

CANADIAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING May 15, 2013

A meeting of the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association Board of Directors was held by conference call on May 15, 2013

Present: Adrian Hykaway (President), Brenda Pollard (Vice-President), Jason Beaton, Cathy Heinzelman, Allyn Nelson, Ron Black (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Kevin Feagan

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' meeting held February 21, 2013 be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Allyn Nelson. Carried.

REPORTS:

a) Financial Report: Ron Black presented the financial report. As of April 30, the Association had revenue for 2013 of \$6,963 and expenditures of \$1,732 for a surplus to date of \$5,231. The bank balance on April 30 was \$7,456 as well as \$6,260 in the money market fund. As of April 30, 86 members had paid for 2013. There had been 67 animals registered and 31 animals transferred compared to 31 registrations and 40 transfers at the same time in 2012.

b) Newsletter: Brenda Pollard indicated that she continues to need pictures for the Newsletter. Kevin Feagan had posed a question concerning the length of articles submitted and it was agreed that there is no real limit. Submissions for the June Newsletter are due by May 25.

c) Promotional Items: Cathy Heinzelman reported that she had sold some aprons and will be proceeding to order some shopping bags. Cathy will also put together a small package of articles for Adrian and Rita Hykaway to take to the Dexter Gathering in Ireland.

d) Website: Cathy Heinzelman reported that she has been working with Simone Benjamin to update the website. Some changes in the organization of the material on the site have been made and others are being considered. She inquired about continuing the Google map feature which is now out of date. It was agreed that it be updated and continued. As for posting a membership list, it was agreed to continue to point to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation site.

e) Membership: Brenda Pollard reported that 4 packages have been sent out so far in 2013.

f) Information Package: Adrian Hykaway reported that he and Rita have made some changes to the content of the information package and will be making more changes to include some of the information from the "How To" booklet that was put together some years ago.

g) Constitution Review: Allyn Nelson reported that other than a change in a couple of words to conform with the terms used in the CDCA constitution, he felt that the method used by the Canadian Galloway Association to amend its constitution, whereby proposed amendments are discussed at an Annual Meeting and then are sent to the membership for voting is a good one. There was consensus that this be presented as an amendment for voting this year. Cathy Heinzelman offered to second the proposal.

h) CLRC Annual Meeting: Adrian Hykaway reported that he had attended the Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in Ottawa and that there had been a lot of valuable information presented. In particular, David Trus of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada had recommended that associations have provision that the means of electronic communication used by an association for meeting notifications, submissions, etc, be first approved by the Board of Directors. There had also been a surprise retirement party for General Manager Ron Black, who will be retiring in October, 2014. Adrian Hykaway will include a report on the meeting in the June Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) 2013 Annual Meeting: Adrian Hykaway reported that he has no firm plans in place yet. He and Allyn Nelson will work together on the timing so that the meeting does not conflict with exhibitors' responsibilities at Farmfair.

b) PHA Testing: Information and forms have been made more accessible on the CDCA website. Ron Black reported that the PHA status of A.I. bulls has now been updated on the CLRC website.

c) Financial Audits - 2011 and 2012: Jason Beaton reported that he and his colleague had worked on finalizing the 2011 review that day. Ron Black told Jason that he would forward the 2012 records for review in the near future.

d) Membership Renewal: Ron Black reported that many more members had renewed for 2013 after the renewal notices were sent out. There are now 86 paid members to date for 2013.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS:

A request had been received at CLRC from a CDCA member to send out e-mail and letter notification to CDCA members of an on-line semen auction. Ron Black stated that CLRC requires authorization from the CDCA to do so. Cathy Heinzelman said that if this were done, there should be a fee for the service that not only covered cost but provided revenue. Allyn Nelson expressed his concern that the proposed notice seemed to imply that it was an announcement from the CDCA which it is not. It was noted also that the member could send out the notices using the information on the CLRC website. At this point there is a listing of the bulls from which the member has semen available on the CDCA website under the Semen Resources heading. This has been posted free of charge.

After considerable discussion on the subject, two motions were passed.

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the CDCA not authorize the carrying out of the request to send notification of the online semen auction to CDCA members. Seconded by Allyn Nelson. Carried.

Moved by Jason Beaton that the current notice on the CDCA website regarding the semen become a paid advertisement or be removed from the website. Seconded by Cathy Heinzelman. Carried.

Ron Black will notify the member accordingly.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) Presentation at Dexter Gathering: Adrian Hykaway said that each Dexter association is being asked to give a presentation at the Dexter Gathering in Ireland in August and asked for ideas. Cathy Heinzelman suggested multiple pictures of Canadian Dexter farms and cattle in various regional settings, and also a map showing the size of Canada and how spread out the breeders are. Jason Beaton volunteered to assist Adrian with a PowerPoint presentation.

b) Herd Book on Website: There was consensus that the new volume of the CDCA Herd Book currently being produced be posted on the CDCA website.

c) Meat Testing: Jason Beaton reported that he is going to be having the meat from his Dexters tested at a Canadian lab for Omega acids, CLA's, etc. and wondered if others would be interested. He feels it will be valuable information to provide to his direct market customers. The question was asked whether the data obtained from meat raised in one region would be similar to that for meat raised, also on grass, in other regions. Jason and Adrian Hykaway indicated that they would follow up on this question.

d) Inbreeding Coefficients on CLRC website: Adrian Hykaway asked Ron Black to give a brief explanation of the inbreeding coefficient feature now found on the CLRC website. Ron did so and will write an article for the Newsletter.

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