



Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc.)

Minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Angus Inn, Wellington, June 9, 2012

Council June 2011 – June 2012

President – Steve Ring
Treasurer – Grant Keymer (co-opted)
Secretary – Robyn Snelgar
Herd Registrar – Colin Read
Membership – Maureen Pettersson
Research – Dianne Burgess
Promotions – Bruce Jones
Showing & Judging – Betsy Smith
Area Groups/Promotions – Marion Corbett
Dispatch Liaison – Marion Corbett
Webmaster – Grant Keymer

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registry Assistant – Carol Ring
Dispatch Editor – Keith Wratt

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

Meeting opened at 9.30am with a very warm welcome by the President Steve Ring to the 13th AGM of the society. Steve went over the house keeping rules and thanked Maureen for putting on the AGM.

PRESENT:

Steve Ring, Carol Ring, Robyn Snelgar, Steve Snelgar, Grant Keymer, Inger Keymer, Maureen Pettersson, Betsy Smith, Marion & Colin Corbett, Bruce Jones, Di Burgess, Garth Woodward, Keith & Heather Wratt, Marion Mangnall, Brenda Batchelor, Don & Janice Viles, Owen & Shirley Drummond, Simon Holdaway, Roger Fielder, Lindsay Tatton, Tony & Julie Duff, Julia & Stewart Eden, Marti & Murray Winn, Marion Read & Lee McAuston, Helen & Brian Wallace, Dave & Mary Howard, Gwen & Vince McBride, Alan & Nicola Rothwell, Maurice & Jill Job, Heather Cunningham, Alison Rowe, Andrea & Ian Blackburn.

APOLOGIES:

Nancy & Don Edge, Wayne Pettersson, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, Patsy Leek, Gail Aitken, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Trudy Robertson, Beverley & Taryn Swney, Margaret & Hilton Perry, Shirley Spik, Lorna Chapman, Colin & Marion Read, Steve Rundle, Sue Fielder, Clare Oliver, Brian & Raewyn Rosser, Peter & Annette Gardiner, Bruce & Jean Riddler, Eileen Fahey, Sian Nielson, Brigitte Kammlein, Steve Cutler, S & W Stokes, Maureen Skilton, Neville & Marion May, Ava Hunt, John & Allison Warren, Gail Aiken, Colin & Linda Bongard, Mark Nicholls, Gavin Gardner, Alec & Anne Meades, Robert & Susan Howard, Tony & Vicki Houlbrooke, Hamish & Anne Burdon, Brenda Dunn, Liz Jones, Lynette Winters, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Trudy Robertson, Dawn Millar, Lucy Stratford, E A Caley, Richard & Angela Stevens, Pam Horncy & Chris Eichbaum, Liza & Simon Richardson, Graeme & Trudy Carrig, T & A Arthurs, Coralie Walton, Grant & Andrew Conway, Jennifer Nidd, Rachel Knight & Paul Callon, Robyn Moran, Diana Peterson & Jules Esther, R Cardno, Paul & Joy Quilter, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, L Ashley & R Paton, Marilyn Jeffery, Banham Dyson Partnership, Jacquie Wright, Michael Trotter, Dave & Lesandre Paris, Anna Allan, Elaine van Roon, Fritz & Hiroka Logan.

THAT the apologies be accepted
Moved by Steve Ring/Grant Keymercarried

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

Thank you
Robyn Snelgar

Maureen Pettersson of the Wellington area group welcomed everyone to the Angus Inn and hoped they all enjoy their time in Wellington.

Steve Ring went over the plans for the meeting.

There was a minutes silence for members that have passed on during the previous 12 months

Kirsty Johansson #346
Colin Bennett Husband of member #39
Stephan Singleton #752

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

MINUTES OF THE 12th AGM June 2011:

Corrections to minutes - Murray Winn was absent and their surname is spelt WINN.

THAT we accept the corrections of the Annual General Meeting as circulated held at the Emerald Hotel, Gisborne, June 11, 2011.

Marti Winn/Carol Ring.....carried

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting with the corrections as circulated held at the Emerald Hotel, Gisborne, June 11, 2011 be accepted.

Janice Viles/ Marti Winn.....carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2011/12 financial reports

Letter from Liz Jones

Letter from Lindsay Tatton

THAT correspondence be accepted

Moved by Grant Keymer/ Maureen Petterssoncarried

Confirmation of Agenda

Breed Standard

Special Service Awards

Communication from council to the members

THAT the agenda be accepted

Steve Snelgar/ Di Burgess.....carried

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Steve thanked council for all their hard work over the last year. He thanked Marion Corbett for her contribution to council over the last 4 years and also thanked Steve and Robyn Snelgar for hosting the council f2f meetings.

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

Moved by Steve Ring/Marion Corbettcarried unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT:

Inger Keymer and Carol Ring gave all members a copy of the audited accounts for the last year To refresh the members memories Grant read the Treasurers report to the members, which was published in the AGM booklet.

Grant informed the members that there is another \$217.00 interest to be added to the records that had not been received when the document was printed.

Council travel expenses were talked about.

Robyn Snelgar pointed out that meetings are held in Auckland as this is the cheapest destination to fly to and also that Maureen Pettersson books the flights well in advance to keep the cost of flights to a minimum.

Heather Cunningham asked if council had tried using SKYPE

Grant Keymer said that some councillors are still on dial up so it is not able to be done.

Heather asked often council meets and Robyn answered, 3 times a year and once after the AGM.

Maureen Pettersson commented on what a pleasure it is to work with Grant and how easy he has made things.

Janice Viles congratulated the society on being able to organize an AGM at such a reasonable cost and still provide lunch and morning tea.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2012 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

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

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**

Bruce asked why we are losing members. Maureen explained some of the reasons we loose members such as selling up and going back to town. There is nothing we can do to retain these members.

Maureen also referred to her report in the AGM booklet .

Marion Corbett said that some members are selling cattle that are not up to standard rather than culling them. She felt that people are too polite in survey's and sometimes do not express their true views. The members do need to look at ourselves and how we run our individual studs.

Heather Cunningham said we can not burden council with the moral responsibility of the members

Andrea said she had bad dealings with a member and is working on trying to sort it out.

There were comments on the societies position in terms of private member sales of cattle.

The complaints process was defined.

A complaint must be made in writing and sent to the secretary before any action can be made.

Carol Ring also talked about the process she goes through when she gets feedback from members

THAT the Membership report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Steve Snelgar.....carried unanimously

Maureen went over the member survey and the results.
Bruce asked why the survey went to Maureen.
It was explained that Maureen put the survey together so she also received and collated the results.

AREA GROUPS:

Marion Corbett asked for any questions and discussion on groups.
Julia Eden talked about the size of their group. She said the emails from area reps are read by many members and is a good place to start in terms of keeping contact with groups.
Some dedicated members will travel long distances to attend meetings.

THAT the Area Groups report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Marion Corbett/Julia Eden.....carried unanimously

Garth Woodward acknowledged Marion Corbetts hard work on council over the last 4 years.

SHOWING AND JUDGING:

Betsy asked members to send their show results from the previous season to Keith for publication.
It would be good to receive results for all areas so the membership can see what is happening nationwide
Julia Eden and Lindsay Tatton both said they had sent in results
Marion Corbett said she doesn't want to read too many show results
Good quality photos are always good to publish with show results.
Bruce said they take up a lot of room in the Dispatch
Stuart Eden said council needs to use the breed shows to promote Dexters more. They had a huge turnout for the SIBS.
Bruce talked about promotions at the Waikato Show and that they had stayed for the entire show to promote the breed.

Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy.

Betsy talked about the criteria for these and that they apply to members that compete at A&P Shows.
The criteria is also published on the DCSNZ website
The winner of the TUROA YOUTH TROPHY was Arjan Pedersen with 405 points and won with a lead of 262 points. Arjan wasn't present so Grant Keymer accepted in his behalf.

The SNOWLINE TROPHY was presented to Lindsay Tatton and a photo was taken of the presentation.
Betsy went over the origin, history and criteria for the Snowline Trophy

THAT the Showing & Judging report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Betsy Smith/Garth Woodward.....carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am.
Reconvened at 10.45

PROMOTIONS:

Marion Corbett presented the promotions report on Bruce's behalf.
There is plenty of merchandise for sale and good to see members wearing the breed uniform.
National Open Day .
Last year was a learning curve and members need to give feed back to council for suitable dates for the next Open Day.

THAT the promotions report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted
Moved by Marion Corbett/Steve Snelgar.....carried unanimously

WEBSITE:

Bruce talked about passwords and why are they change so often.
Betsy answered with the standard password change reasons and that it is standard practice to change passwords every 6 weeks.
DCSNZ passwords are changed once a year, so not as often as is standard business practice.

Grant asked for members that are on dial up to check they are receiving newsletter emails with ease.
Julia explained some difficulties she is having on the website. Grant gave explanation to this.

Grant explained that he keeps the newsletters to text only so make it easier for members on dial up.

Members need to inform Grant when cattle have been sold so they can be removed from the website.

Marti asked if cattle can be advertised according to location. Grant said he would look into it.

THAT the Website report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Grant Keymer/Maurice Job.....carried unanimously

Steve thanked Grant for the progress made on the website and newsletter.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

Di said that research is sometimes a difficult topic. She is interested in milking records for milking Dexters. She will try to develop a milking sheet for Dexters.

Bruce said he milks a lot of Dexters but they don't herd test so they do not have these records.
Beef sheets were talked about for purebred Dexters.

THAT the Research & Development report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Di Burgess/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

HERD REGISTRY REPORT:

Steve informed the members of Colin's resignation and the reasons.
He announced that Carol Ring will be taking over the Herd Registrar position.
Bruce thanked Carol for taking over this job.

Carol gave the members an update of the herd registry and that she is fairly well up to date with registrations and transfers. She said to tell any members that are still waiting on paper work to contact her so she can investigate.
She talked about the administration of the registrations and transfers.

Grant made a presentation on some alternatives for the herd book database.
He talked about the costs involved that some other organizations incur to use external herd management systems.
He researched worldwide for a system that would suit our society.
He also talked to Brad our original web designer about alternatives.

After further discussion the following amendment was proposed. Marion Corbett suggested a subcommittee be set up to investigate this further.

THAT up \$10,000.00 set up & \$400.00 per year to maintain the registry be approved for council to use to update the herd registry system that is needed.
Grant Keymer/Heather Cunningham.....29 for, against 4, abstained 0.
Grant will set up a sub-committee to research this further.

THAT the Herd Registrars report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Carol Ring/Betsy Smith.....carried unanimously

DISPATCH REPORT:

After the Herd Registry report Keith outlined the history of the website and how it was set up. Keith talked about decisions on what information is printed in the Dispatch. He enjoys it but has tendered his resignation as of June next year. Keith apologized for the delay in the reprint of the Breeders Hand Book. He talked about changes to the hand book and the need to be in accordance with the regulations as they change. We have used the same printer for a number of years and get an excellent deal from them.

Quality photos are necessary for reproduction in the Dispatch and the printed version in the Dispatch can only be as good as the quality of the original.

Marion Read recommended that show results be published on the website.

Maureen Petterson thanked Keith for his work on the Dispatch.

Steve asked the members if they are interested in taking on the Dispatch Editor position.

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

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

NEW COUNCIL:

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

President	Steve Ring	(unopposed)
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(unopposed)
	Maureen Petterson	(unopposed)
	Betsy Smith	(unopposed)
	Grant Keymer	(unopposed, new)
	Garth Woodward	(unopposed, new)
	Bruce Jones	(sitting)
	Di Burgess	(sitting)

Complaints	Maggie Bentley	unopposed – North Island
Officers	Julia Eden	unopposed - South Island

Ratify the new council and complaints officers

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

Moved by Inger Keymer/Janice Vilescarried unanimously

Betsy recognized and thanked Hamish Ensor for his work for many years as Complaints Officer.

REMITTS

Remit 1

THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

Proposed by council

For – 75, Against – 5.....carried

Remit 2

THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

Proposed by council

For – 76, Against – 5.....carried

Remit 3

THAT transfer fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

Proposed by council

For 78, Against – against.....carried

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

It was noted that is not was Ingers intention to eventually bring in compulsory chondro testing.

For 49, Against 32carried

Remit 5

THAT we include a column in the Herd Book, for 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

For 30, Against 49, Abstentions 2.....lost

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

For 60, Against 16, Abstentions 2.....carried

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 Julia Eden, Seconded Margaret Perry

For 21, Against 49, Abstentions 1lost

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.40pm

Reconvened 1.25pm

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 # 711, Seconded by Bruce Jones

For 11, Against 73.....lost

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

For 56, Against 20, Abstentions 5.....carried

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
 Lost due to Remit 9 being passed.

That council keep a watching brief on developments and review as necessary
 Maurice Job/Keith Wratt.....carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Steve read out the letter from Liz Jones letter that was tabled, discussions as follows -
 Manuwatu Country Expo

It was decided that the amount allocated per stud should be capped as it could result in a large sum for one event.

Discussions on the promotions budget needs to be spread nationwide and all areas are on an equal footing financially. Suggested that extra funds be available on a rotational basis through each group. The studs that promote get the benefits of sales.

Liz Jones Letter

There was the beginnings of discussion on this letter and Heather Cunningham stated that this letter is a matter for council to deal with.

THAT the letter be referred to council for further discussion
 Heather Cunningham/Steve Snelgar.....carried

Lindsay Tatton Letter –

Lindsay suggested that a pack be made up for sales to non-members with information on the society and any other relevant information. Council will discuss this.

Breed Standard

Bruce Jones suggested that the breed standard be looked at again. He is concerned about the size of Dexters and that they are getting bigger.

This issue was discussed during remit 5.

The temperament of cattle being sold rather than culled was also discussed.

Special Service Awards

Bruce has concerns about how this is run. He mentioned council members receiving awards and members also work hard to promote the breed.

Lindsay Tatton felt that non-council members should only be eligible to be nominated for this award.

THAT the special service awards be discontinued as of now.
Bruce Jones/Lindsay Tatton.....For 5, against 25, abstentions 4.....lost

Communication from council to the members

Simon Holdaway expressed concerns about a complaint that he has sent to council and had no response. The president will discuss this with Simon and the past president after the AGM.

Keith Wratt passed a message from Margaret & Hilton Perry and wished the meeting well and sent their apologies.

A card is to be sent to them on behalf of the society.

A new criteria was put forward by the secretary to the members for approval and suggestions on how to go forward with the special service award.

Suggestions were taken from the members

Stuart Eden suggested that council members are not eligible for nomination while sitting on council.

Marion Mangnall suggested a minimum membership time before being eligible.

Council will discuss this at a later date.

A different date to hold the AGM was mentioned but there was no alternative suggested.

Janice Viles thanked Steve Ring and Robyn Snelgar for the job as president and secretary in running the AGM.

Steve Snelgar thanked Maureen Pettersson for all her hard work in putting the AGM together.

Next AGM 8 & 9 June, 2013 will be held at Canterbury.

Note -

- SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD** were presented late at the AGM dinner to
Maureen Pettersson - For working tirelessly for the Wellington/South Waiararapa area, being available for advise and positively promoting Dexters and The Dexter Cattle Society.
- Margaret Perry - commitment & dedication to promoting Dexter's through showing, stewarding and supporting shows especially in the BOP, Franklin and Waikato areas.
- Liz Jones -For promoting Dexter's, attends most of the shows.
- Raewyn Rosser - Promoting Dexter's in their area by either showing or with field days and help with organizing, promoting at their local show.
- Grant Keymer – Work on the DCSNZ Website and news letter

Meeting closed 3.00p.m.

President.....
Steve Ring

Date.....