

CANADIAN DEXTER CATTLE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING November 19, 2015

A meeting of the Canadian Dexter Cattle Association Board of Directors was held by conference call on November 19, 2015.

Present: Adrian Hykaway, Cathy Heinzelman, Mike Lafortune, Ian Payne, Becky Williams, Nick Woodhouse, Ron Black (Recording Secretary)

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

AGENDA:

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the agenda be approved as circulated. Seconded by Nick Woodhouse. Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the minutes of the Directors' meeting held on August 20, 2015 be adopted as circulated. Seconded by Ian Payne. Carried.

REPORTS:

a) Treasurer's Report: Ron Black reported that as of October 31, 2015, the CDCA had revenue of \$10,820 and expenditures of \$10,687 for a surplus of \$163. The bank balance was \$4,777 and the Money Market Fund balance was \$6,351. To date the association has 103 members for 2015. There have been 111 animals registered and 116 transferred to date in 2015 compared to 79 registrations and 96 transfers in the same period in 2014. Moved by Ian Payne that the treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Cathy Heinzelman. Carried.

b) CBBC: Adrian Hykaway reported that Canadian Beef Breeds Council is still working on having all hair samples in storage at Genserve Laboratories Inc. transferred to Delta Genomics Inc. It is hoped this will be carried out by the end of 2015. There has been no recent activity regarding the niche breeds.

c) 4-H: Ian Payne indicated he had nothing to report. Ron Black reported that he has sent awards to two 4-H members in Ontario and awards to two more are pending receipt of their pictures and write-ups. Cathy Heinzelman and Adrian Hykaway both said there are people in their areas interested in 4-H with Dexters for next year.

d) Website: Becky Williams reported that three new ads have been placed on the website since the ads were made free. Becky asked whether the free ads apply only to cattle for sale or whether ads for other farm related merchandise could be accepted, on which there was discussion.

Moved by Nick Woodhouse that ads for items of general farm interest be accepted for free posting on the website. Seconded by Cathy Heinzelman. Carried.

e) Newsletter: Nick Woodhouse reported that Brenda Pollard is asking for photos and updated profiles from each director for the Newsletter. As always, she needs articles and pictures. Suggestions for obtaining additional newsletter content included contacting members directly, probably by phone, to ask for articles, and directors interviewing members and then writing the articles. It was also suggested that advertising be sought from suppliers of farm related articles and supplies.

There was extensive discussion on the matter of distributing more the Newsletter to more members by e-mail rather than mailing hard copies. The suggestion was made that perhaps there should be a surcharge for receiving the Newsletter by mail to cover the postage and printing costs. This was deferred to the next meeting for further discussion but, in the meantime, Nick Woodhouse will write an article for the next Newsletter and Ron Black will include a form with membership renewal notices again asking members' preferences for receipt of the Newsletter.

f) Promotional Items: Cathy Heinzelman indicated that there have been no recent sales.

g) By-law review: Nick Woodhouse indicated that he and Mike Lafortune have not done any work on this yet. A notice will be placed in the Newsletter asking members for input.

h) Membership: Adrian Hykaway reported that one information package has been sent since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

a) Membership Renewal Notices: It was agreed that Canadian Livestock Records Corporation be authorized to send out membership renewal notices for 2016 in mid-December.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) CLRC Annual Meeting: It was agreed that Adrian Hykaway be the CDCA voting representative at the Annual Meeting of Canadian Livestock Records Corporation in Calgary on April 16, 2016. Other members may attend as observers.

b) CDCA Annual Meeting: This was deferred to a future meeting. A notice will be placed in the Newsletter to see if any member might be interested in organizing the meeting in 2016. Cathy Heinzelman offered to make some contacts as well.

c) Dexter Beef Accreditation: Nick Woodhouse spoke of the accreditation program for Dexter beef that is in place in the United Kingdom. This led to extensive discussions about marketing of Dexters and Dexter beef in Canada. Information will be placed on the website.

d) DNA Sample Transfer to Delta Genomics: Adrian Hykaway had already indicated that this is still being worked on.

e) Electronic Registration: Correspondence had been received from Jim Washer, General Manager at CLRC, advising of a proposal to eliminate the requirement for filing of an Electronic Registration Agreement form prior to submitting registration applications electronically. CLRC is seeking the support of breed associations for this proposal.

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that Ron Black advise CLRC that the CDCA supports the proposal to eliminate the requirement for filing of an Electronic Registration Agreement. Seconded by Mike Lafortune. Carried.

f) CBBC Membership Renewal: Directors discussed renewal of this membership and what benefits are received from being a member.

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the CDCA's membership in the Canadian Beef Breeds Council be renewed for 2016. Seconded by Becky Williams. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ron Black had distributed an e-mail from Glenn Clark at CLRC asking two questions. The first was whether the CDCA would be interested in having CLRC electronically transfer all of the Genserve Laboratories Inc. microsatellite markers on record at CLRC to Delta Genomics Inc. at an estimated cost of \$60.00. This will permit Delta Genomics to immediately carry out more parentage verifications.

Moved by Cathy Heinzelman that the CDCA authorizes CLRC to electronically transfer all of the Genserve Laboratories microsatellite markers to Delta Genomics. Seconded by Ian Payne. Carried.

The second question was whether the CDCA would like Delta Genomics to do dual microsatellite and SNP tests on new samples so as to facilitate the continuity of parentage verification in the transition period and going forward. On this matter it was decided that some further information is needed before a decision is made, and so the matter was tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

Adrian Hykaway referred to correspondence from a member concerning registration of a bull that is taking some time to get all the requirements fulfilled. Adrian indicated he would follow up with the member.

Ron Black also brought forth a registration issue on behalf of the CLRC registrars. Two possible solutions were proposed, which Ron will convey to the member and to the registrars.

NEXT MEETING: The next Directors' Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Cathy Heinzelman.