



# Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc.)

## Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Lincoln University, Christchurch , 8 June, 2013

### Council June 2012 – June 2013

President – Steve Ring  
Treasurer – Grant Keymer  
Secretary – Robyn Snelgar  
Membership – Maureen Pettersson  
Promotions – Bruce Jones (part year)/Garth Woodward (part year)  
Showing & Judging – Betsy Smith  
Area Groups – Garth Woodward  
Webmaster – Grant Keymer  
Dispatch liaison – Garth Woodward  
Research – Di Burgess  
Webmaster – Grant Keymer

### Positions Held off Council

Dispatch Editor – Keith Wratt  
Herd Registrar – Carol Ring  
Complaints Officers - North Island – Maggie Bentley  
South Island – Julia Eden

### 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 14th AGM of the society. Steve went over the house keeping rules and thanked Marion Mangnall for her efforts in organizing this AGM.

### **PRESENT:**

Steve Ring, Carol Ring, Robyn Snelgar, Steve Snelgar, Grant Keymer,, Maureen Pettersson, Betsy Smith, Keith & Heather Wratt, Marion & Colin Corbett, Bruce Jones, Di Burgess, Garth & Jean Woodward, Marion Mangnall, Owen & Shirley Drummond, Lindsay Tatton, Callum Tatton, Marti Winn, Marion Read & Lee McAuston, Heather Cunningham, Tyna Charles, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Shirley Spik , Louise Ballentyne, Hamish Ensor, Angela & Richard Stevens, Sue Jones, Linda Searell, David Read & Tracey Dovey Reid, Helen Taylor, Ian Booth, Claire & John van Roon, Mary Howard, Merrilees Rebeck

### **APOLOGIES:**

Wayne Pettersson, Brenda Batchar, Susan Monk, Grant & Andrew Conway, Rodney Cardinal, Don & Janice Viles, Wayne & Vince McBride, Dave & Rachel Curtis, Alan & Nicola Rothwell, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, Mike & Adrieen Marfell-Jones, Nancy Edge, Dorothy & Gavin Gardiner, Claire Oliver, Barry & Lindsey Benbow, Julia Eden.

**THAT** the apologies be accepted

Moved by Garth Woodward/Shirley Drummond .....carried

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

Thank you

Robyn Snelgar

Steve Ring welcomed everyone to Lincoln & went over general house-keeping & the plans for the meeting.

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

Hilton Perry - 7/01/2013 – Husband of Margaret Perry

Geraldine MacDonald – 11/05/2013 – Wife of the late Ian McDonald (life member)

Heather Cunningham spoke to Margaret Perry & the meeting about Hilton and passed her kindest thoughts on to her.

Steve Ring talked about Ian & Geraldine McDonald their contribution & the Snowline Trophy.

Tyna Charles expressed her thought to the members about Ian & Geraldine McDonald and the loss to the society.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

Items to be added to the agenda and discussed under General Business  
Marion Corbett cattle temperament,  
Betsy Smith - G2 Registration  
Lindsay Tatton – Chondrodysplasia  
Richard Stevens – Show venues  
Bruce Jones – Breed Shows

**THAT** the agenda be accepted  
Garth Woodward/ Betsy Smith.....carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Nil

**MINUTES OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> AGM June 2012:**

**THAT** the minutes of the Annual General Meeting with the corrections as circulated held at the Angus Inn, Lower Hutt, Wellington, June 09, 2012 be accepted.  
Moved by Marion Mangnall/Marti Winn.....carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2012/13 financial reports  
Letter from Lindsay Tatton on chondrodysplasia

**THAT** the correspondence be accepted  
Moved by Grant Keymer/Di Burgess. ....carried

**REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

Steve thanked council for all their hard work over the last year. He thanked Steve and Robyn Snelgar for hosting the council f2f meetings, saving the society quite a lot of money. He thanked Carol (his wife) for taking over the Herd registrar position. This has taken a lot of pressure off the society and she has done an excellent job in processing registrations and transfers.

**THAT** the President's report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.  
Moved by Steve Ring/Maureen Pettersson .....carried unanimously

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Grant gave an in-depth explanation of the Treasurers report.  
He talked about the time of year that members renew their subs in relationship to income at the time of writing his report. The reprint of the Breeders Handbook was a large expense but a one of and we should have enough to last for some time. Members that do not renew their subs by November will not receive a Dispatch and this will also save quite a bit of money  
  
Grant commended Carol for clearing up the back log of registrations and transfers and noted what a difference this has made to the members.  
The final stages of the Herd Registry upgrade has been completed to date with \$600.00 left, for any final adjustments, of the \$10,000.00 approved at the Gisborne AGM.  
The Herd Book is now available online at [www.dexter-cattle.co.nz](http://www.dexter-cattle.co.nz) (the society website). Printing paper herd books was becoming quite costly.  
The budget has a couple of alterations due to timing – AGM date versus the date of writing the budget  
The Herd Registry upgrade depleted the society funds and interest rates have dropped so interest earned is less.  
Grant asked if there are any advertising claims still to come in for the National Open Day. There are still a bit to sort out in this area.  
This year the AGM booklet was online rather than hard copies posted. Saving around \$800.00.  
There is no Open Day next year and having the Herd Registry now complete will see extra funds in the society bank account next year.  
We still have merchandise for sale that we are trying to clear.  
Heather Cunningham queried the amount in the savings account and Grant explained this is often due to the time of year and income at that time.

**THAT** the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2012 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.  
Grant Keymer/Garth Woodward.....carried unanimously

**THAT** the Treasurers report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.  
Grant Keymer/Mary Howard.....carried unanimously

Heather Wratt thanked Grant for his hours of work as Treasurer.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

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

Membership is slightly down this year but is as expected.

Maureen talked about the reasons for declining membership. One of the main reason being selling lifestyle blocks and moving back to town.

Total Current/Life – 374

Total Resigned (42 in 2012/2013) - 253

Total Lapsed (57 in 2012/2013) – 395

Deceased Merged - 6

Total Membership to date - 1028

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

Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Marti Winn.....carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned for 20 minutes for morning tea at 10.00am.

Meeting reconvened 10.20am

**AREA GROUPS:**

Garth Woodward asked for any feedback on area groups. He also explained to members his health issues and looks forward to a more productive and positive coming year.

**THAT** the Area Groups report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Garth Woodward/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

**SHOWING AND JUDGING:**

Betsy Smith briefly went over her report.

Margaret Perry talked about the steer class at the breed show. She felt it was important to show a good example of a meat animal.

Various members passed comments and what different shows have.

Tyna Charles said that at Christchurch has a butchers competition but it is not part of the actual showing and judging section.

Betsy explained that we must run our shows in accordance with the RAS & DCSNZ rules.

There has been a bit of confusion over steer classes

Individual A&P shows are able to have a steer class if they choose. They have their own rules and members would need to consult with shows to have classes added.

Mary Howard felt that eliminating steers is restricting the amount of members that are able to exhibit at shows.

Betsy Smith explained that individual shows are able to have other classes if they choose but steers and grades are not eligible to go into the Champion competition.

Royal shows do not allow steers or grade animals.

Betsy also explained that there had been very few steers at shows over the last year and so she took that as good indicator and is the reason steer classes have been removed.

At our Breed Shows we are able to add classes to suit our society.

Betsy explained the members need to go to their local A&P show meetings and have their say at a local level.

Angela & Richard Stevens felt that Canterbury was not a good show for Dexters.

There were discussions on cattle not of whole colour being shown. She explained the difficulty to police members that do not adhere to the breed standard.

Carol Ring said that more members are registering their Dexters later now that that they can be done up to 2 years old so this should assist when cattle go through colour changes at a young age. Members are being more particular about what they register

**Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy.**

The SNOWLINE TROPHY was won by GPC Stud, Penny & Gareth Copsey with 33 points . They were not at the AGM.

Betsy went over the origin, history and criteria for the Snowline Trophy.

Turoa Youth Trophy was won by Arjen Pederson with 250 points.

Keith Wratt talked about the trophy and its origin as he and his wife donated the trophy.

**THAT** the Showing & Judging report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted..  
Moved by Betsy Smith/Marti Winn.....carried unanimously

**PROMOTIONS:**

Betsy Smith and Garth Woodward have been sharing this role over the last 12 months.  
Steve asked for feed-back on the Open day in the South Island.  
Marion Corbett suggested that the society take care of National advertising and the area groups look after the local advertising.  
Marti Winn said some X farmers came to their stud and said to thank the organizers for arranging a National Open Day.  
Carol Ring suggested that we look at some new merchandise. Christmas cards, wall planners, calendars, re-useable shopping bags were suggested.

**THAT** the promotions report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted. Moved by Betsy Smith & Garth Woodward/Carol Ring.....carried unanimously

**WEBSITE:**

Grant Keymer did an on screen presentation of the website and the new herd registry.  
In-depth pedigrees are now available and photos can also be included.  
There are many search combinations available.  
Searches can be done by any combination of the following – stud, owner, breeder, colour, grade, area, Sire, horns, animal name etc.  
The data on the website is current to within a couple of days.  
There is a hypothetical mating sheet available. Date of birth can be calculated according to mating date. Sire and dam details can be entered to show the hypothetical pedigree from a mating.  
There are various options available online to members through the ‘member’s area.’  
This is not available to the public and you must be logged on to access it.  
Member details can also be researched online.  
All cattle can now be registered online. A trial was carried out on females only and it has now been rolled out to all animals. Dna profiles must be done prior to registering bulls online.  
Potential issues with possible Bull certificates were also discussed.  
Robyn Snelgar thanked Grant for the huge job and the hours taken to set up the new register and what an asset it is to the society to have someone with his expertise on council.

**THAT** the Website report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.  
Moved by Grant Keymer/Heather Cunningham.....carried unanimously

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:**

Di Burgess informed the members that this is the end of her term on council and wished council all the best.  
Tyna Charles talked about members giving feedback on what topics they would like to have researched. Maureen said she has had feedback from members saying that Di’s Dispatch articles have been very informative  
Marti Winn asked about the research project being done by BOP Polytech. Keith Wratt explained that Sue Barclay seemed to have disappeared so this is discontinued.  
Steve thanked Di for contribution to council.

**THAT** the Research & Development report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.  
Moved by Di Burgess/Heather Cunningham.....carried unanimously

**HERD REGISTRY REPORT:**

Carol Ring reported she is up to date with registrations and transfers.  
Carol has a supply dna envelopes at the AGM for members  
Betsy Smith said the chondrodysplasia tests are available at the Queensland lab, very easy and good service.  
Marti Winn asked what the total Dexters are registers.  
The last number is 6626.

**THAT** the Herd Registrars report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.  
Moved by Carol Ring/Carol Ring.....carried unanimously

**DISPATCH REPORT:**

This year marks the end of Keith Wratt’s term as Dispatch Editor. Keith talked about his time as Editor and thanked the members for their contribution.  
Angela Stevens will take over as Editor and was introduced to the members.  
Steve thanked Keith for his work and also his wife Heather for her support over the years.

**THAT** the Dispatch report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.  
Moved by Keith Wratt/ Marti Winn..... carried unanimously

**NEW COUNCIL:**

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

<b>President</b>	Steve Ring	(unopposed)
<b>Council</b>	Robyn Snelgar	(sitting)
	Maureen Pettersson	(sitting)
	Betsy Smith	(sitting)
	Garth Woodward	(sitting)
	Grant Keymer	(unopposed)
	Richard Stevens	(unopposed, new)

**Positions held Off Council:**

<b>Herd Registrar</b>	Carol Ring	
<b>Dispatch Editor</b>	Angela Stevens	
<b>Complaints</b>	Maggie Bentley	unopposed – North Island
<b>Officers</b>	Di Burgess	unopposed - South Island

Ratify the new council and complaints officers

**THAT** the new council and complaints officers, as named above, be accepted  
Moved by Tyna Charles/Heather Cunningham .....carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm  
Meeting Reconvened at

**REMITTS**

**Remit 1**

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

Rationale - There is no need to make any change however due to ongoing increases in cost and reductions in costs an increase will be put forward next year.

Proposed by council

For - 47.....carried unanimously

**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 – 47.....carried unanimously

**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 – 47.....carried unanimously

**Remit 4**

**THAT** the complaints process be amended to the following -

3. MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS– Complaints Procedures

A complaint may be made against any Member who refuses to abide by the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, or Code of Ethics of the Society, or whose actions are considered prejudicial to the Society’s Objects.

- (a) Any person or organisation may make a complaint to the Council that the conduct of a member of the Society is or has been injurious to the character of the Society. Every such complaint must be in writing and will only be accepted as an official complaint if delivered to the Secretary within 90 days of the alleged incident.
- (b) If a complaint is made against the current secretary the complaint will be lodged with the president in the first instance.
- (c) If a complaint is made against any other council member, that member will be excluded from any discussion pertaining to this matter.

- (d) The secretary will advise council of any such complaint and decide if any further action needs to be taken.
- (e) If council is able to assist in a resolution all practicable steps will be taken to do so.
- (f) If necessary Council will refer the matter to the Complaints Officer(s) to investigate who will report their recommendations back to the secretary within 30 days.
- (g) The secretary will communicate the recommendations to council.
- (h) Council will consider the complaints officers report and will then proceed at their discretion with a final decision which will be binding on all parties and may include suspension or cancellation of offending party's membership.
- (i) If this complaint becomes a dispute it will be dealt with as a Dispute in accordance with the Constitution.

A member expelled by the Council may within thirty (30) days give written notice of appeal to the Secretary. The Secretary will then call a Special General Meeting to take place within sixty (60) days of receipt of the notice of appeal. If the decision of Council is upheld there will be no further right of appeal but if that meeting passes a resolution rescinding the expulsion, the member will be reinstated immediately.

Rationale - To ensure future complaints are handled according to due process in a fair and impartial manner. Proposed by council.

For – 47.....carried unanimously

**Remit 5**

**THAT** the following be added to the transfer process of the regulations –

In the event of a non-member selling previously registered Dexters to a DCSNZ full paid ,member , these cattle are able to be transferred to that person with all the original rights of registered Dexters. The cattle will be inspected to confirm their identity by sighting at least 1 but preferable both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph.

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

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

Rationale – This would set out clear guidelines for the Herd Registrar when handling these transfer situations.

Proposed by council.

For -24, Against – 19..... carried

**Remit 6**

**THAT** Regulations 7.2 (a) & 7.3(b) be updated to meet the requirements of the online Registration and Herd book systems to the following -

7.2 Prefix (Stud Name) –

- (a) All members of the Society who wish to breed and register Dexter cattle are required to register a unique name as a Prefix. The Prefix may be up to 15 characters in length (including spaces).

7.3 Animal Name:

- (a) Each animal must be identified by a unique given name commencing with and including the Prefix. Duplications of the spelling and pronunciation of the given name will not be accepted.
- (b) The animal's full name including the Prefix shall not exceed 35 characters in length (including spaces).

Rationale – This is a house keeping requirement needed for the new system to function correctly and effectively.

Note – The only change to the current regulation is the number of characters allowed.

Proposed by council.

For – 47.....carried unanimously

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

There were discussions on chondrodysplasia. Lindsay Tatton talked about her concerns with this. She felt that there are a lot of new members that did not have enough information about this condition. She felt that there needed to be more information made available to members on how to manage this condition.

Robyn Snelgar informed Lindsay and the meeting that since testing became available there have not been that many reported cases of bull dog calves. Also that there are members that breed carrier to carrier intentionally as they like the smallest Dexter's and are prepared to take the risk to breed the type of Dexter's they prefer.

Members breeding choices and/or the outcomes of these is not council responsibility. However it was acknowledged that members do need to be informed.

Marion Corbett talked about her concerns with cattle temperament. There have been reports of disillusioned new members that have purchased Dexters from existing members that have been very bad tempered. It is disappointing to see this happening rather than unruly Dexters being culled. Often these are bought unseen. It is noted that it is recommended that cattle are viewed prior to purchase to make individual assessment of temperaments.

Betsy Smith - G2 Registration  
Richard Stevens – Show venues

South Island Breed Show  
South Island members informed the meeting that Christchurch was not a good choice of venue for a breed show. It is a 3 day event and held from Wednesday – Friday. Because of this it was believed that there would be very few entries (if any) for this show

North Island Breed Show  
Bruce Jones said that Council wouldn't let it be held in the Manawatu. Betsy gave a brief resume of the proposal the Jones' had put forward. They had been asked to submit a revised proposal to Council, but had never done so. There was no further discussion on this. Betsy explained the reasoning behind the NIBS being held elsewhere for the next 2 years ie the Royal Show is being hosted by the Manawatu Consortium. It was suggested that the NIBS be held in the Manawatu the following season ie 2015/16

National Open Day  
We talk about the National Day and how we should do it in the future. Marion Corbett talked about council advertising in the major rural papers like Farmers Weekly. It was queried how many actually read this paper. Area reps could advertise in their own local media.

**2014 AGM**  
15<sup>th</sup> AGM 7 & 8 June, 2014 will be held at Auckland.

**Note -**  
**SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD**  
There were no special service awards to be presented this year.

Meeting closed 3.00p.m.

Vice – President - Betsy Smith.....

Date.....