



Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc.)

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Butterfly Creek, Auckland, 7 June, 2014

Council June 2013 – June 2014

President – Steve Ring (1st ½ of year only)

Vice President – Betsy Smith

Treasurer – Grant Keymer

Secretary – Robyn Snelgar

Membership – Maureen Pettersson

Showing & Judging – Betsy Smith

Area Groups/Promotions – Garth Woodward

Dispatch Liaison - Richard Stevens (1st 3 months)

- Maureen Pettersson (Last 9 months)

Webmaster – Grant Keymer

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar – Carol Ring (1st half of year)/

Tony Houlbrooke (2nd half of year)

Herd Registry Assistant - Mary Howard (2nd half of year)

Dispatch Editor - Angela Stevens (1st 3 months)/

- Maureen Pettersson (Last 9 months)

Complaints Officers - North Island – Maggie Bentley

- South Island – Di Burgess

Life Members

Alec Meades – 2004

Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006

Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek – 2008

Nancy Edge – 2004

Peter Lucking - 2007

Keith Wratt - 2008

PRESENT:

Nancy Edge, Betsy Smith, Robyn Snelgar, Grant Keymer, Maureen Pettersson, Garth Woodward, Tony Houlbrooke, Steve Snelgar, Inger Keymer, Wayne Pettersson, Stan Smith, Vicki Houlbrooke, Margaret Perry, Shirley Spik, Lynette Winters, Jo Robb, Mary Howard, Dave Howard, John & Anne Collumbell, Brenda Batchelar, Jo Brightwell, John Walst, Jillian Walst, Rosalie Bakker, Sue Lock, Peter Lock, Sue Howard, Bob Howard, Dayle Flannagan, Tony Cutten, Rosemary Kent, Marti Winn, Sue Jones

APOLOGIES:

Peter & Merrial Lucking, Don & Janice Viles, Tony & Julie Duff, Marion Bansgrove, Alec & Anne Meades, Jean Woodward, Keith & Heather Wratt, Heather Cunningham, A & M Marfell Jones, A & N Rothwell, A Lunn, D Raj, L Lawler & L Corner, G Conway, T & S Dixon, H & F Logan, G & V McBride, P Brockie & D Thorner, P Bensen, P Callow & R Knight, R Moran, R Cardno,

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Tony Cutton/ Brenda Batchelarcarried

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 (secretary) declared the meeting opened at 9.15am in the absence of a current President.

She welcomed everyone and went over the housekeeping and arrangements for dinner and the bus trip tomorrow.

Council had previously asked Nancy Edge to chair the AGM but in fairness to the members attending council thought it best to also put this to the vote of those in attendance. Robyn introduced Nancy to the members, especially the newer members that would not have known her history with the society.

THAT Nancy Edge be appointed as chair of the 2014 AGM.

Robyn Snelgar/Garth Woodward.....Passed unanimously

Nancy Edge introduced herself to the members

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

Dawn Millar – passed away November 2013

Ross Gilliver partner of Jan Graham – partner passed away May 2013

Confirmation of Agenda

Items to be added to the agenda and discussed under General Business as follows

South Island Representation on council

THAT the agenda be accepted

Garth Woodward/ Betsy Smith.....carried

MINUTES OF THE 14th AGM June 2013:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Lincoln University, Lincoln, Christchurch on June 08, 2013 be accepted.

Moved by Garth Woodward/Mary Howard.....carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2013/14 financial reports.

THAT the correspondence be accepted

Grant Keymer/Brenda Batchelar

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

REPORTS:

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Betsy Smith asked the members if there were any queries about her report published in the AGM Booklet

Nancy added that Betsy has done a great job stepping into her role as Vice President.

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

Moved by Betsy Smith/Inger Keymercarried unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT:

Grant did a power point presentation showing a comparison of our fees compared with DCA cost for membership and registrations. Noted was the huge income but that they outsource most society functions so it puts our society in good light. The comparison of our membership and cattle registrations and also the population of Australia was noted.

Return of green registration forms was discussed for animals that are deceased.

The income from membership is up and stud registrations are up about \$700.00 on budget. Membership numbers for the coming year are looking like they may show a small increase.

Dispatch costs were up on the last year as we paid for 5 issues rather than 4. The actual printing cost has decreased.

Income from Herd Registry is up around \$1000.00.

Area groups only spent \$411.00 out of \$2900.00 available.

Grant informed members that area groups can use their funding for ribbons and other sponsorship if they wish.

The sale of old merchandise was sold at a loss of \$1000.00 to clear out as it had been in stock for many years.

Total interest on accounts was \$1071.00.

Council travel expenses were down due a decrease in councilors.

AGM booklets were printed free of charge by Robyn Snelgar

The total assets are \$39,508.00 about \$5000.00 more than last year.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2014 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Grant Keymer/Rosalie Bakker.....carried unanimously.

2014/2015 BUDGET

Grant went over each area of the budget with the members.

The National Open Day and continued viability was discussed. Grant suggested that each area group run an open day as it suits their region and members.

Grant encouraged members to run field days and open days and reminded the members that funding is available.

Inger Keymer talked about stalls at A&P shows and that society has brochures available.

The society has purchased pens with our logo printed on them. Every member was given one at the AGM and the members were informed that members can request some for promotion at field days and A&P shows.

Pens can be requested through their area rep to have them posted out.

Jo Brightwell asked about the society banners and using them at A&P Shows. All area groups have a banner for members use. Betsy has the promotional boards (that were made by Jo Robb a few years ago) available. Inger talked about core flute signs. Postage of these can be funded by area group funding.

The audit report wording was queried. Nancy gave an explanation as to the wording of the auditor's opinion. It removes responsibility of transactions from the auditor.

Grant expects a small surplus of \$3000.00 - \$5000.00 next year but has budgeted for a \$1276 deficit as being the worst case outcome.

Tony Cutten congratulated Grant on a clear set of accounts.

Tony talked about investing about half of the funds in corporate bonds rather than a term deposit.

Grant talked about difficulties with the bank in making changes.

Maureen Pettersson suggested putting part into another term deposit with a better interest rate.

Nancy said that there will still be problems with dual signatures.

Sue Howard talked about the risks with higher return investments and because of this she is happy to keep term deposits with the bank.

THAT the budget for 2014/2015 be adopted

Grant Keymer/Garth Woodward..... carried unanimously.

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

Grant Keymer/Dale Flannagan.....carried unanimously

Nancy added that she believes the council has done a great job with the society finances and asked the members to put their hands together.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Maureen Pettersson presented her annual report to the members.

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 – 347

Total Resigned - 276

Total Lapsed- 394

Deceased Merged - 6

Total Membership to date – 1073

Jo Brightwell asked if resigned members give reasons. Maureen response was that most have moved on and that many are older/retired members so we only have them for a limited time as the land becomes too much or they go back to the suburbs. Tony Cutten asked if we have any commercial members. Maureen does not have these records but did say there are a couple of members with commercial ventures.

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

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

Just before the morning tea break Betsy Smith presented Nancy with a bouquet of flowers as a token of appreciation for her assistance & support of council over the last 6 months.

Nancy thanked the members and also said it has been her pleasure.

Meeting adjourned for 30 minutes for morning tea at 10.30am.

Meeting reconvened 11.00am

Nancy reminded the members to get their raffle tickets for the quilt and informed the members hat Tony Cutten will be doing a presentation at the conclusion of the meeting.

HERD REGISTRY REPORT: Tony Houlbrooke

Tony was introduced to the members as our new Herd Registrar.

He talked about sending out a copy of the Dispatch to non-members that buy Dexters in the hope they join the society.

Tony talked about the time it takes for postage from Whakatane.

Jo Robb asked about the total number of Dexters at present. Tony said it is very hard to know as there are probably many that have been culled that have not notified the Herd Registrar.

Rosalie Bakker suggested an annual return of herd number for members. Grant responded that this would be a huge job to process this.

Tony Cutten was in agreement with a yearly audit of active cattle. He also suggested that a workshop to process these maybe in conjunction with a council meeting.

Nancy talked about the structure of data bases and extracting the required information.

Grant said a search of individual members herds can be done on the society website data base.

Steve Snelgar suggested that something go in the Dispatch to encourage members to update their herd records.

Nancy Edge suggested that this be done in blocks over a maybe 3 year period.

Garth Woodward suggested that this be passed over to council to discuss how to proceed with this.

Nancy suggested that we look at the current data base and see what reports can be extracted.

Tony Cutten said he was not aware of the options available within the herd registry online and suggested that we hold a workshop for members. Grant pointed out that he did a presentation at the AGM last year in Lincoln to show members how the new online herd book worked.

Jo Brightwell enquired about animals that are sent to the sale and how this is recorded.

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

Tony Houlbrooke/Maureen Petterson

Maureen thanked Tony Houlbrook & Mary Howard for doing an outstanding job over the last 6 months.

SHOWING AND JUDGING REPORT:

Betsy informed the members of the NIBS & SIBS venues for the coming show season

NIBS – Fielding – to be confirmed

SIBS – Oxford

The Royal Show was to be held in Manawatu but this has since been cancelled by RAS.

Hastings has requested to host a Royal Event.

Displays at show will be discussed further by council.

Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy.

The SNOWLINE TROPHY was won by GPC Stud, Gareth & Penny Copsey. They were not at the AGM. Betsy will make sure they get the trophy.

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

The Turoa Youth Trophy was won by Simone Sidwell with 171 points. There were 2 entries this year, the second being Arjan Pederson with 160 points.

Rosalie Bakker accepted the trophy on Simone's behalf. Simone has been showing Dexters with Rosalie and Arjen.

Their team has been showing their Dexters around Northland. They do not have Dexter rings in Northland so have to compete with the All Breeds.

Rosalie talked about their success in the rings with their herd.

Betsy talked about the trophy, the criteria and its origin.

THAT the Showing & Judging report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted..

Moved by Betsy Smith/Dale Flannagan.....carried unanimously

PROMOTIONS & AREA GROUPS REPORTS: Garth Woodward

Garth had very little to report on but his opinion is that members seem to be happier with regional events rather than national.

THAT the promotions report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted. Moved by Garth

Woodward/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

Garth reminded members that the new \$400.00 allocation for each area each year. This is now a combination of the past \$200.00 allocation plus \$200.00 allocated for the National Open Day. This way if an area wants to hold an area Open day similar to the national Open day they funds are available to them.

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

Moved by Garth Woodward/Jo Robb.....carried unanimously

DISPATCH REPORT:

Maureen talked about her experience in the last 2 publications of the Dispatch.

She asked members to write stories and send them in.

Rosalie Bakker said she has done a great job.

Nancy talked about how professional the Dispatch is. That it makes her want to read it more.

It is the main communication to members and a great promotional tool

THAT the Dispatch report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Garth Woodward..... carried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

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

President	Betsy Smith	(unopposed)		
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(unopposed)	Maureen Pettersson	(unopposed)
	Grant Keymer	(unopposed)	Garth Woodward	(unopposed)

THAT the council nominations be accepted
Brenda Batchelar/Marti Winn.....carried

Positions held Off Council:

Complaints Officers - Maggie Bentley - unopposed – North Island Di Burgess - unopposed - South Island

THAT the Complaints Officers be accepted

Garth Woodward/Grant Keymer

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

Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson **Research** - Brenda Batchelar

THAT the new council and complaints officers and positions held off council as named above, be accepted

Moved by Nancy Edge/Maureen Petterssoncarried unanimously

REMITs

Remit 1

THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale - There is no need to make any change.

Proposed by council/Rosalie Bakker.....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/Jo Robb..... 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/Dale Flannagan carried unanimously

Remit 4

THAT All correspondence to be tabled at any AGM must be received by the DCSNZ Secretary no later than 15 May and must be headed – Letter to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

Rationale –To provide clear instruction to the secretary of the purpose of such communication and allow the relevant parties time to prepare a response for the members at the AGM.

Proposed by Council/Dale Flannagan

After discussion an amendment was proposed as follows –

THAT the remit be amended to read “All correspondence to be tabled at any AGM must be received by the DCSNZ Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the AGM and must be headed – Letter to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM”.

For - passed unanimously. .Against – 0

Remit 4 was then voted on

THAT All correspondence to be tabled at any AGM must be received by the DCSNZ Secretary no later than 30 days prior to the AGM and must be headed – Letter to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM”.

For - passed unanimously. .Against – 0

Remit 5

THAT the regulations be changed to read, that members standing for Council must be nominated by a DCSNZ member outside of council and familial relationships.

Rationale - This will afford the opportunity for more member participation.

Proposed by Marion Corbett/Seconded by - Marion Mangnall

The proposer and seconder were not present.

Wayne Pettersson talked about his past 50 years experience in complaints and regulations.

Wayne felt this was a knee jerk reaction to council and gives no consideration to council or their families.

In the last 8 years there has only been one election.

Wayne said that this remit takes away his constitutional rights as a member as his wife is on council.

Betsy drew attention to councils right of reply published in the May Dispatch and made the point that some of Wayne comments are also recorded there.

Jo Brightwell found this remit confusing as she thought that as a member, she and any other member has the right to vote for whoever they wish.

Tony Cutten said that any member can make a nominations and an election should take care of any undesirable nominations.

There was comment that it was thought to be trying to get more people involved.

Nancy explained that after the events of last year all of the current council stood down for re-election so that the members could nominate a new council if they wanted to. Not a single new nomination was received.

Remit 5 was voted on-

For 1. Against – 42.....lost

Nancy Edge did a Power Point presentation on complaints and dispute resolution procedure in order to enable the members to make an informed decision on the next 2 remits. She talked about how our current complaints procedure works and the restructure of the complaints requirements under the new incorporated societies Act which is currently under review.

Nancy then said that there are things happening at a parliamentary level so it may not be the right time to make changes. It may be best to wait until the changes come into law.

Betsy reminded the members that council indicated at the last AGM there would be a review of the complaint process.

Nancy suggested that the members think about this and discuss over lunch

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm

Meeting Reconvened at 1.25pm

Remit 6

THAT Regulation 3, Misconduct of members – complaints procedure be added to say:

(j) Members may take their complaints directly to the complaints officers.

Rationale - There must be no perceived interference from individuals or groups of people.

Proposed by Marion Corbett/Seconded by - Marion Mangnall

The proposer and seconder were not present.

Wayne Pettersson gave his opinion on this remit. He felt it was an anti council remit and that it takes away the proper administration of the society.

Rosalie Bakker said she has been involved in committees. She felt it may be a less intimidating point of contact.

Maureen Pettersson said that council needs be informed and should know what is going on especially if asked about it.

Inger Keymer suggested that area reps be used a sounding board.

Robyn Snelgar spoke as secretary and said that a complainant may also not feel comfortable going directly to the complaints officers. It depends on the relationship between individuals.

There was discussion on the current process and how complaints are handled.

Remit 6 was voted on-

For - 1.....Against 42lost

Remit 7.

THAT Complaints Officers are encouraged to investigate, ask questions of other members- anyone who may shed light on the issue.

Rationale - The Complaints Officers should be free to act independently within the DCSNZ with no interference from any committee or sub committee.

Proposed by Marion Corbett/Seconded by - Marion Mangnall

The proposer and seconder were not present.

Robyn Snelgar answered with, this is the way things are, always have been and will be. This remit does not change any current process.

Betsy Smith spoke on behalf of Keith Wratt who felt this remit is unnecessary as this is the current process.

Wayne Pettersson said that he believed this is another anti council remit. The wording 'are to be encouraged' are not appropriate in regulations. The words 'shall' or 'must' are the words that are used the make definite regulations.

He also said that people often agree with remits as they think they have been thought through properly by the proposer but this is not always the case.

Remit 7 was voted on-

For 1.....Against 42lost

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Rosalie Bakker asked if any members with 18 – 30 month old steers were interested in entering the **Beef Expo**

Mary Howard said that it may be a suggestion to put in another class for smaller breeds at the Steak of Origin.

Inger Keymer suggested that several small breeds get together to try to get this set up.

It was suggested that council approach other small breed societies to see if they would be interested in supporting this.

Nancy opened up to the meeting to the query of South Island members on council.

Betsy Smith spoke on behalf of Keith Wratt who suggested council co-opt a member from the South Island even if as an observer initially.

Nancy suggested that it should be communicated to the membership that council is seeking someone to join council.

Nancy stated that there is a perception that council has a party when at meetings. She has stated that every meeting she has attended has been very full on and council deserves to have their flights and dinner paid for by the society and that if a professional was paid to manage the society this would cost the society a fortune.

Nancy recognized Robyn & Steve for opening their home for council meetings and that council give up their family time and weekends for meetings.

THAT the council will take active steps to seek representation on council from the South Island
Garth Woodward/Inger Keymer.....carried unanimously

Wayne Petterson talked about the requirements of most of the members of the society. That most want to breed a few Dexters, read their Dispatch and get together with like-minded people. They are not interested in the political side of the society. He said don't forget these members as it is the bulk of membership. Area groups and meetings is a very important side of the society.

Nancy talked about the importance of the satisfactory running of the society. She said that since she has become involved in the running of the society over recent months that council have done the best they could have and have handled all situations very well.

Jo Bright well also talked about the pressures of being in a voluntary position. She talked about how you start as a member of a society and how ones membership can evolve into becoming a council member. She acknowledged the work load and the evolution of memberships. She also reminded everyone not to forget the members that are not directly involved in the administration of the society.

There was a suggestion that council use Skype for meetings. Nancy went over the itinerary for council meetings and the hours put in, it would not be practical.

Garth Woodward talked about the first council meeting he attended and said how intense and full on council meetings are. He also said it is a very rewarding experience.

Garth Woodward said he would like this meeting to formally acknowledge the work that Nancy has put in to help the society over the last 6 months. To have an experienced and willing person to jump up the mark is priceless.

Nancy was quite taken back and said it has given her pleasure to help out.

There was a quick break for a photo on the deck of all attendees for the Dispatch.

Grant Keymer did a Power Point presentation on the website and demonstrated to the members how to use various pages of the website and showed some of the documents and information that is available on the website.

He also demonstrated the Online Herd Registry and how to use the functions available online.

Nancy acknowledge the hours of work that Grant has put into the website.

Marti Winn read a letter out on behalf of Marion Mangnall.

Marion wanted to know why advance Herd Book numbers can no longer able to be issued.

Robyn Snelgar explained how advance Herd Book numbers came about and why and that since changing labs this has become irrelevant for searching their data base. That the new lab has their own computer generated system so the HB# is cosmetic on the dna certificate.

Tony Houlbrook also said it is now not necessary to request an advanced HB# as Genomnz is happy to reprint certificates with the HB# on them after registration is complete.

Robyn also said that she and Marion Mangnall were the only members to request this, that she is happy to write HB# on after registration so it is now a process that has become redundant except for 1 member.

Nancy congratulated Betsy on becoming the new President and presented her with the President badge.

Betsy responded, thanking everyone and stated that she will do her best for the society and the breed.

Maureen Pettersson suggested that a remit be put forward next year - that at future AGM's the Vice President is voted for by the members.the Vice President position be voted on at the next AGM.

2015 AGM

16th AGM on 6 June, 2015 will be held at Napier.

Note -

SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD

There were no special service awards to be presented this year.

Meeting closed 3.05p.m.

President

Betsy Smith.....

Date

Secretary

Robyn Snelgar.....

Date

Date