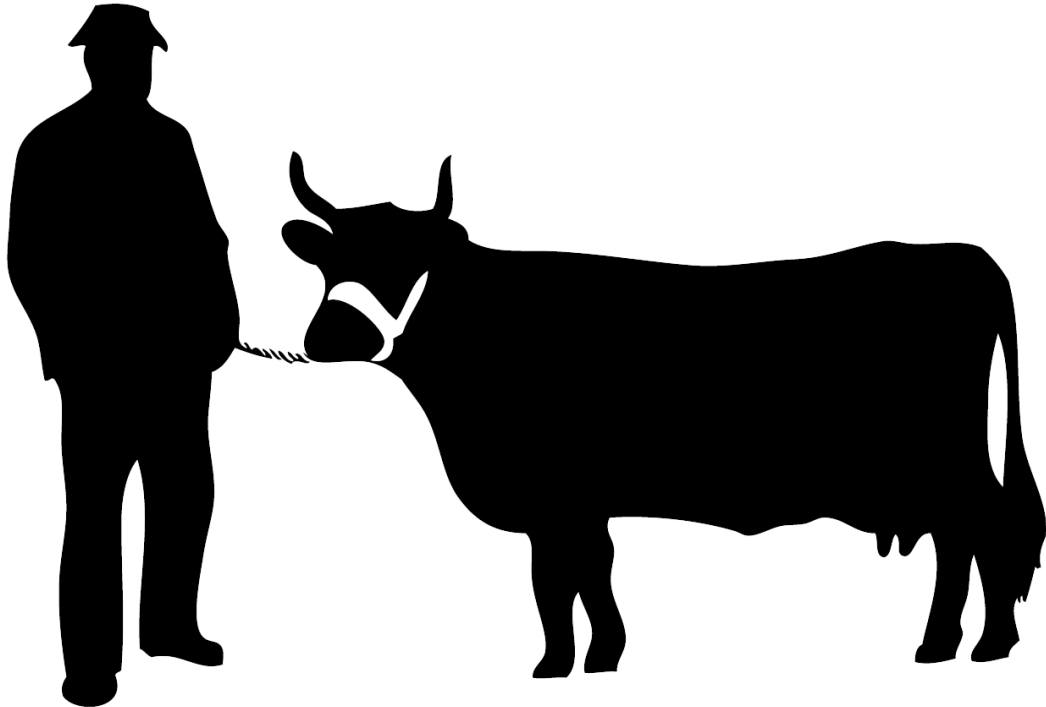


Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc)



Official Programme & Agenda of
2023 Annual General Meeting
&
Conference

10 June 2023

By
Zoom Meeting

2023 AGM PROGRAMME

To be Held by Zoom at 10.00am, registration commence at 9.00am

Please have your membership number.

Note - Only financial members are eligible to vote at an AGM

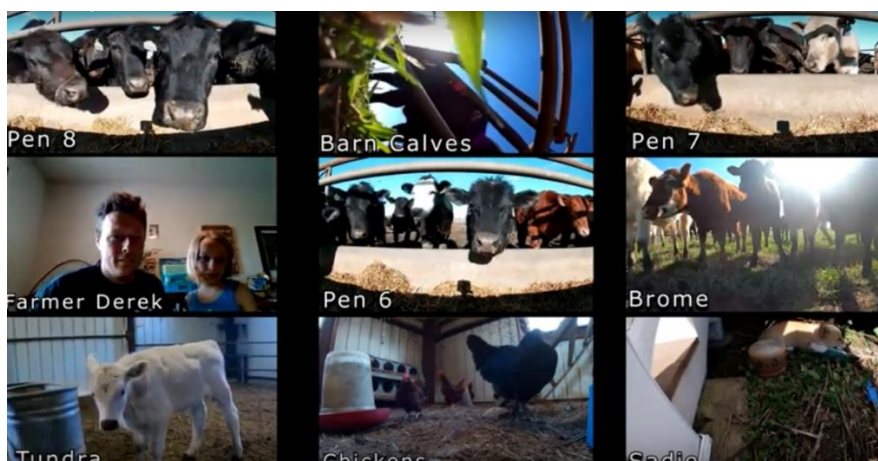
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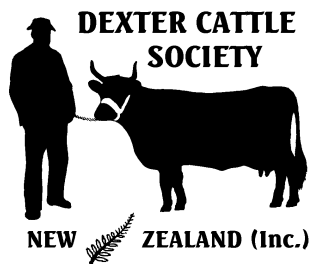
9.00am	Registrations
10.00am	AGM commences
	Website Upgrade & Improvement Discussion
12.00pm	AGM finishes (approx)



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Those wishing to stay for the Website Upgrade & Enhancement session can re-join the meeting after a 15 minute recess.	
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Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held by Zoom meeting on 11 June, 2022

Council June 2021 – June 2022

President – Wayne Pettersson

Treasurer – Colin Read

Secretary – Robyn Snelgar

Membership – Jillian Walst

Dispatch Liaison – Wayne Pettersson

Webmaster - Grant Keymer

Website Assistant – Bobbie Wisneski

Showing & Judging – Roaslie Bakker

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar – Michelle Goodwin

Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Research – Tony Cutten

Youth Co-Ordinator – Julie Rush

Complaints Officers - Tracey Dovey-Reid

- Julie Rush

Life Members

Alec Meades - 2004

Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006

Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek— 2008

Steve & Robyn Snelgar - 2021

Nancy Edge - 2004

Peter Lucking - 2007

Keith Wratt – 2008

Registrations commenced at 9.30am.

Wayne opened the meeting the 22st AGM commenced at 10.00am and welcomed everyone. This is the second virtual meeting held for an AGM due to Covid. He went through the protocol for holding a virtual meeting.

Wayne thanked Grant for organizing and controlling this AGM Zoom meeting as he did last year.

PRESENT:

Wayne & Maureen Pettersson #369, Robyn Snelgar #221, Grant & Inger Keymer #326, Jillian & John Walst #267, Colin Read #451, Bobbie Wisneski #773, Dayle Flannagan #276, Neville Trevarton #1252, Patsy Leek #28, Carol Steele #1203, Michelle Goodwin #1114, Mark Robbins & Karen Wallace #1264, Grant Conway #945, Sandy & Terry Cooper #1258, Paul Arcus #1243, Rosalie Bakker #103, Elizabeth Anne Thompson #1229,

APOLOGIES:

Margaret Perry #135, Steve Snelgar #221, Keith & Heather Wratt #191, Marion Read, Marion Magnall #104, Adrian Light & Frank Bristol #1273, Ian Bagshaw #1238, Alison & Alan Bird #1045, Martin & Sue Dixon #863, Phil & Deb Goodwin #1159, James McClay #408, Simon Niblett #1257, Adam Shelton #1176, David & Kathleen Stevens #1279, Jackie Thomas-Teague & Alistair Christie #1079, Mike & Sue Turnbull #1134#, Erwin Zeegers & Sally Baker #1269.

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Wayne Pettersson/Paul Arcus.....carried unanimously

Obituaries

Wayne called for any obituaries from the members but there were not any

Confirmation of Agenda

Members were asked to read the agenda to move that it be accepted

Items added to the agenda –

Colin Read - Auditing

THAT the agenda be accepted

Moved by John Walst/Bobbie Wiskneski.....carried unanimously

MINUTES OF THE 20th AGM June 2021:

THAT the minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held by Zoom meeting on 12 June, 2021 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by Sandy Cooper/Robyn Snelgar carried unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM 2021 MINUTES:

There were no matters arising

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Wayne Pettersson

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

Moved by Robyn Snelgar/Colin Read.....carried unanimously

Council Reports:

Wayne asked the members if there was any questions or discussion on the reports published in the AGM booklet.

THAT the Council reports and the reports of Office Holders off Council as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet excluding the Treasurers report be taken as read and adopted.

Moved by John Walst/Rosalie Bakker.....carried unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT: Colin Read

John Walst requested that the Treasures Word document be read out

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021/2022

Hello everyone and welcome to this year's annual Treasurer's report.

I thank you all for this opportunity to present this report as it is a decade since I last held this role with the Society.

Much has changed in this time in the way that financial transactions are handled and reported. The main ones being Internet Banking, the dispensing with cheque books, manual bank deposits and on-line reconciliation of accounts.

A draft (un-audited) copy of the financial statement for the Society has been prepared. The following are notes relating to this statement:

Membership Functions.

Membership – A net surplus of \$29 between budgeted and actual is a very close result given the challenges presented by the years lockdowns and constraints. – a credit to our Membership Secretary, promotions and all members for their contribution in promoting the breed. . Dispatch - shows expenditure down on budget by some 24%. This is largely due to a reduction in printing costs and postage.

Cattle Functions.

Herd Registration Fees are up on last year by approx. 23%, and Transfer Fees are up by over 31%, well exceeding the budgeted total figure by 26.6%. Postage and stationery expenses are up by \$516. Promotions, Showing and Judging – shows a revenue increase of \$492 for Merchandise (Paddles). However expenditure showed an increase of 279% due mainly to the purchase of signs and paddles.

Administration.

Treasury income has been reduced due to the reduction in interest rates. Fixed Term Interest Rates being paid for our three Fixed Term Investments have dropped to between 1% and 2.5%. I expect that this may improve from the flow on as general interest rates rise.

Audit costs for the previous year accounted for some \$1,150 extra expense.

Council - expenses have been close to budget while AGM expenses were increased above budget by venue/dinner costs in Northland.

Summary.

A net deficit of \$715 was recorded for the financial year against a budgeted surplus of \$2,100. This was largely due to the investments made in Publicity (signs) and the extra unexpected audit costs.

The proposed budgeted outcome for the next financial year shows a small surplus of \$260. This allows a continued investment in publicity of \$2000 .

Colin then presented the accounts to the meeting and talked about a couple of discrepancies which he will discuss further with the auditor.

He received all documents from Luan Kloppers the past Treasurer in May leaving little time to get things sorted before the AGM
Colin will forward all other information in due course. However the figures are correct as on the website and AGM booklet

THAT the Financial report for the 2021/2022 as published on the DCSNZ website be accepted.
Moved by Wayne Pettersson/John Walst.....carried unanimously

2022/2023 BUDGET: Colin Read

THAT the budget for 2022/2023 period as published in the AGM booklet be accepted
Moved by Liz Thompson/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Under current law our society is not required to be audited due to low revenue. However we are required to be reviewed annually.

Paul Woolaston has offered to review the accounts free of charge but it was agreed that a voucher should be given to him

THAT the new auditor Paul Woolaston be appointed to review the accounts for the 2022/23 period.
Moved by Rosalie Bakker/Colin Read.....carried unanimously

Colin also talked about the societies office new auditing requirements and provided the document to the secretary

NEW COUNCIL:

There was no election for President or Council. There were no other candidates for the position of President or council

THAT Wayne Pettersson be accepted as President for 2022/2023 period.
Grant Keymer/Liz Thompsoncarried unanimously

Robyn Snelgar is due for re-election this year.
No election is necessary

THAT Robyn Snelgar be accepted to council for 2022/2023 period.
Bobbie Wisneski/Colin Readcarried unanimously

The new council for 2022/2023

Robyn Snelgar
Grant Keymer
Colin Read
Jillian Walst
Bobbie Wisneski
Rosalie Bakker

THAT the council for the 2022/2023 council are accepted.
Moved by Liz Thompson/Paul Arcus..... carried unanimously

Complaints Officers –

THAT the Complaints Officers - Tracey Dovey-Reid & be accepted for the 2022/ 2023 period
Maureen Pettersson/Liz Thompsoncarried unanimously

Another Complaints officer is needed to be co-opted at this meeting

THAT Julie Rush be co-opted as Complaints officer for the 2022/2023 period
Proposed by Colin Read/Wayne Petterson
Seconded carried unanimously

Wayne acknowledged the members that hold off council positions.
Robyn thanks Michelle for her work as herd Registrar while dealing with a lot of personal issues

Other Positions held Off Council (non-elected):

Current positions are as follows -

Herd Registrar – Michelle Goodwin

Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Research – Tony Cutten

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ANNUAL FEES

Membership Fees

THAT all Membership fees remain the same for the 2022/2023 period.
Proposed by council
Seconded by Michelle Goodwin carried unanimously

Registrations

THAT registration fees be altered as follows:-

Heifer/cows under 24 months if fitted with the DCSNZ Brass Identification tag \$12
Heifer/cow under 24 months if fitted with the DCSNZ Plastic Visual Identification tag \$5

Rationale

The existing fee is \$10.

The existing stock of prenumbered Brass tags is virtually depleted but we hold a number of blank tags that can be manually stamped to carry us over for a while. All costs of tags and stamping are carried fully by the society including postage that has significantly increased over the past few years. Some of these costs need to be carried by members still using these tags. A minimal increase of \$2 is proposed.

Discussion -

John Walst said this will not stop members putting the plastic tags in an envelope. He also talked about the durability of plastic tags and how they are applied.

Wayne responded to John and explained the reasoning for the price increase for brass tags in the hope they will be inserted.

There are ongoing issues with cattle being sold without brass tags.

Several members talked about experiences with tagging cattle with brass tags and visual tags & NAIT tags.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Liz Thompson..... carried unanimously

Transfer Fees

THAT transfer fees remain the same for the 2022/2023 period.

Proposed by council

Seconded by Maureen Pettersson carried unanimously

2022 Remits

Amendment to Constitution Rule 4.4 to Include the Use of Changing Technology Requirements Due to Covid and Travel Restrictions for Members

THAT Constitution Rule 4.4 have the following additions made -

4.4 The quorum for a General Meeting will be fifteen (15) voting members –

- (a) being assembled together at the time, date and place appointed for the meeting, or
- (b) participating in the meeting by means of audio link, audio-visual link, or other electronic communication; or
- (c) by a combination of both methods described in paragraphs (a) and (b)

Rationale: To ensure the Constitution is up to date due and able to cater to the members needs due to the current Covid situation and evolving technology.

Passed Unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS:

2024 AGM

Wayne Pettersson declared the meeting closed at 11.30am.

Council Annual Reports

President's Report (acting)

Grant Keymer

Looking back at the booklet from last year's AGM, and reading my predecessor's report, brings home how much we have to be thankful for. Covid has faded into the background and lost relevance for most of us; MBovis has been all but eradicated from our shores; and some sense of normality has largely returned, apart from the weather! A&P shows around the country are slowly resuming cattle show rings after a multi-year hiatus, and this offers the prospect of increased exposure for our beloved Dexters.

Recently, Neville Trevarton resigned from the role of Promotions Officer, commenting that he had taken on too many commitments to do justice to them all. Neville, we thank you for being the driving force behind the very successful DCSNZ Signs, which are now gracing various properties and vehicles around the country. Upon receiving the news of Neville's resignation, Wayne Pettersson has volunteered to take over the role, as health and time permits. Wayne, we are delighted to welcome you back, in a less onerous capacity than before.

Now it's time for me to emphasise that the work of running our society is a team effort, provided at minimal cost to members by a dedicated band of volunteers. Our secretary Robyn Snelgar has unrivalled knowledge of the processes we need to follow, in order to keep our society on track and in compliance with the requirements of our Constitution and Regulations. Robyn's experience in the role she has held for so long is the reason our meetings run as smoothly as they do, and her ability to take notes whilst participating fully in Council business is quite extraordinary.

Jillian Walst brings new members onboard in a speedy and efficient manner, recording all their details in the membership file, which is a crucial part of our online system. Enrolment of stud names, preparing the mailing list for each issue of the Dispatch and making sure membership fees are paid as they fall due; each of these are vital tasks Jillian performs throughout the year, in a methodical way with commendable accuracy.

Colin Read is once again in the Treasurer's job which he held many years earlier, and his experience shows. For each Council meeting, Colin prepares an up-to-date financial report which lets us know exactly where we stand. He also deals with our auditor and our bank, and being a former treasurer, I can attest to how much patience that requires.

Bobbie Wisneski helps me with the website and is set to play a leading role in this year's Website Workshop, following the AGM. Rosalie Bakker has made determined efforts to support our members who are involved in showing. With the resumption of cattle classes at various A&P Shows, Rosalie will have more work to do next year. A new initiative is a virtual show, held for the first time this year. We look forward to seeing some of the DCSNZ trophies sent out, after many years sitting on the shelf.

Maureen Pettersson continues to produce our excellent Dispatch magazine, four times each year. In spite of trying personal circumstances over the past year, Maureen has stuck to her guns and continued to hunt out interesting stories, presenting them in an attractive format.

My report would not be complete without mention of our highly-qualified Research Officer Tony Cutten who provided invaluable guidance and analysis during last year's PHA scare. And to our Complaints Officers Tracey Dovey-Reid and Julie Rush, who thankfully didn't have to do anything during the year. Julie has recently stepped down from her role after several years and we record our thanks for being there when she was needed. Julie will be replaced by Deb Goodwin following the AGM.

Last, but certainly not least, we have Michelle Goodwin who is our Herd Registrar. Without Michelle's tireless work, the pedigrees of our animals would become meaningless because they would be filled with errors. The accuracy of the data is paramount to an animal's traceability and its genetic line. Thank you to all members who recognize this and make the effort to send in accurate and complete registration forms. It makes the job easier and quicker.

If Michelle asks you to clarify or correct something sent in on a Registration or Transfer form, please reply politely and patiently, as she is just doing her job in making sure that our Regulations are followed - it's nothing personal. Her role is pivotal to maintaining the accuracy of our Herd Registry, so please be kind next time you communicate with her.



Treasury

Colin Read.

Hello everyone and welcome to this year's annual Treasurer's report.

The last twelve months have seen challenges to the Society through the on-going fallout of COVID on the economy and weather related issues which I'm sure have affected many members.

October's announcement that Wayne Pettersson, due to health reasons was forced to step down from his role as President, came as a shock to all of us. Grant has stepped into the role in an acting capacity and continues with great support from all of us in the meantime.

A draft (un-audited) copy of the financial statement for the Society has been prepared. The following are notes relating to this statement:

Membership Functions.

Membership – A net surplus of \$4,626, down slightly on last year at \$4,828 but is a very close result given the challenges presented by last year's lockdowns and economic constraints. – a credit to our Membership Secretary, Promotions and all members for their contribution in promoting the breed. Dispatch - shows an expenditure increase over the previous financial year by \$473.45. This is largely due to a one-off increase in printing costs and postage when a different supplier had to be used.

Cattle Functions.

Herd Registration and Transfer Fees are up by some \$700 against last year but net revenue for Cattle Functions is down largely because of the introduced new cost of PHA testing (\$1,677). Promotions, Showing and Judging – shows a reduction in expenditure of \$3,421, largely due to the previous year's one-off outlay of \$3215 for signs.

Administration.

Treasury income has increased due to the increase in interest rates being paid on our Term Deposits. Fixed Term Interest Rates being paid for our three Fixed Term Investments have increased to between 2.5% and 5.5%. I expect that this may improve from the flow on as general interest rates rise.

Summary.

A net surplus of \$4750 was recorded for the financial year against a previous years deficit of \$715. This was largely due to the reductions in investments made in Publicity (signs) and reduced audit costs.

TREASURER'S REPORT Year Ended 31 March 2023

Cash balance of the society as at 1 April 2022 (Bank Account)-	\$15,347.64
Money invested in Term Deposit -	\$24,500.00

Revenue for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 is as follows-

New Membership Subscriptions -	\$1,055.00	
Subscription Renewals -	\$5,495.00	
Member Donations & Overpayments -		
Dispatch advertising -		
Herd Registration Fees -	\$1,899.00	
Herd Transfer Fees -	\$1,217.00	
Ear Tags -	\$ 65.00	
Stud Registration Fees	\$ 500.00	
Promotional Merchandise – (Paddles)	\$ 387.90	
(Signs) \$ 40.00		
Bank Interest -	\$ 558.65	
AGM Raffles -		
AGM Dinner -		
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	\$11,217.55	\$11,217.55

Expenses for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 are as follows:

Membership –
Postage and Stationery

Dispatch –	
Misc.(Travel etc.)	\$ 83.80
Postage	\$ 361.10
Printing Costs	\$1,979.73

Herd Registration –	
Postage and Stationery	
Brass Tags	\$ 53.95
PHA Testing	\$1,677.29

Promotions, Showing & Judging –	
Banners, Trophies & Badges	
RAS Affiliation/Delegates fees	\$ 511.58
Website	\$ 794.96
Area Group Support	
Merchandise (Paddles)	\$ 517.18

Treasury –	
Accountants Fees	
Bank Charges	\$ 25.00

Council –	
Misc. Expenses	\$ 404.65

AGM –	
General Expenses	\$ 58.93

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Cash balance of the society as at 31 March 2022	\$44,597.02
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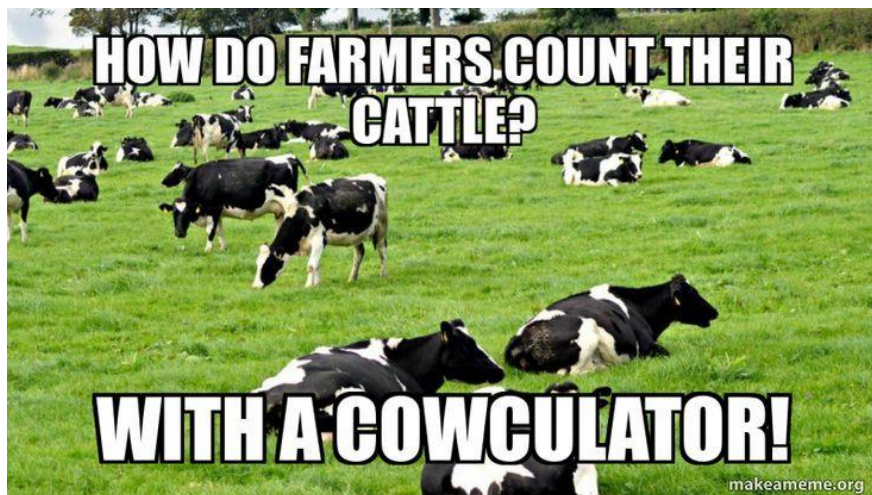
Performance Against Budget

	2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2022/23 Actual
Bank Cheque Account	\$15,000	\$15,348	\$15,000	\$20,097
Savings Account				
Term Deposit	\$24,500	\$24,500	\$24,500	\$24,500
Accrued Interest		\$189	\$200	\$559
Stock on Hand (cost)	\$100	\$106	\$200	\$195
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$39,600	\$40,143	\$39,900	\$45,351
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors	\$1000	0	\$250	0
Deferred Interest				
NETT ASSETS	\$38,600	\$40,143	\$39,650	\$45,351
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
Opening Balance		\$41,062		\$35,848
Current Year Surplus		\$714		\$4,749
CLOSING Accumulated funds		\$40,348		\$40,597
CONSOLIDATED PERFORMANCE				
Membership Function		\$4,828		\$4,626
Cattle Function		-\$2,862		\$53.94
Administration		-\$2,681		\$70
NET SURPLUS		-\$715		\$4,750



Appoint Auditor

Paul Woolasten





Herd Registrar Report

Michelle Goodwin

This year DCSNZ has seen an increase in the number of registered animals which is great news. Personally, I could not provide everyone who enquired, with the animals that they were after. We ended up with a wait-list of people wanting steers and heifers and we sold five bulls which came as a nice surprise. I helped others sell their animals to people I couldn't help. So it was a busy old 8 months.

There were 132 registrations to the YE 2022 made up of 15 bulls and 117 heifers/cows.

Registrations - 2019 - 121

Registrations - 2020 - 105

Registrations - 2021 - 107

Registrations - 2022 – 131 * 15 bulls and 117 heifers/cows

Registrations - 2023 so far – 54 * 10 bulls and 44 heifers/cows

There are still ongoing issues with incomplete registration forms being sent in. 50-60% of registrations have to be sent back because they are not compliant or information is missing. Compliance with the DCSNZ regulations are the responsibility of every member.

NAIT tag vs. Visual Tag.

In the registration form there is a field for NAIT Tag and one for Visual Tag. The NAIT tag field is described below. The Visual Tag is either Brass Tag if you want a Brass Tag or your DCSNZ Visual Stud Tag that complies with the following specifications in <http://www.dexter-cattle.co.nz/filedownload/downloadfile/fileid/206/filename/0/src/@random5efadd3953a0> which is under the Q&A tab on the DCSNZ website.

The NAIT tag field is for the tag number, not the farm number, that is visible when looking in the animal's ear and not the RF Id copied from the NAIT system.

It seems that these numbers are being displayed/formatted differently across the members. We have examples as follows: 818921 – 22 – 1, 818921 – 1, 982-123721198344-GTHR, 982-000359216419-4062199, CDNR-21-263.

These are tag numbers that are on display on the face of the tag. Not RF Ids which are displayed like this 982 124528562368.

So please, when you send in NAIT information make sure you are sending in the correct information as it is meant to help identify the animal in the event the Brass Tag or Visual Tag falls out.

Also I know there are frustrations around member's being asked to provide the correct information and it is equally frustrating for me. It is not good practice to make assumptions when this data is vital to the animal's traceability and given there is a variation across members it is up to you to make sure it is right.

Please make sure the service certificate correlates to the animal. I get service certificates that are two or more years prior to the animal being born where people are just not checking the information that they sending in.

Every incorrect field or document delays the processing of the registration.

For bulls you need;

Parentage verification test from InfoGene (PHA test – to be discussed at AGM) Chondro testing is optional. If you have animals that have been chondro tested then I am happy to add this the animals HR record if you would like.

Bull service certificate if you borrowed/leased a bull to sire this progeny or AI certificate.

Send in your registration form with the correct documentation attached and the InfoGene DNA testing number.

Pay for your registration. Bulls under 24 months \$30 and bulls over 24 months \$60. Bulls over 36 months are not registerable.

For cows and heifers

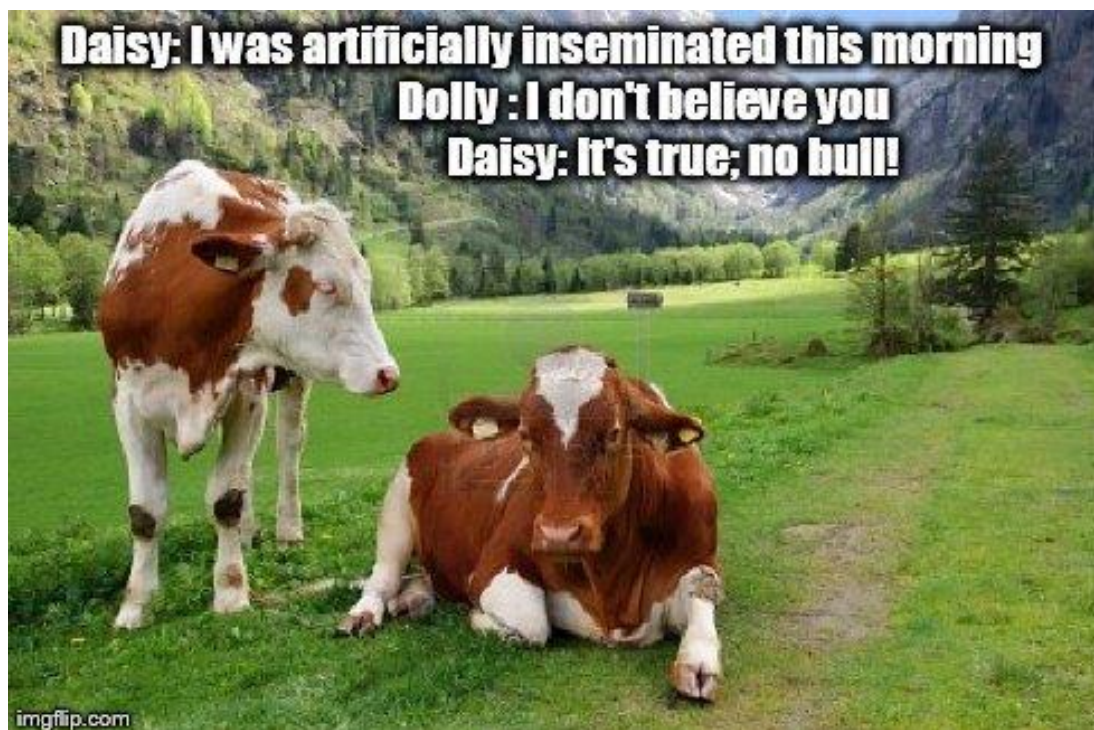
Bull service certificate if you borrowed/leased a bull to sire this progeny or AI certificate.

Send in your registration form with the correct documentation attached.

Pay for your registration. Under 24 months the cost of registration with a visual tag is \$5, or \$12 with a brass tag. For animals between 24 and 36 months the cost is \$10 with a visual tag or \$24 with a brass tag. Animals over 36 months are not registerable.

Grant and I will be looking in to the replacement of the DCSNZ Herd Register so we are keen to hear from members what they would like from a new one.

Personally I would love a system with workflow so you know when things have been received and processed and if there are problems I can send them back to you for correction. Email seems to be very hit and miss and requires me to constantly follow up with people for information. It is time consuming and very frustrating for all.



Membership Officer

Jillian Walst

Our membership year is recorded as 1 April-31 March.

Our membership numbers are remaining fairly static over these last few years.

Resignations have numbered **16** which is a drop from the previous year.

Lapses were **14**, which I would rather see decrease in number. I do give members plenty of time to continue their membership, including emails and phone calls. During the year, a couple of lapsed memberships were re-instated, and this is good to note as folk recognize the benefits of being a part of the Dexter Society.

Once the lapsed numbers are added to the resignations, we can see why our total membership is dropping a little each year. We also lost one of our faithful members as Shirley Spick passed away.

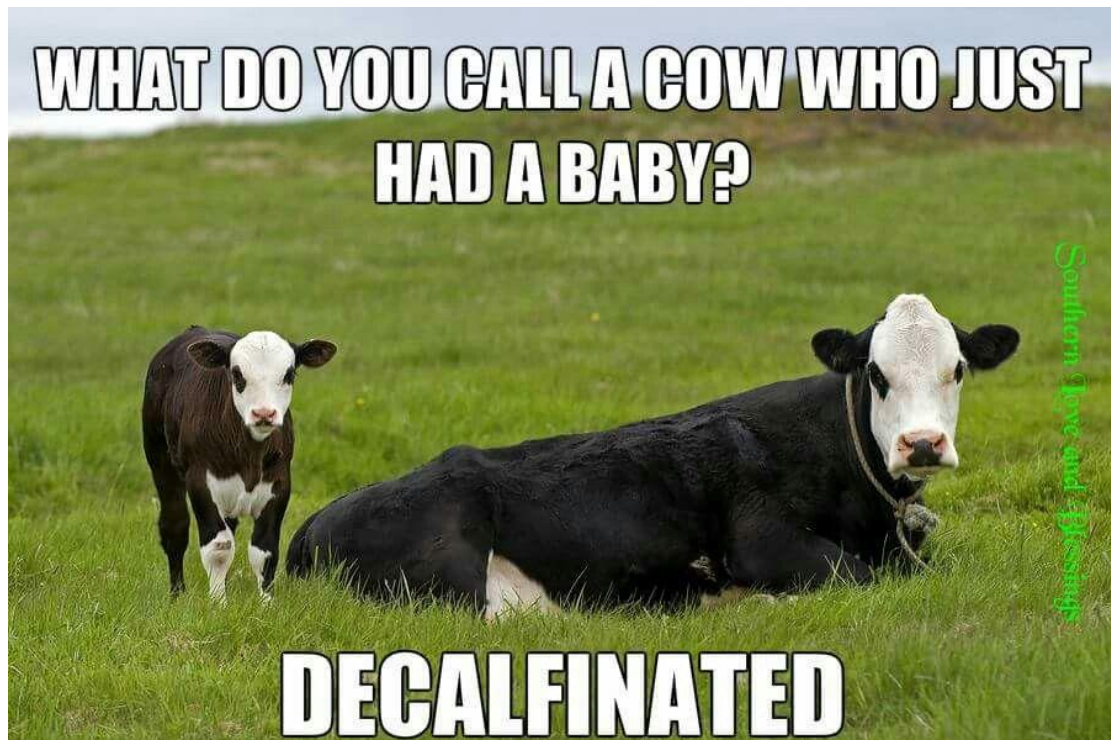
New memberships have numbered **22** and that is very encouraging.

This means we close the membership year at **169** with this being made up of:

Full membership 160 of which 7 are Life members

Associate 6

Junior 3



This year has seen the recommencement of showing albeit in a reduced number of opportunities as not all regions have their shows or cattle rings back up and running.

So looking back over the results that have come through. We have had members attend or compete their Dexter cattle at:

Horowhenua A&P Show

Wairarapa A&P Show

Stratford A&P Show

And The New Zealand Agricultural Virtual Show

For the first season post-Covid, this has been a good effort as there has been a significant drop in competitors. We hope there will be more back again competing next year.

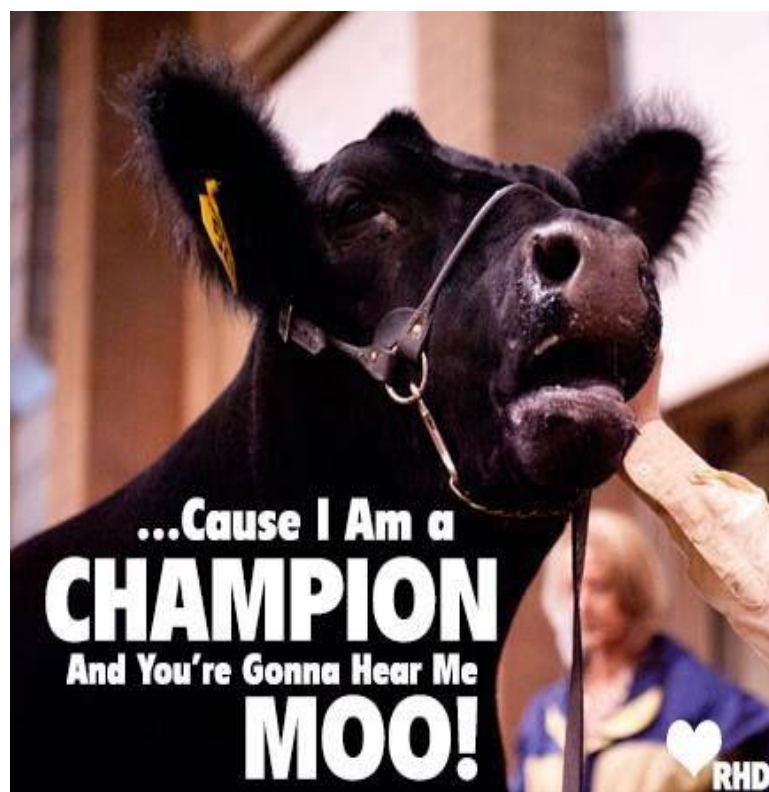
Whangarei and North Kaipara A&P shows are also intending to return with small breed/lifestyle breed classes for next season

For our society Virtual show it is great that there have been a number of entries, several of these are from members that I think have never shown before, It is really pleasing to see members make an effort in taking the photos required for this competition. These are being collated and send to the Judge for judging. Results will be given at the AGM.

As I am writing this, we are getting ready to go down to Dannevirke where my son is competing at this years Hoof and Hook competition. He made his start with showing Dexters and the first steer he prepared and took to this competition was his ex calf club Dexter steer in 2014. (see the photo below). He is now showing and competing Simmentals but it must be added that the steer he took down to the last competition 2 years ago was still a quarter Dexter and he won the Grand Champion Hook steer with him!

Hope to see or hear more out and about with their Dexters in the next season.

Thanks, Rosalie



Dispatch Report

Maureen Pettersson

Almost 10 years ago I took on the role as editor for the Dexter Dispatch – *temporarily!* And I am still here and I think unless someone else to put their hand up I will be here for some time yet.

I actually love doing this work for the DCSNZ and its members and also happy that so many of you still want to have the quarterly booklets sent out to you. To be perfectly honest if there were more members wanting it done by email, then I probably wouldn't continue. I feel that most of the members that receive it by email don't even open it, never mind read it and that's a real shame.

The Dexter Dispatch is looked upon as a great publication by those that read it from overseas. Everyone that does an article or shares a great photo from another country automatically gets a copy for their coffee table. The positive responses I get back from these people and many DCSNZ members keeps me going.

I would like to thank Deb Goodwin, who has put up her hand to help me as Dispatch Assistant, I'm hoping to sort things out and then hand some things on to her in the near future.

Please remember, I need to have things to put into each Dispatch, so any story, idea or photo would be most appreciated.



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This year has been a very stressful one for Wayne and I.

Since Wayne was diagnosed with Cholangiocarcinoma (Bile Duct Cancer) in October, when he resigned as the DCSNZ President, it's been a hard and tiring time for both of us.

After an unsuccessful operation, he's now on chemotherapy and so it continues with the possibility of another operation if the tumour shrinks enough?

Because of all this my role as Area Rep has taken a big step backwards but hopefully I have managed to help those that have asked me?

We plan to have another AGM meeting at our place for everyone that attends to be involved. More details will be in the May issue of the Dexter Dispatch. We would both to see you there over lunch and have a good chat afterwards.

May 2023/24 be more productive and healthier for everyone.



Thanks to those members who have offered help and support.



2023/2024 COUNCIL ELECTION PROFILES

PRESIDENT

Grant Keymer # 326

Nominated by Nancy Edge #2

I have been on the DCSNZ Council since July 2011, serving as Webmaster for all of that time and also as Treasurer from 2011 until 2018. In October last year, I was appointed to the role of Acting President and now it's time for me to seek election as President for a 1-year term.

During my time on Council, I've been responsible for moving the Herd Registry online as well as introducing animal registrations, transfers and culls via our website.

As the owners of Eske stud, my wife Inger and I run about 60 Dexters on a 110 acre property near Paparoa in Northland. We have been members of DCSNZ since 2003 and as time has passed, our herd has grown to include Red, Black and Dun animals, mostly polled. We also have about 70 Wiltshire sheep, which shed their own wool, in addition to Chooks, Ducks and Geese.

COUNCIL

Colin Read #451

Nominated by Maureen Pettersson #369

My wife Marion and I have been members of the DCSNZ since 2005.

I have performed duties in the past as Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Herd Registrar along with serving 2 years on the DCSNZ Council. Following re-election in 2021 I have since served a further 2 years on council and a further 2 years as Treasurer. Through my experience raising Dexter cattle and the experience gained in the above roles I have gained a sound knowledge of the Dexter Cattle Society, the breed attributes and benefits of raising Dexters.

I am acutely aware of the ongoing need to promote the breed and participate in the challenges to Council and membership in achieving this at the same time protecting the integrity of the breed.

I look forward to the opportunity to further offer the use and benefit of my experience and knowledge as a council member and Treasurer to the society if elected to this position again.

Jillian Walst #267

Nominated by Maureen Pettersson #369

I have been 50% of our farming partnership for the past 45 years, firstly in dairy farming in Kaitia and latterly with our Dexter herd in Kerikeri. We have recently downsized to the smaller number of 35 dexters.

John and I have been members of the DCSNZ since 2001 and I have been on Council for the last 5 years, in the position of Membership Officer.

It is good to be able to contribute to the DCSNZ organization and I am willing to stand again at this years AGM.

Bobbie Wisneski #773

Nominated by Grant Keymer #326

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Rosalie Bakker #103

Nominated by Dot Wreaks #1025

Rosalie Bakker M Agr Sc, MNZIPIM, HBN 103. I've been a member of the DCSNZ since the mid 1990's when we got our first purebred Dexter from Alec Meades, one of our founding members. The society was still very much in its early days and the newsletter a simple A4 page!

I have shown my Dexters over many years although the last few years with Bovis then Covid there has been a lot less shows. Since then my son's Simmentals have taken a front seat for now but I am sure I will bring out the Dexters again in the next few years.

Meanwhile I have been more involved in the organisational side of our shows.

I have a degree, Masters and Post graduate papers in Agricultural Science including Farm nutrient cycles and in Ruminant Nutrition, which is what I am currently specialised in. I have also taught sciences at Massey University and at Waiariki Polytech (Rotorua) as tutor for AgITO.

COMPLAINTS OFFICERS

Tracey Dovey-Reid #297

Nominated by Grant Keymer #326

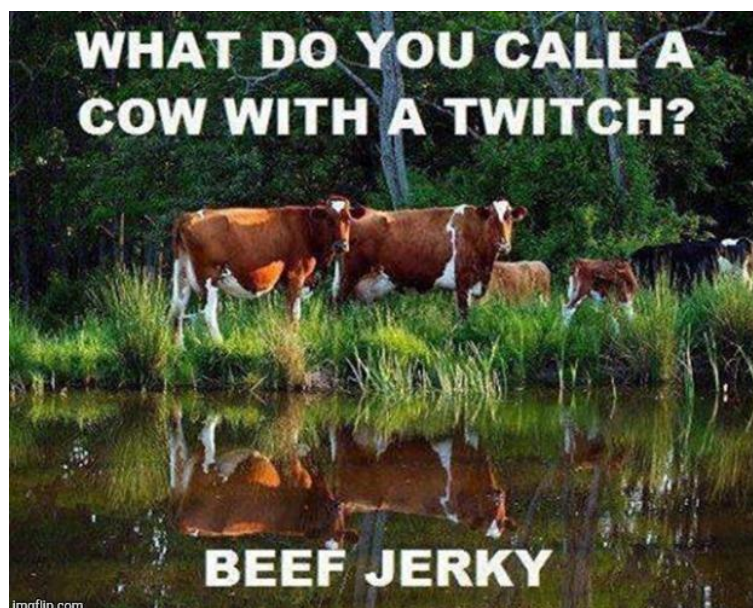
I live in Amberley with my husband David, 22 Dexter cattle, 2 horses, 2 dogs, 2 cats and a few chooks and work in Christchurch for Tip Top Bakery as their Health & Safety & Environment Business Advisor.

I joined the Dexter Society in 2002 and really appreciate the hours and commitment put in by our council and would be happy to support them filling the role of complaints officer.

Deb Goodwin #1159

Nominated by Maureen Pettersson #369

I live in the Wairarapa on a small lifestyle block. At present we have 8 Dexters, 5 cows and 3 calves having just sold 2 heifer calves. We were introduced to Dexters about 8 years ago and have enjoyed them ever since, each having a personality of their own. I work in Wellington at the Supreme Court and would like to be more involved with Dexter Society to utilise some of my skills.



ANNUAL FEES

Membership fees

No Change

Registration Fees

No Change

Transfer fees

No Change

2023 Remit

THAT Regulation 8.6a be changed from:

“Males must be sired by a recognised Dexter bull and either out of a recognised pure-bred dam or a Grade 4 dam registered with DCSNZ.”

To:

“Males must be sired by a registered Dexter bull and out of a pure-bred dam registered with DCSNZ. Males must have PHA Negative Status, either by inheritance from both parents, or by testing of the animal concerned.”

RATIONALE:

If we don't have an ongoing policy regarding PHA testing for bulls, there is a possibility that in future, a PHA Positive bull could be registered as the offspring of a carrier cow, thus undoing all the work just completed with our bull screening program.

Reference to Grade 4 Dam removed as DCSNZ Regulation 7.5 equates G4 with Purebred. 'Recognised' replaced with 'Registered' for clarity.



General Business

2024 AGM

Venue to be discussed and decided – by Zoom again or organize an in person meeting with weekend activities with Zoom facilities

AGM will end officially

15 Minute break

Website Upgrade and Improvements Workshop & Discussion **Bobbie Wisneski & Grant Keymer**

Over the coming year we hope to upgrade the website and make it more interactive and user friendly.

We would welcome suggestions from members about what they would like to see on the website and what functionality they would like.

