

**CANADIAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

A meeting of the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association Board of Directors was held by conference call on November 15, 2012.

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

Absent: Jason Beaton

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

Moved by Allyn Nelson that the minutes of the Directors' meeting held August 17 and August 18, 2012 be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Cathy Heinzelman. Carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** Due to the resignation of Angie Peladeau from the Board of Directors, a new Website Chair was needed. Cathy Heinzelman agreed to take on that position.

Adrian Hykaway reported that he had spoken with Charlotte Myers, a previous webmaster, who until now has been sponsoring the hosting of the CDCA website, but now wishes to discontinue doing so at the end of 2012. Simone Benjamin, the current webmaster, had indicated that the website could be hosted for a fee of \$3.95 per month. Cathy Heinzelman indicated that she would be seeing Simone in the near future and would discuss the matter with her.

Moved by Brenda Pollard that Kevin Feagan be appointed to the Board of Directors until the 2013 Annual General Meeting to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Angie Peladeau. Seconded by Cathy Heinzelman. Carried.

**REPORTS:**

**a) Financial Report:** Ron Black presented the financial report. As of October 31, 2012, the Association had revenue of \$10,124 and expenditures of \$9,781 for a surplus for the year thus far of \$343. The present bank balance was \$2,921, as well as \$6,238 in the money market fund. At this time, the Association has 100 paid members for 2012. There have been 91 animals registered and 102 transferred so far in 2012, compared to 110 registrations and 93 transfers at the same time in 2011.

**b) Annual Meeting:** Adrian Hykaway noted that there had not been a quorum at the Annual Meeting this year, so no official decisions were made but many topics had been discussed. Two of the proposed amendments to the constitution had been passed by the membership. Ron Black indicated that these have been submitted to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada for approval, which is pending at this time.

**c) Newsletter:** Brenda Pollard reported that she has begun work on the December Newsletter, and requested that all submissions be sent to her no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the month of issue of the Newsletter. She has been able to have the Newsletter printed at the school at which she works. Brenda indicated that she needs more pictures to include in the Newsletter. The September Newsletter had been sent by e-mail to about 30 members, which is a cost saving. Ron Black will provide Brenda with the e-mail addresses of the foreign Dexter associations in order that those can be sent by e-mail as well.

**d) Promotional Items:** Cathy Heinzelman reported that she had an order for T-shirts in children's sizes so had placed a minimum order. Cathy inquired if credit card payments for merchandise could be processed at Canadian Livestock Records on behalf of the CDCA, to which Ron Black replied that they can. It was agreed that the advertising for promotional items will include information that payments can be made by credit card.

**e) Membership:** Brenda Pollard reported that packages have been sent to 34 new owners of Dexters and two other people who had made inquiries about Dexters. Six of those have now become members.

There was consensus that notice be placed in the Newsletter and on the website reminding members to renew their memberships for 2013 and that renewal notices not be sent out by CLRC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a) Website:**

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the CDCA proceed with the change in website host proposed by Simone Benjamin, and that a thank you letter be sent to Charlotte Myers for her service and contribution to the Association. Seconded by Allyn Nelson. Carried.

**b) 2013 Annual Meeting:** Adrian Hykaway said that it had been suggested by Allyn Nelson that the Annual Meeting be held only by conference call rather than having a face to face meeting with other members participating by telephone. It was indicated that this would save some money; however, the opportunity for members to meet one another would be lost. The possibility of coordinating the meeting with a show was discussed, but it was acknowledged that it is difficult to get members to sufficient bring cattle out. A decision regarding the 2013 Annual Meeting was deferred until the next meeting.

Allyn Nelson indicated that he has concerns with the procedure for making amendments to the constitution in that there is no opportunity for discussion of the amendments by members, which sometimes results in amendments being passed with which there are problems. Allyn wondered if it would be possible to discuss the amendments at an Annual Meeting, and then conduct the mail vote prior to the next Annual Meeting at which the ballots would be counted. This would take more time, but would help ensure that proposed amendments are studied and evaluated. Cathy Heinzelman suggested that perhaps an informal conference call open to all members could be held prior to the Annual Meeting to discuss the amendments before members actually vote. Ron Black agreed to forward the directors information as to how another association makes and approves amendments, which involves discussion at the Annual Meeting, followed by a mail vote afterwards, with the ballots being counted by CLRC. Further discussion about possible procedural changes and the necessary constitutional amendment will occur at the next meeting.

It was also noted in the discussion that there is inconsistency in the terminology in the constitution regarding meetings. Some sections refer to an Annual General Meeting and what is to be done at it, and others to just General Meetings, yet there is no specific detail about the holding of an Annual General Meeting. This will also be looked into further.

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