

CANADIAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING November 13, 2014

A meeting of the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association Board of Directors was held by conference call on November 13, 2014.

Present: Adrian Hykaway (President), Allyn Nelson (Vice-President), Cathy Heinzelman, Ian Payne, Brenda Pollard, Becky Williams, Ron Black (Recording Secretary)

President Adrian Hykaway called the meeting to order. There was no objection to the meeting being taped.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the minutes of the Directors' meetings held on August 16, 2014 be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Brenda Pollard. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None

REPORTS:

a) Financial Report: Ron Black presented the financial report. As of October 31, 2014, the Association had revenue of \$10,005 and expenditures of \$13,187 for a shortfall to date of \$3,182. The bank balance on October 31 was \$3,516 as well as \$6,322 in the Money Market Fund. The association has 106 paid members to date in 2014. There have been 79 animals registered and 96 animals transferred in 2014 compared to 110 registrations and 78 transfers at the same time in 2013.

Moved by Allyn Nelson that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Seconded by Cathy Heinzelman. Carried.

b) Newsletter: Brenda Pollard asked for submissions by November 25th for the next issue. She has two articles so far for the newsletter: a breeder profile and a report from a 4-H member. She asked again for pictures for the newsletter to be submitted to her.

c) Promotional Items: Cathy Heinzelman indicated she had nothing new to report, but thanked those who had purchased items at the Annual Meeting.

d) Website: Becky Williams reported that she has been in touch with Simone Benjamin and is still getting up to speed about the website. Information regarding the Canadian Animal Genetic Resource Program has been added to the website.

e) Membership: Adrian Hykaway reported that the names of some new owners had been received from CLRC but he has yet to contact them. He asked that CLRC also provide the names of the breeders who sold animals to those owners in order to assist him in contacting the new owners. He asked as well that CLRC provide a list of new members in the CDCA for the current year so that he can follow up with them.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS:

a) AGM Cost: Ron Black reported that the costs associated with the 2014 Annual Meeting had been \$842 for secretarial services, \$1,098 for travel and accommodation costs for the secretary and \$700 for travel by directors. Adrian Hykaway indicated that Ralph Hall had been asked to submit a bill for his costs in hosting the meeting, but had declined to do so saying that that was his contribution. Appreciation was expressed by the directors that he had done so.

b) Secretary-Treasurer Role: Ron Black confirmed to the Board that although he has retired from CLRC, he will continue to handle the duties of Secretary-Treasurer for the CDCA and all related correspondence should still be sent to his attention at CLRC. There is no change in the people handling registrations, transfers and memberships for the CDCA at CLRC.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Financial Audit: There was agreement that the review of the 2013 financial records by Allan Chartered Accountants had been very satisfactory even though there had been a significant cost.

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that Allan Chartered Accountants be engaged to review the financial records for the CDCA for 2014. Seconded by Brenda Pollard. Carried.

b) Membership Renewal: There was consensus that CLRC send out renewal notices for 2015 to all CDCA members.

c) 4-H: Adrian Hykaway reported that there were four 4-H members who used Dexter calves in 2014 reported to the CDCA, 1 in Alberta and 3 in Grey County, Ontario. Ron Black indicated that the \$100 awards have been sent to two of the members and he is awaiting the photos and write-ups from the other two.

d) Animal Pedigree Act: No further information regarding changes to the Animal Pedigree Act is available at this time. There was however, considerable discussion at this time as to the advantages of belonging to the association and the reasons that so many Dexter owners do not belong.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) 2015 Annual Meeting: Becky Williams tentatively agree to organize and host the 2015 Annual Meeting in her area of Eastern Ontario. After discussion on dates, it was agreed that this be left to the organizer to decide. There was also discussion regarding how to obtain satisfactory teleconferencing equipment. Some options were suggested that will be looked at.

b) SNP DNA Technology: Adrian Hykaway had distributed information obtained from Delta Genomics in Edmonton regarding SNP technology for doing DNA testing. Besides the testing for parentage verification, this testing identifies 10,000 up to more than 50,000 markers that can be used to determine many production and performance traits of animals, and the cost is significantly less than the cost for microsatellite testing currently being done. Several of the larger beef breed associations have moved or are moving to using this technology. A long discussion occurred on the merits and any drawbacks of using this technology and on who would own the data resulting from such testing. Adrian Hykaway indicated that he would try to get more information and distribute it to the directors.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Allyn Nelson.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2015