web-mart for sales of Dexter's, herd book available online and password protected.

Grant explained to the society his IT expertise and his interest in contributing to the society by helping with the maintenance of the website.

Betsy agreed that Grant's offer is appreciated and ongoing updating of the website is important to keep it current and interesting.

There were discussions on a Dexter cattle face book page.

Maureen expressed her thanks to Brad for the work he has done in developing the website.

### **Country Living Expo**

Liz Jones talked about the pending Lifestyle show in September 10 & 11, 2011.

There will be a milking Dexter 's demonstration by Bruce Jones.

Meat cuts on a steer will be demonstrated.

Cattle handling demonstrations.

The entire Dexter group for the local area are involved.

30,000 people are expected to attend this expo.

There will advertising in local rural publications with involvement by many different breeds of cattle and animals.

### **Short/Long Leg**

Bruce Jones expressed concerns about the terminology used and how cattle are registered.

He and Liz purchased a bull as long leg to find he was in-fact a short leg.

He felt the knowledge of the short leg/long leg terminology needs addressing.

There were in-depth discussions on this problem. And it felt the info needs to be given to the members again about the importance good breeding decisions and of the honesty of our breeders when registering, buying and selling Dexters.

### **Buying/Selling Property/stud**

Bruce Jones raised the issue of buying an entire farm along with the stud.

Council will discuss this at the next face to face meeting

Heather Wratt made comparisons with the costs associated with other breeds in relation to ours. Our fees are very reasonable compared to other breeds of cattle and other animals Talk about a standard breed uniform for members showing Dexters.

Keith and Heather Wratt have offered to supply and present a trophy to the best junior Dexter handler. This would be a youth trophy accumulating points much the same as the Snowline Trophy.

### **Note -**

**SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD** were presented late at the AGM dinner to Michael Trotter – for work on the Rare breeds and Dexter cattle pages

Julia Eden, for commitment to showing and promoting Dexter's

Keith Wratt – for work on the Dispatch for many years

Robyn Snelgar – for secretarial work and hosting Dexter meetings

Next AGM 9 & 10 June, 2012 will be held at Wellington.

Thanks again to Steve and Carol Ring for the work done in organising the AGM.

**Meeting closed 4.40 p.m.**

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012**

My how the time flies, another year gone and another AGM!

As you are probably aware Council meets three times a year to discuss matters affecting the society. We are extremely grateful to Robyn and Steve Snelgar for allowing us to hold these meetings at their house, thus saving the society a great deal of money in motel fees etc. Starting at 1:00pm on the Saturday and finishing on Sunday at approx. 2:00pm, these meetings are, as you can imagine, quite intense but extremely profitable as much is discussed. I would therefore like to thank all the Council members for taking the time and giving the commitment to the society to attend these meetings. All of us whether on Council are not, have a life outside of the Dexter Society, and it is important to remember that as wonderful as Dexters are they and the society should not take priority from the "real world" which often does and quite rightly so, take precedence

I would like to thank Marion Corbett for all her hard work on Council not only in this last year but over the four years that she has been on Council. Marion has decided that enough is enough and is standing down this year. We wish her all the best

At last year's AGM in Gisborne we were without a treasurer, but managed to press gang/co-opt Grant Keymer onto Council, he has stepped into the role admirably, producing succinct reports and explaining financial matters with great clarity. Grant has also become responsible for the role of webmaster which looks after the day to day running of the Web site and he is also was behind the initiative to produce the excellent newsletter that appears in your email inboxes on a regular basis .

Another big role on Council is that of Membership and this has been looked after by Maureen Pettersson, so a big thank you to Maureen for the hard work that she has put in. As membership Secretary, Maureen is often the first person that potential members

contact and it is important that they are dealt with in an efficient, but courteous manner. Something that I know Maureen achieves.

The world of Showing and judging is often a mystery to me luckily Betsy Smith has a great understanding and passion for this portfolio, So I would like to thank Betsy for all the hard work she has put in over the last year .

We had two new members to Council this year , Dianne Burgess and Bruce Jones , both have fitted in to their portfolios ,( Research and promotions respectively) and are making worthwhile contributions to the running of the society a thank you to the both of them .

Last but certainly not least I must thank our secretary Robyn Snelgar for all the hard work, and advice she has given over the last year

We also have some “off Council” members who deserve a mention

Herd registry is an area of the society that has, due to the complexity of the task coupled with the fact that those responsible have to juggle it with the real world, not performed as well as it perhaps should have. I would like to thank Colin Read for continuing to persevere in the role and to Carol Ring for helping him. I know the amount of work involved in these roles and hopefully the AGM will agree to look at altering how this role is undertaken.

Keith Wratt is the Editor of the Dexter Dispatch. This high quality publication which graces our mailboxes four times a year, is put together solely by Keith and I would therefore like to thank him for all his hard work. I know Keith would be interested in spreading the load of putting together the Dispatch, so if there is anyone interested please contact him

We also have two Complaints officers, Maggie Bentley and Hamish Ensor. The council has not needed their advice this year but a thank you to the pair of them for making themselves available if necessary. Hamish has now resigned from this role, but we thank him for his work over the years.

I trust all of you that are attending this year AGM will find it of interest and rewarding.

-Steve Ring

## **TREASURER'S REPORT 2011/2012**

This is my first report to the membership as Treasurer of DCSNZ prior to the AGM in June. Having stepped into the role almost a year ago, there has been much to learn. I have taken some time to review the work of my recent predecessors as a basis for comparison when presenting my analysis of the year that has passed, and the proposed budgets for the coming year. A draft (un-audited) copy of the society's financial statements to 31/3/12 is shown on following pages, along with a set of budgets for the year to 31/3/13.

### **Membership Functions**

Income from subscription renewals has been at record levels for the year, with new membership close behind. When added to new Herd/Stud registrations, the society has received its greatest income in recent years, which is a credit to Maureen; our membership secretary. The biggest single expenditure item expected during the coming year is reprinting of the Breeder's Handbook. This has been contemplated, and budgeted for, during each of the past three years, but has not yet been completed. During that time, the estimated cost has increased from \$2500 to \$5600. This is mostly due to all the additional members who have joined since late 2008, but did not receive a handbook as they should have. All existing members will also receive a copy, and we need to print enough extra copies to have some stock for the new members who are expected to join

over the next two years. Total print run budgeted for is 750 copies at around \$7.50 each. Costs for the Dispatch were around \$3000 per issue last year, which is down a little on the previous year, due to less copies being printed. We are facing a rise in postage during the coming year, but are hopeful of keeping the overall cost increase to less than 10%.

### **Cattle Functions**

A last minute flurry of registrations and transfers pushed our surplus from the Herd Registry close to record levels as well. We are contemplating some changes in this area so have budgeted \$1500 to cover travel and setup costs as the new regime is bedded in. \$600 budgeted for Brass Tags will not be spent if Remit 7 is passed at the AGM. Sales of Herd Book CDs have fallen right away to very low levels compared to previous years. No doubt this has happened in part because of the online herd book, but the amount of revenue lost is minimal when compared to the increased convenience of the online option. Following on from last year's National Dexter Open Day, we plan to hold another in early 2013. This time, it has been decided to allocate each of the 13 area groups \$200 for advertising. An additional \$200 per area group has been allocated for meetings, speaker costs, travel or other expenses as each group decides. All \$400 could be spent on the open day if they wish. An extra funding pool of \$800 has been set up to cover promotions such as rental of a stand at an A&P show. There is a cap of \$200 per event, which must be approved by Council prior to the expenditure taking place.

### **Admin Functions**

Council Travel Expenses have also been at record levels this year. Given the way that travel costs in general have risen, along with a full complement of eight council members spread across the entire country, this should come as no surprise, but it will be closely monitored. I have managed to increase interest income this year by restricting the average cheque account balance to \$1000 or less, while keeping the savings account balance as high as possible. This has more than offset the extra bank fees of \$10 per month charged for online access. Other savings have been made on cheque duty, envelopes and postage, with almost all payments being made via the internet. The AGM is the final "big ticket" item, in recent years costing between \$2000 and \$3000 to run. Maureen Pettersson has organised this year's event in Lower Hutt and by raising an unprecedented level of sponsorship, she has managed to contain the budgeted cost to around \$2500, as well as providing an impressive pool of prizes for the raffle and photo competition. The budgeted final cost is based on an attendance of 50 people, compared with between 34 and 50 in recent years. Due to the particular remits which are being presented this year, we hope for a turnout matching the best achieved previously.

Overall, the society has almost broken even for the financial year to 31st March 2012. This happy situation contrasts with a budgeted deficit of \$3725. The difference is due largely to the Breeder's Handbook not being printed, together with a reduction in printing costs for the Dispatch, and record income from membership subscriptions. As a result, the total funds in our various term deposits and bank accounts are still at record levels, pretty much as it was at 31st March 2011.

At the 2011 AGM, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"THAT term deposits be used by council to cover deficits and future society developments as required".

In accordance with this resolution, we are budgeting for a record deficit of \$11,280

during the 2012/13 year. As mentioned above, reprinting the Breeder's Handbook simply MUST happen this year, and we have the National Dexter Open Day coming up, along with planned promotional activity throughout the showing season. The 2013/14 year will probably be somewhat quieter, with no open day, and plenty of copies of the new Breeder's Handbook remaining in stock. Therefore, the rate of consumption of the society's funds is likely to be much less during 2013/14, but for 2012/13 we have some catching up to do, and have set the proposed budgets accordingly. It is our hope that the planned increase in showing and promotional activity during the upcoming year will yield some new members, and provide added value to existing members.

**DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**  
**Membership Functions**  
**As at 1st April 2012**

|                                    | 2011/12          | 2011/12          | 2012/13          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    | Budget           | Actual           | Budget           |
| <b><u>MEMBERSHIP</u></b>           |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                      |                  |                  |                  |
| Membership Renewals                | \$18,000         | \$18,255         | \$18,000         |
| New Members                        | \$3,150          | \$2,940          | \$3,500          |
| New Herd / Stud Registration       |                  | \$575            | \$600            |
| Donations                          | \$50             | \$10             | \$10             |
|                                    | \$21,200         | \$21,780         | \$22,110         |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |
| Handbook - Breeders                | \$2,500          |                  | \$5,600          |
| Printing                           | \$670            | \$1,326          | \$500            |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone      | \$550            | \$1,045          | \$500            |
| Misc Expenses                      | \$250            |                  | \$250            |
|                                    | \$3,970          | \$2,371          | \$6,850          |
| <b>Surplus</b>                     | <b>\$17,230</b>  | <b>\$19,409</b>  | <b>\$15,260</b>  |
| <b><u>DISPATCH</u></b>             |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                      |                  |                  |                  |
| Advertising                        | \$500            | \$400            | \$300            |
|                                    | \$500            | \$400            | \$300            |
| <b>Expenses</b>                    |                  |                  |                  |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone      | \$2,600          | \$1,677          | \$2,000          |
| Printing                           | \$12,200         | \$11,125         | \$12,000         |
| Travel                             |                  | \$82             | \$100            |
|                                    | \$14,800         | \$12,884         | \$14,100         |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>         | <b>-\$14,300</b> | <b>-\$12,484</b> | <b>-\$13,800</b> |
| <b>MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS</b>        |                  |                  |                  |
| <b>Overall Surplus / (Deficit)</b> | <b>\$2,930</b>   | <b>\$6,925</b>   | <b>\$1,460</b>   |

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**DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**

**Cattle Functions**

**As at 1st April 2012**

|                                               | 2011/12         | 2011/12         | 2012/13         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                               | Budget          | Actual          | Budget          |
| <b><u>HERD REGISTRY</u></b>                   |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Registration Fees                             | \$5,000         | \$5,399         | \$5,000         |
| Transfer Fees                                 | \$6,000         | \$4,795         | \$4,000         |
| DNA Profiling                                 |                 | \$795           | \$2,000         |
| Brass Tags                                    | \$20            | \$29            | \$20            |
|                                               | \$11,020        | \$11,018        | \$11,020        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               |                 |                 |                 |
| Brass Tags                                    | \$300           |                 | \$600           |
| General Expenses                              | \$50            | \$547           | \$1,500         |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone                 | \$890           | \$725           | \$800           |
| DNA Profiling                                 | \$50            | \$221           | \$1,200         |
|                                               | \$1,290         | \$1,493         | \$4,100         |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                    | <b>\$9,730</b>  | <b>\$9,525</b>  | <b>\$6,920</b>  |
| <b><u>HERD BOOKS</u></b>                      |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Herd Book - Printed                           | \$350           | \$230           | \$200           |
| Herd Book - CD                                | \$450           | \$50            | \$50            |
|                                               | \$800           | \$280           | \$250           |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               |                 |                 |                 |
| Printing                                      | \$800           | \$548           | \$600           |
| Production - Herd Book CD                     | \$100           |                 | \$20            |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone                 | \$100           | \$104           | \$100           |
|                                               | \$1,000         | \$652           | \$720           |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                    | <b>-\$200</b>   | <b>-\$372</b>   | <b>-\$470</b>   |
| <b><u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u></b>     |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Income</b>                                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Merchandise                                   | \$300           | \$386           | \$200           |
|                                               | \$300           | \$386           | \$200           |
| <b>Expenses</b>                               |                 |                 |                 |
| Advertising                                   | \$2,000         | \$2,359         | \$2,600         |
| Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs         | \$2,000         | \$788           | \$1,200         |
| Brochures & Promotional Flyers                | \$350           | \$1,096         |                 |
| Website                                       | \$180           | \$153           | \$250           |
| Merchandise Purchased                         | \$700           | \$812           |                 |
| Cost of Merchandise sold                      | \$100           | -\$487          | \$500           |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone                 | \$200           | \$254           | \$100           |
| RAS Affiliation/Delegate Fees                 | \$1,100         | \$1,242         | \$1,300         |
| Area Support, Travel, Research, Gen. Expenses | \$700           | \$308           | \$2,900         |
|                                               | \$7,330         | \$6,526         | \$8,850         |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                    | <b>-\$7,030</b> | <b>-\$6,140</b> | <b>-\$8,650</b> |
| <b>CATTLE FUNCTIONS</b>                       |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Overall Surplus / (Deficit)</b>            | <b>\$2,500</b>  | <b>\$3,013</b>  | <b>-\$2,200</b> |

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**DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**  
**Administration**  
**As at 1st April 2012**

|                                           | 2011/12         | 2011/12         | 2012/13          |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                                           | Budget          | Actual          | Budget           |
| <b><u>TREASURY</u></b>                    |                 |                 |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                             |                 |                 |                  |
| Misc. Recoveries (Postage, Freight etc.)  |                 | \$5             |                  |
| Interest Received (incl. Savings account) | \$900           | \$1,424         | \$1,300          |
|                                           | \$900           | \$1,429         | \$1,300          |
| <b>Expenses</b>                           |                 |                 |                  |
| Accountancy Fees                          | \$500           | \$506           | \$260            |
| Bank Charges                              | \$55            | \$110           | \$220            |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone             | \$100           | \$161           | \$200            |
| Travel Expenses                           |                 | \$292           |                  |
|                                           | \$655           | \$1,068         | \$680            |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                | <b>\$245</b>    | <b>\$361</b>    | <b>\$620</b>     |
| <b><u>COUNCIL</u></b>                     |                 |                 |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                             |                 |                 |                  |
| <b>Expenses</b>                           |                 |                 |                  |
| Meeting Expenses                          | \$1,100         | \$1,108         | \$1,100          |
| Postage, Stationery and Phone             | \$100           | \$579           | \$500            |
| Travel Expenses                           | \$5,000         | \$5,872         | \$7,000          |
|                                           | \$6,200         | \$7,558         | \$8,600          |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                | <b>-\$6,200</b> | <b>-\$7,558</b> | <b>-\$8,600</b>  |
| <b><u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u></b>      |                 |                 |                  |
| <b>Income</b>                             |                 |                 |                  |
| Dinner                                    | \$1,500         | \$1,360         | \$1,920          |
| Raffle and Sponsorship                    | \$200           | \$211           |                  |
|                                           | \$1,700         | \$1,571         | \$1,920          |
| <b>Expenses</b>                           |                 |                 |                  |
| Booklet Printing                          | \$200           | \$501           | \$500            |
| Nomination Forms                          | \$100           |                 | \$30             |
| General Expenses                          | \$1,600         | \$637           | \$100            |
| Venue Costs and Speaker                   | \$3,000         | \$3,180         | \$3,850          |
|                                           | \$4,900         | \$4,318         | \$4,480          |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>                | <b>-\$3,200</b> | <b>-\$2,748</b> | <b>-\$2,560</b>  |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>                     |                 |                 |                  |
| <b>Overall Surplus / (Deficit)</b>        | <b>-\$9,155</b> | <b>-\$9,945</b> | <b>-\$10,540</b> |

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**DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**  
**Income Statement**  
As at 1st April 2012

|                                   | 2011/12<br>Budget | 2011/12<br>Actual | 2012/13<br>Budget |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b><u>SUMMARY</u></b>             |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Surplus / (Deficit) from -</b> |                   |                   |                   |
| Membership Functions              | \$2,930           | \$6,925           | \$1,460           |
| Cattle Functions                  | \$2,500           | \$3,013           | -\$2,200          |
| Administration                    | -\$9,155          | -\$9,945          | -\$10,540         |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>    | <b>-\$3,725</b>   | <b>-\$8</b>       | <b>-\$11,280</b>  |

**DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As at 1st April 2012

|                                         | Note | 2012/13<br>Budget  | 2011/12<br>Actual  |
|-----------------------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>            |      |                    |                    |
| Bank Cheque Account                     |      | \$500.00           | \$2,238.04         |
| Savings Account                         |      | \$13,569.88        | \$23,111.84        |
| Term Deposit                            | 2    | \$14,500.00        | \$14,500.00        |
| Stock on Hand (at cost)                 | 3    | \$2,279.82         | \$2,279.82         |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>             |      | <b>\$30,849.70</b> | <b>\$42,129.70</b> |
| <b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>                |      | <b>\$30,849.70</b> | <b>\$42,129.70</b> |
| Represented by:                         |      |                    |                    |
| <b><u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b>         |      |                    |                    |
| Opening Balance                         |      | \$42,129.70        | \$42,137.27        |
| Current year Surplus / (Deficit)        |      | -\$11,280.00       | -\$7.57            |
| <b><u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b> |      | <b>\$30,849.70</b> | <b>\$42,129.70</b> |

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# Appointment of Proxy for 2012 AGM

This form should be sent to the member whom you have appointed as your proxy. Your proxy will exchange this form at the AGM for a voting card. Any instructions in the box below should relate to specific remits and will be acted upon at the AGM by your proxy.

**Please use BLOCK CAPITALS for all names**

Name(s)

Membership #

I / We hereby appoint:

Name(s)

Membership #

To vote on my / our behalf at the AGM in accordance with the choices indicated below.

|               |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| <b>Signed</b> |  |  |
| <b>Date</b>   |  |  |

| Name(s)                                                        | Member # |                          |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Remit 1: Membership Fees remain the same for the next year     | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 2: Registration Fees remain the same for the next year   | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 3: Transfer Fees remain the same for the next year       | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 4: Short Leg / Long column in Herd Book be removed       | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 5: Include a column in Herd Book for height at 3 years   | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 6: Registration of Heifers be possible up to 2 years old | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 7: Brass Tags not to be used after 1st July 2012         | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 8: DNA Testing for bull calves be cancelled              | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 9: G1 DNA Testing for bull calves be retained            | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Remit 10: G3 DNA Testing for bull calves be retained           | YES      | <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

Indicate your choice for each remit with an X or a Tick in the appropriate box.

Instructions for Nominated Proxy Vote Holder



## Registration for 2012 AGM

This form must be received by the Treasurer no later than 1st June:  
Grant Keymer  
5284 Old Russell Road, RD1, Russell 0272  
or scan and email to: [grant@keymer.name](mailto:grant@keymer.name)

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS** for all names

Name(s)

Membership #

Number Attending

Accommodation will be \$120 per night incl. GST for a double room (1 or 2 people), and \$15 per person extra.  
To get this special price you must book directly with the Angus Inn on 0800 800 469.  
Please quote booking reference #62445.

More info. is available on our website here:

[www.dexter-cattle.co.nz/agm-info](http://www.dexter-cattle.co.nz/agm-info)

If arriving by air, please use the Airport Flyer bus to Lower Hutt, taking about 50 minutes.  
Buses run every 15 minutes. Get off at Queensgate and it is about a 2 minute walk to the Angus Inn.  
Angus Inn is located at the corner of Cornwall St & Waterloo Rd, Lower Hutt. Phone 0800 800 469.

**This form must be received NO LATER THAN 1st JUNE**

### AGM Dinner (Saturday 9th June)

Payment

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40 = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Internet Banking Details

DCSNZ Westpac Whangarei 03 0498 0252802 00

Please use your membership number as Reference  
and enter "AGM Dinner" in Particulars when paying by Internet Banking.

Or post a cheque to the Treasurer at the address above.  
Make cheques payable to "Dexter Cattle Society NZ Inc".



## MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

Here we are again, another year gone – so fast and I hope you have all had a good year with your beautiful Dexters?

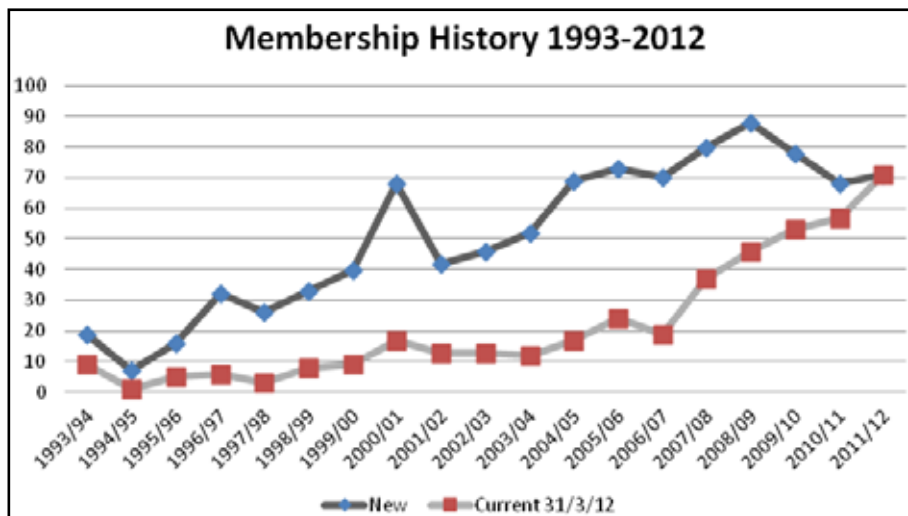
### END OF MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2011/12

|                                                       |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Financial Members (70 New Members and 5 Life Members) | 420        |
| Resigned                                              | 211        |
| Deceased/Merged                                       | 6          |
| Lapsed (36 from 11/12)                                | 341        |
| <b>Total number of Memberships to 31st March 2012</b> | <b>978</b> |

Unfortunately this year we have lost a few members, some due to illness and deaths, others due to moving off the land and selling their herd of Dexter's. Not what we want but if you have read the latest statistics about lifestyle landowners, more than 1 in 3 sell and leave their land within the first 3 years. Owning a piece of paradise is not everyone's cup of tea, especially if they work full time then, go home to do even more work. This is always something we will have to contend with and there is nothing as a Society we can do anything about. The Herd/Stud registration has made it easier for New Members to join the society, without having to think about breeding etc and enjoy their new purchases.

This year we have had an increase in New Members with a total of 71, but also an increase in members lapsing or resigning. This gives the DCSNZ a loss of just over 2% in the past year, which in the financial climate we are in, is not too bad. After doing some research into other clubs, societies etc, one had lost over 12% of its members 2 years in a row (a total of almost 2,000 members). So the gain last year of 9 members and a loss this year of 10 members put it at a loss of 1 member in the last 2 years, so this is nowhere near as bad as others.

*The chart below shows the total number of registered members and resignations, lapsed etc for each year 1993- 2012 (eg: in 1993/94, we had 19 members - in 2011/12, 10 are no longer members)*



I feel that the DCSNZ membership is in a good state at the moment and it is really now up to all current members with help from the area representatives and the backing of Council to build on what we have.

In July 2012, for the first time, Grant (the treasurer) and I sent out most of your membership statements via email. Not all of you wish to have it sent this way, so unless **you** let me know, this is how they will go out again in early July. Also I hate asking for an extra \$10 for the late payment fee – so please, please pay your subs before 1/10/12.

There are a few things I must mention about the expenses in the 1112 budget. One is that we purchased some personalised envelopes for the New Members pack and statements/letters etc. To get this special deal we had to order in bulk but these will last for a few years, which will bring the postage costs for next few years down considerably. The other was the purchase of bumper stickers etc for the New Members Welcome packs, this is something the DCSNZ Inc has always given out (and hopefully will continue to do so in the future) again these will last for a few years. The bumper stickers are larger than before, easier to see and can also be purchased from Bruce Jones who organises the Societies Promotions.

To encourage more people to join when there is only half or less of the Membership year left, rather than leave it until the beginning of the new Membership year. Now after the 1st January, there will be the opportunity for New Members to pay for half a years Membership. To get this half year fee they would also have to pay for the following years Membership, eg: If Mr Jones became a member on 25th Jan he would pay \$25 for the ½ year remaining, plus \$50 for the following year = \$75. This is something that will be offered but if they don't want this it will be just \$50.

From the 1st October, all members who have not paid their Membership, will not receive any more Dispatch's or be able to transfer, register or own any cattle, until their Membership is up to date. This means that they may miss out on a Dispatch, due to limited copies available.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the AGM in Lower Hutt on the 9th June 2012.

**SEE YOU THERE!**

-Maureen Pettersson

## **SHOWING AND JUDGING REPORT 2011/2012**

I wish to thank those of you who have shown your Dexters over the past season, and also to all those of you who have supported shows in a variety of ways. Behind the exhibitors in the show ring are a number of support people who help to make the shows happen – tutors/ trainers, drivers, groomers, stewards, judges, sponsors, etc, etc. Thank you to each and every one of you who has had a 'behind the scenes role' or who has been 'roped in' to the ring on the day! Thank you also to the spectators for supporting us & to the photographers who 'capture the moments' for us.

Showing is an excellent way of promoting our breed. It's not everyone's 'cup of tea' but if you've been considering it, I challenge you to have a go – train a calf when it's young and when you're bigger than it!

I'm aware that there have been fewer cattle entries at some A&P Shows over the last couple of years, not just for Dexters – other breed sections have been struggling to get sufficient entries to run their own classes also. This trend continued in the 2011/2012 season. There are many reasons why people decide not to enter a show they may have attended in the past. It would appear that the current economic climate has had an



impact on A&P Shows in general, however. Show organisers are attempting to address this nationwide issue.

Stewards play an important role at shows. Some A&P Shows organise stewards for all sections & some ask breed societies to provide their own. If you are asked to fulfil this vital role at a show, please consider it carefully. It is one way you can support Dexter breeders in showcasing the breed. A big 'Thank you' to you if you've been a steward; you've been one of the 'show team' & will have learnt a lot about how a show is run.

Thank you also to Dexter Society members who run or help organise Dexter Sections at shows throughout NZ. You keep the wheels turning for us and make it possible for Dexters to continue to be included in shows.

A small number of us have continued to support the Dexter Section at the Tokoroa A & P Show. Three years ago the organisers offered to support the Dexter breed by inviting us to be part of their show and by providing a separate ring for us. Tokoroa has now been added to our show circuit. I believe it's important to attend these shows where we have an ideal opportunity to showcase our cattle. There are A&P shows in other towns, where Dexter classes have already been established; please support these venues.

I understand the Nelson A&P Show welcomed Dexters as part of their show this season and offered incentives to help increase entries of all cattle breeds. Lucy Stratford entered her Dexters as a first time exhibitor and did very well. Congratulations, Lucy. Hopefully you'll enter next year & have lots of fun there again.

I haven't received any show reports/feedback from areas outside of Waikato/BOP/Franklin/Nelson but trust that, for all of you who have shown your cattle, you enjoyed the experience & will show your Dexters again next year.

## **Updates**

Criteria & entry forms for the Snowline & Turoa Youth Trophies have been on the website since the beginning of the current show season. This should simplify the process for entrants. The Turoa Youth Trophy is in its inaugural year. I would like to thank Keith & Heather Wratt for generously donating this Trophy to the Dexter Society. We have a small number of dedicated young people showing Dexters. Hopefully this Trophy will serve as an added incentive to them & also encourage other young people to try their hand at showing.

I collated A&P Show dates & venues (where Dexters are or have been shown in recent years) and sent them to Grant for uploading onto the Dexter website at the beginning of the show season. The intention is to do this each year.

I also collated a list of judges for Dexters at A&P Shows & sent them to Grant & to Debbie Cameron (RAS) for inclusion on both websites. These are both permanent listings. If you are involved in organising a show you can use this list to look up judges in or close to your area & contact them directly.

Throughout the show season I have further supported the adoption of a breed uniform, encouraging exhibitors to wear this in the show ring. Spectators have commented on how great it looks to see everyone in the ring in matching colours.

Acting on the suggestion of several breeders who show Dexters, I have rewritten the schedule for the NI Dexter Breed Show, thus standardising it. I used the Breed Show Schedules from various A&P Shows over the previous five years as a basis for the range of classes. This Show Schedule has been accepted by Council and is available on the website.

I also support the establishment of a SI Dexter Breed Show. The inaugural show was held in conjunction with the Mackenzie County A&P Show at Fairlie on 9 April (Easter Monday), where Dexters were the feature breed. I hope SI Dexter Breeders supported this show and that all exhibitors had a great day.

It is hoped that the SI Breed Show will be held in conjunction with different A&P Shows each year, as happens with the NI Breed Show. Suggestions and invitations from breeders, Area Reps and A&P Show organisers are welcome, however the final decision regarding the venue for the Dexter Breed Shows is made a season in advance by Council. Council have agreed that the SI Dexter Breed Show will have the same schedule as the North Island one, thus standardising the Dexter Breed Show throughout NZ. I must add that, although the Breed Show trophies are for the North and South Island Shows, breeders are not confined to their island if they wish to travel to compete (ie a South Island breeder is welcome to exhibit at the NI Breed Show and vice versa).

The 2012 Royal Show will again be held in Hamilton. I understand the host A&P Association (Waikato), have made a number of changes to the organisation of this show, as a result of feedback they received from cattle exhibitors & breed societies (including myself as an exhibitor and the Dexter Society) following the 2011 Royal Show.

In 2013 & 2014, the Royal Show will be run by a Manawatu Consortium consisting of the Fielding & Manawatu A&P Assn, Performance Beef Breeders & Manfield Event Centre. This decision was made by the RAS at their last AGM.

Hosting rights for the 2015-2017 Royal Shows will be decided at the 2014 RAS Conference.

### **PROMOTIONS REPORT 2011/2012**

Congratulations and thank you to those breeders and show people who have put their hands up to promote the Dexters, while they have been attending shows, field days and expo's. It is nice to see more people becoming involved in promotion our breed. Promotion helps all of us, right into our back pockets!

We look forward to the next National Open Day in 2013. Some areas may be working toward this already.

The Open Day will take time to organise, to do it properly. There are aspects from last time that we learned from, and need work this time. It is hard to co-ordinate each group for maximum exposure, each area having differing newspapers and radio coverage.

Please bring ideas with you to the AGM, and over informal discussions, we can get timetables and an action plan onto paper. Council will set the date, with your input.

There have been some very successful promotional activities over the last year, most of which have been reported in the Dexter Dispatch. Similar days are to be held throughout the next twelve months. Council has made funds available to each area as instructed by the last AGM and Council and Area Reps will assist as applicable.

-Marion Corbett

### **AREA GROUP REPORT 2011/2012**

DCSNZ has 13 Areas in New Zealand, covered by 11 representatives. And while this seems to work adequately, like most things, there is room for improvement.

There has been discussion about how Area Reps are appointed; generally it has been simply by someone volunteering. We have yet to find an alternative. Election of reps has

been suggested, but not tried. It would be very nice if area reps were not also council members, but members need to speak up, or even worse...volunteer!

Good communication is essential in all organizations, and in our Society it is variable at best. Many groups seem content quietly doing what they do. Other groups are busy. It is all according to those living in the areas – if they want action, then they become active. We cannot force our members to participate if they don't wish, let alone communicate with the Council! The new job descriptions for Area Reps don't seem to make an awful lot of difference to the functioning of an area Group; it all comes down to personalities and the members in that group.

A reminder here that funds are available for the functioning of each area group and can be used for mailing out information, paying for a speaker, or advertising up-coming events. Receipts are required for treasury.

The budget has been set for the National Open Day next year. Talk to the in-coming council about this.

Regional Area Group and Showing Portfolios should be close knit, over-lapping as they do, especially going into planning the Open Day next year. A&P Shows and Small Farmers Field Days and Expos are where a lot of the initial contact is made, where folk first see Dexter cattle.

This combination has been proven successful time and again over the years; Feilding and Rangiora come to mind, and most recently at McKenzie County Highland Show. The three facets displaying Dexters together, – supporting each other and having fun together. Area Group members manning the promotions side while individuals compete – team work!

As this is my last report to the DCSNZ, it just leaves me to say that I wish the Society well. Members are the most important asset we have. Happy members reflect a happy Society.

And to Members – speak up if you want to say something. You won't be heard otherwise. If that doesn't work, tell someone else! To quote Nigel Latta – “Good luck, you'll need it”.

## **RESEARCH REPORT 2011/2012**

This is my first report since joining council in 2011, I hope some of the articles written for the dispatch have been interesting and helpful.

With the help of feedback from members I'd like to focus on researching the milk and beef production of our Dexters. Over the years there have been plenty of stories of Dexter milk production. Yields of 3,600 litres of 4.1% of butter fat milk per lactation have been reported in Dexters in America.

Dexter milk fat globules are apparently very small, which makes it easily digested.

Over the last 12months I have had information of bulls carrying the gene for A2 and I would be interested in information on any cows that may have been tested and producing A2 milk.

I'd like to liaise with our show representative with the view to having an in milk section at our shows.

Beef research at a university in America showed that the Dexter rib eye was 15% larger than the standard USA rib eye vs. carcass weight correlation than you would expect it to be. That said we all know our Dexter beef marbles well without excess fat and produces great flavour. Surely we could push a bit at that Beef of Origin taste test.

In the next 12 months I'd like to get some feedback on those Sires that are producing off spring with JLO type booties and great udders for improving the unique qualities of the Dexter.

There has also been some enquire into Dexters as draft animals, which is apparently very popular overseas and I will research into this further for our members, as I'm sure our little Dexters would have no trouble learning, knowing how smart they can be at outsmarting me. My very best wishes to all our members, may we continue to enjoy and expand our interest in Dexters.

-Dia Burgess

## **WEBSITE REPORT 2011/2012**

Traffic to the website has remained at elevated levels since my last report in November. In particular, use of the "Cattle for Sale" page has continued its steady growth. Over 22% of views now involve that page, up from 18% in October. It is pleasing to see an excellent selection of 47 cattle listed for sale across NZ, as I write this. Website visitors are now spending an average of around 5 minutes on the website, compared with just 3 minutes when I took over its maintenance last year. It is also pleasing to see the Facebook page being used on an increasing basis. Some of the AGM remits have been discussed via this page.

### **"Members\_Area" of website**

One member thought she needed to put the Area Code for her part of the country into the "Username" box. Other confusion exists around the use of an underscore "\_" as part of the username. By the time you read this, I will have replaced it with the single word "members" without any capitals. The password will also have been changed and notified to members via the email newsletter. Further improvements I would like to see during the coming year are: 1) More frequent updates of the online Herd Book (this is dependent on the Herd Registrar providing it!) and 2) The Breeder's Handbook being available online.

-Grant Keymer

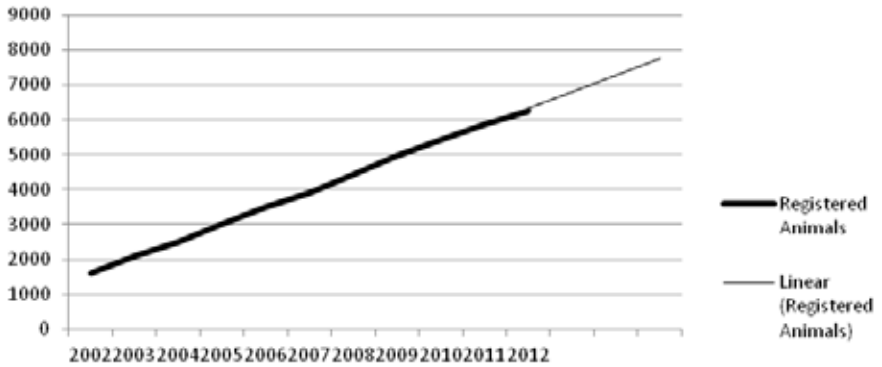
## **HERD REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2011/2012**

The 2011/2012 year has seen some major challenges insofar as the Herd Registrar's role is concerned. Continued health problems mid last year coupled with pressures of work and just not enough hours in the day frustrated my ability to keep registrations flowing at an acceptable pace.

Splitting the role and having Carol Ring take on the work of receipting and checking applications before entry has helped hugely, but time at the end of each day is becoming increasingly harder to find which sadly will mean that the society will need to review how this role is handled into the future.

Membership numbers have remained reasonably static over the last twelve months showing an attrition of members nearly equal to the number of new members. The number of animals registered continues to grow (refer to the graph below), but you will notice that the numbers for the last 12 months are just beginning to snake below the trend line a little. Last year I predicted that we would eclipse 7000 (including imported) by this time, but we have not quite achieved this.

## Registered Animals at 31 March



## Registrations

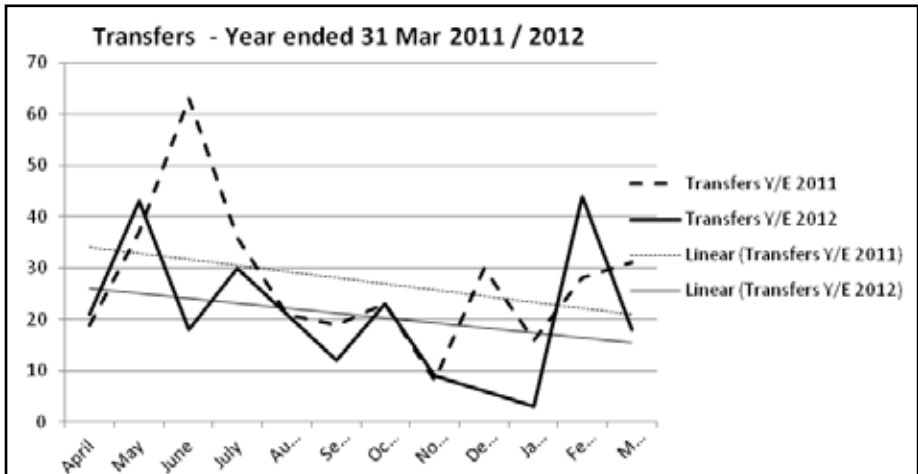
The following graph shows that Registrations processed for the past financial year show an overall decrease of 79 or 16% (Total 2011 = 470, 2012 = 391).

### Registrations - Year Ended 31 Mar 2011 / 2012



## Transfers

Transfers processed in the last financial year have dropped from 331 in 2011 to 248 for 2012.



-Colin Read

## DISPATCH REPORT 2011/2012

The last year has been 'business as usual' for the quarterly publication of the Dexter Dispatch as I have endeavoured to continue with the formula that meets with most members' approval.

It usually takes me about 20 hours of computer work plus 2 trips to Rotorua, spread over a couple of weeks to put together each Dispatch. As I check through all the contributions I receive via email I allocate page numbers to each piece and edit it to fit that page (s). I email that to a lady called Helen, who works for Dudfield Bryce Printers in Rotorua who formats the dispatch. Once the Dispatch is close to completion, Helen emails me a draft that I check over, add the last bits and pieces and email back to her the changes. Once I approve the final draft, I travel to Rotorua, check over the final draft paper copy and sign it off as correct and ready to print. Helen then has some work to do to set it up for printing – all computerized these days of course. The Dudfield Bryce Print Department then takes over. It takes about 3 days to print and collate the dispatch – it is actually printed on A3 sized paper – 4 pages per sheet, which is then cut, collated, stapled and trimmed. I provide the stamps and the labels and the packing ladies at Dudfield Bryce Printers put the label and the dispatch in the plastic envelopes, put on a stamp and they are ready to post. I pick up the Dispatches from the printer and put them in the post.

I am hugely appreciative of the many members who contribute to each Dispatch – Special Thank You, to many of you who have helped over the past year – keep it up!!

I took over as editor of the Dexter Dispatch in April 2003 with Dispatch No.40. Ten years as editor will be enough for me and so I wish to inform the Society that I will tender my resignation as from June 2013 and give opportunity for someone with fresh ideas to take over as editor.

-Keith Wratt

## REMIT S

### REMIT 1

**THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year.**

*Rationale:* There is no need to make any change.

*Proposed by council*

### REMIT 2

**THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year.**

*Rationale:* There is no need to make any change.

*Proposed by council*

### REMIT 3

**THAT transfer fees remain the same for the next year.**

*Rationale:* There is no need to make any change.

*Proposed by council*

### REMIT 4

**THAT the Short Leg/Long Leg column of the Herd Book be deleted.**

*Rationale:* Judging the leg length is an arbitrary measurement and many breeders have difficulty deciding which category the animal fits into.

*Proposed by Inger Keymer, Seconded by Alec Meades*

### REMIT 5

**THAT we include a column in the Herd Book, THAT the height (in cm) at three years of age. Submission of this measurement is at the discretion of the breeder, or owner at 3 years of age.**

*Rationale:* This is a useful measurement to know, when choosing a breeding animal, as there is a height range included in the Dexter Breed Standard and animals have normally reached their adult height by three years of age.

*Proposed by Inger Keymer, Seconded by Alec Meades*

### REMIT 6

**THAT we make registration of heifers, up to the age of two years, possible, without any late penalty fee. If the heifer gives birth to a calf before attaining the age of two years, she must be registered before any offspring can be registered.**

*Rationale:* This service is available in the U.K. and is useful for people with small properties, who need to keep their stock numbers down, but don't want to be forced to make a decision between registering or selling their heifer before a year old. It often takes 2-3 years before a heifer shows her true worth.

*Proposed by Inger Keymer, Seconded by Alec Meades*

### REMIT 7

**THAT as of the 1st July 2012 brass tags are no longer used as a form of identification of the dexter breed. Instead replaced with the NAIT approved tag number.**

*Rationale:* As of 1st July 2012 it will be compulsory for all animals to have a NAIT approved/EID tag in their ear. The reasons behind this are for full traceability of animals. It therefore negates the needs for a brass registration tag.

Effectively the NAIT tag number will become the animals life time ID, so a herd book number is allocated to that life time ID number therefore cutting down herd registers work load and time required to register each animal, stream lining the process.

This will also negate the use of double handling the animal for the tagging process.

*Proposed by Julia Eden, Seconded by Margaret Perry*

**NOTE: The following remits may cancel out each other according to how they are voted on so all must be considered prior to voting.**

#### **REMIT 8**

**THAT the requirement for DNA testing for bull calves be cancelled.**

*Rationale:* To simplify registration, to compliment the integrity of the small breeders and encourage active membership in the society. Most members only have one or two cows. DNA testing is long winded and costly and is detrimental to a membership which only holds one or two cows. –The nature of the membership being predominantly from small blocks of land.

*Proposed by Lyndsay Tatton, Seconded by Bruce Jones*

#### **REMIT 9**

**THAT regulation 8:12 be amended to read “ From 1st June 2010, an official microsatellite (G1) DNA profile with Sire verification certificate must be lodged with the DCSNZ Inc. for every bull registered on or after that date.**

*Rationale:* That the society need to maintain the integrity of the herd book which cannot be achieved by insisting on G3 technology without undue expense for members ..

Also to change to G3 would result in our database becoming invalid ,also we would not be compatible with other Dexter societies around the world .

For our present purposes of DNA profiling and sire verification G1 is more than adequate.

*Proposed by council*

#### **REMIT 10**

**THAT Council rescind their decision to revert to G1 profiling, and continue with G3 DNA testing which has been in place since May 2011, through GeneMark, to keep abreast with new technology; and that where a Sire verified DNA Certificate is required by the Society, (currently for the registration of all bulls), that Sire verification be requested by the member, from GeneMark, and noted on the Certificate as ‘Tru-Parent’.**

*Rationale:*

1. Returning to the old technology of hair samples and 14 Markers is a retrograde step, which will inevitably result in changing back to G3 again as smaller laboratories need to stay competitive.
2. It is very possible that the Society may have need to research genetic issues other than merely focussing on a profile. As and when this arises, the old G1 technology will not be able to accommodate.
3. Analysis of the 60 males registered in the 12 months (Sep 10 ~ Aug 11), show that 48 were sired by 29 bulls current in the Herdbook, 4 were sired by 4 bulls now shown as culled, and 8 were sired by 4 AI bulls. The numbers of sires involved that cannot be retested to G3 is very low, and the issue will basically resolve itself within one year. This temporary situation should not stand in the way of the long term benefits of new technology. Members would only need to retest those bulls that have sired a male that is to be registered.
4. If straws are not available for retesting some AI sires, then the Society could accept the spent straw attached to the Registration Request as proof of sire. This was sometimes done in years past.
5. Payment of fees for this very small number of bulls would cost the Society less than the ‘down’ profiling of animals currently tested to G3.



6. The cost of requesting parent verification against the nominated parents is negligible (Current for profile and full parent verification: \$35.00 + GST).
7. The applicators for taking tissue samples can usually be shared around, but the cost is not prohibitive. The process is very simple, and tissue samples will not get contaminated.
8. The Society has dealt with GeneMark for many years, they hold our records, and they can be dealt with direct rather than having to 'batch' submissions through a single Society nominee. (GeneMark only require a single point-of-contact for anything to do with the Society itself, not for receiving/processing/issues arising, which are all done direct).
9. The requirement to have the certificates laboratory sire verified deletes the need for the Society to maintain the DNA database that has been necessary up to this point. The 'Rationale' is a bit long, but it is felt that members need to be able to properly weigh up the situation before making a decision on which way they want to vote – only about 7% of the membership can normally attend the AGM's, and those submitting proxies should have the information in advance.

*Proposed by Peter Lucking, Seconded by Julia Eden*

## ELECTIONS

This year five nominations were received for Council, one nomination for President and two nominations for Complaints Officer. Our regulations state that council should be a maximum of 8 and we have historically had 2 complaints officers, so we have no need for an election this year.

The nominations for President, Council and Complaints officers will be ratified at the AGM.

### **Steve Ring - President (Nominated by Gail Aiken #813)**

I have now been President of the Dexter Society for a year and feel that there are a few more things which need to be ironed out before I pass the position on to someone else. My wife, Carol and I have owned Dexters for 8 years and now have a herd of over 30 animals over two properties that are Certified Organic, here in Gisborne.

### **Grant Keymer - Council (Nominated by Robyn Snelgar #221)**

It's almost a year now since I was appointed as Treasurer and Webmaster. The months have flown by, leaving a legacy of learning experiences in their wake. I feel a little like a gate crasher at a party, having stumbled into a gathering without having the good manners to properly introduce myself, so here goes...

Unlike many other members, I was not born into a farming family at all. My father was an electrician and my mother was a school teacher. I trained as a technician in broadcasting, in the days when it was called the NZBC. My job was to race around the countryside in a Land Rover, keeping radio and TV stations on the air by doing routine maintenance, along with the odd bit of project work. As time went on, I found it was the project work that really interested me, because I got to design some electronic hardware myself, rather than fixing equipment that had been designed by others. When working for large government organisations in those days, you were liable to be transferred anywhere around NZ at short notice, and so it was with me. Within a couple of months, I left Auckland where I had spent most of my formative years, and arrived in the Bay of Plenty as a fresh-faced city boy, in amongst cow paddocks and Kiwifruit orchards. I met my wife Inger at a barbecue in nearby Te Puke.

Each year, the NZBC sent me on training courses, and eventually I completed my Certificate of Engineering in Telecommunications. I left the NZBC and studied at Auckland University, graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering two years later. Three years after graduation, I had a fantastic job working for an employer who was an incredibly bright guy -- just not a very good businessman. He lacked focus, and was always flitting from one project to the next. The latest piece of cutting-edge technology frequently distracted him from seeing an existing project through to completion. So it was that he down-sized his business, leaving several clients in the lurch, and his staff looking for other jobs. I quickly found one, but some of the clients I had been working for kept in touch, and wanted me to continue doing work for them.

To cut a long story short, I found myself running my own computer business at age 27, with our first child about to arrive! Our business went through its ups and downs over the years, with the recession in 1992 being one of the darkest times. However, we enjoyed bumper years such as 1999, when lots of customers were replacing all their hardware, due to the looming "Y2K bug".

An opportunity came to sell our business in early 2008, helped by some very strong sales figures, and a promising outlook for the year ahead. Little did we know that the Global Financial Crisis was in store, but the sale went through and I found myself with plenty of time available to concentrate on upgrading our lifestyle block which we had purchased some 5 years earlier.

It is now 9 years since we bought our property, and so much has been accomplished, it is satisfying to look back on it all. I have learnt far more about farming than I ever thought possible, although I still get reminded on a semi-regular basis that my knowledge is far from complete!

We have around 30 Dexters and a similar number of sheep; most of them Wiltshires which shed their own wool. We also have some Chooks, Ducks and Geese to keep us amused, and are fattening some piglets for our freezer. One of the perks of our country life is eating mostly our own meat. We have a rough 135 acre block near Russell in the Bay of Islands, and our nearest full-sized supermarket is at Kerikeri, a ferry ride, and 40km drive away.

I have enjoyed serving as Treasurer and Webmaster of DCSNZ during the past year, but having been co-opted rather than elected, I must now seek election as a candidate. Our present Council has people from diverse backgrounds, and it has been a pleasure getting to know them all. We each have our part to play, and our widely varied experiences bring a range of perspectives to the decision-making table. I can offer my committment for at least a 2-year term, and probably more if members so desire.

#### **Maureen Pettersson - Council (Nominated by Betsy Smith #329)**

I have owned Dexter's for over 9 years along with my husband Wayne and during this time we have built up our small herd of purebred cattle on out 10 acres in Mangaroa Valley, just north of Upper Hutt. I work as a clinical manager at a local dental surgery, again a job I have enjoyed over the years (37 in total in this line of work)

For the last 4 years I have held the council portfolio of Membership Secretary, a position I enjoy immensely. I feel it is vitally important the council represent, protect and promote this lovely breed of cattle to the best of its' ability, a council that will put the breed and its' members first and foremost.

I am happy to accept this nomination to be on council for another 2 years.

### **Betsy Smith- Council (Nominated by Maureen Pettersson #369)**

Over the past 2 years I have had responsibility for the Showing and Judging portfolio & in this role have actioned several initiatives which are outlined in my report.

I have learnt a lot about the functioning of the Dexter Society during my term, if elected for a further term on council, I would endeavour to continue to promote the Showing of Dexters. As the owners of Cherry Oak stud my husband Stan and I run 15-20 black, red and dun Dexter's including 3 bulls (currently one of each colour on our Lifestyle block. Stan & I have been showing our Dexters for the past 8 years, attending up to 7 shows per season. We enjoy not only showcasing the wonderful Dexter Breed but also meeting many of the wonderful Dexter breeders and members of the public curious to learn more about these delightful cattle.

We started by showing one calf at 3 local shows and now regularly show 5-7 Dexters per show. Clearly we are addicted!

I have worked as a Guidance Counillor in Waikato Secondary schools for 21 years & have taken up a new position at Ngaruawahia High School this year.

I enjoy gardening, travel, fishing and reading.

### **Robyn Snelgar- Council (Nominated by Steve Ring #325)**

I have been breeding purebred Dexter's along with my husband Steve for the past 13 years. During this time I have learnt a huge amount about the breed and met a lot of very nice and interesting members of our society throughout NZ.

We have 2 Dexter studs Pohutukawa and Ardmere Heights and are currently running about 50 purebred Dexter's (including calves)

Included is 13 bulls that we lease out to members and other locals that want to cross breed their cattle with Dexter bulls.

Our Dexter's have become a huge part of our life and we are dedicated to the promotion of our lovely breed in NZ.

I work part time as a website administrator and maintain the website shopcountdown.co.nz. I have worked for the same company for the last 24 years.

I enjoy breeding Dexters, gardening, fishing, cooking, spending time with our growing family and if time would allow would love to read more.

I have been on the DCSNZ council for the past 10 years and have held the position of secretary for the past 5 years.

I have enjoyed being on the council and being part of the running and administration of our society

I have also enjoyed hosting council meetings at our home in Ardmere for the past 2 - 3 years.

I am happy to accept the nomination for another 2 years.

### **Garth Woodward - Council (Nominated by Betsy Smith #329)**

I live in retirement with my wife Jeanne on a very small holding, situated with a view of the sea, south of Raglan in the Waikato. Interest in the breed goes back 15-20 years but it only in the recent past we have been able to afford our own small breeding herd and set up Chattan House stud.

My interests lie around breed conformation and improvement via considered and informed breeding practices and participation in society activities through showing and judging.

I am also interested in pursuing ways to bring the breed to the attention of a wider audience. Moving from our current 'niche' role into a more main stream acceptance of the charming animals.

**Maggie Bentley – Complaints Officer (Nominated by Robyn Snelgar #221)**

I have had Dexters since 1998 and been a member since then. I have been on the DCSNZ council and have been the secretary for a number of years in the past.

I am happy to continue to be complaints officer for the society.

**Julia Eden – Complaints Officer (Nominated by Peter Lucking #87)**

"I have been breeding Dexters for 14 years. I have a lifetime of breeding cattle. Currently my husband Stewart and I milk 1300 cows in Southland, using Dexters alongside the Holstein herd, developing a commercial market. My main focus is integrity of the breed and ensuring that Dexters are known, respected, and held with integrity throughout New Zealand".

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## NOTES



# PHOTO COMPETITION

**During the AGM, we will be running a photo competition.**  
Entry is open to all financial members. Results will be announced at the AGM Dinner on Saturday evening and published in the August Dispatch.

Please be aware that all photographs become the property of the Society for its use and will not be returned to the entrants.

*The photo should be postcard size (6 x 4) and will be displayed on boards in the following categories:*

1. **Best Head Shot**
2. **Best Group of Dexter Cattle (more than one)**
3. **Best Single Dexter**
4. **Best Cow and Calf**
5. **Dexter Photo with the smartest/funniest caption**
6. **Side-on photo of Mature Purebred Dexter Cow or Bull.**
7. **Series of four photos of the same animal. A full front view, a close-up head shot, a full side view and a full rear view.**

#### GENERAL:

- Photos must be taken by the entrant and must be of Dexter Cattle.
  - All entrants to be current financial members of the Society.
  - Photos to be taken at any time prior to the closing date but may not have been entered in a previous DCSNZ competition.
  - The judges decision is final.
  - Cattle need not be the property of the entrant.
  - The Society reserves the right to publish any of the photos in the Dispatch or promotional material.
  - Digital photos to be made available to the Editor of the Dispatch upon request.
  - Maximim of two entries per category, per member.
- NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

#### *On the reverse, please record:*

1. **Your name and membership number**
2. **Class you are entering**
3. **Name of the animal and herd book number (if known)**
4. **Age of animal (approx)**

**Send photos by: 2 June 2012**  
**TO: DEXTER SOCIETY AGM PHOTO COMPETITION**  
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