



Dexter Cattle Society

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Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Emerald Hotel, Gisborne, June 11, 2011

Council June 2010 – June 2011

President – Keith Wratt
Treasurer – Phil Becker
Secretary – Robyn Snelgar
Herd Registry – Colin Read
Membership – Maureen Pettersson
Research/Promotions – Steve Ring
Showing & Judging – Betsy Smith
Area Groups/Promotions – Marion Corbett

Life Members

Alec Meades – 2004
Nancy Edge – 2004
Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006
Peter Lucking - 2007
Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek – 2008
Keith Wratt - 2008

Meeting opened at 9.30a with a very warm welcome by the President Keith Wratt to the 12th AGM of the society. Steve welcomed all those that have travelled from the South Island and remembered our meeting last year in Mosgiel.

Keith introduced and thanked Steve & Carol Ring for putting everything together for the AGM.

Steve Ring welcomed the members to Gisborne and briefly went over plans for tomorrow.

Keith welcomed Alec & Anne Meades founding members and life member to the meeting. Keith asked the members to enjoy themselves and please contribute to the discussions and for those that have never attended an AGM before to please ask questions.

Keith asked the members to stand for a minutes silence in remembrance of members that have passed away.

Rosemary Tearle 29/05/2011

Alec Meades spoke about Rosemary and her life with Dexter Cattle., milking her Dexters, making, butter, cheese and yoghurt.

PRESENT:

Keith & Heather Wratt, Steve & Robyn Snelgar, Maureen Pettersson, Marion & Colin Corbett, Betsy Smith, Steve & Carol Ring, Alec & Anne Meades, Hilton & Margaret Perry, Bruce & Liz Jones, Brenda Batchelar, Lynette Winters, Inger & Grant Kymer, Owen & Shirley Drummond, Julia Eden, Don & Janice Viles, Marti & Grant Murray Wynn, Ian Booth, Denis & Violet Irwin.

APOLOGIES: Colin & Marion Read, Phil & Kate Becker, Marion Mangnall, Ava Hunt, Brian & Raewyn Rosser, Nancy & Don Edge, Wayne Pettersson, Lance & Karen Mannagh, Maureen Skilton, Rodney Cardno, Vince & Gwen McBride, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, Simon & Liz Richardson, Ann Lunn, Nicola & Alan Rottwell, Leigh Corner & Lorraine Lawler, Ian & Andrea Blackburn, Shirley Spik, Simon & Rachel Holdaway, Sue & Roger Fielder, Clare Oliver, Lindsay & Alistair Tatton,

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Liz Jones/Don Viles.....carried

Note from the secretary – Please accept my apologies for any omissions and/or spelling errors in the member list of those that attended and apologies.
Thank you
Robyn Snelgar

Alec Meades to talk about the formation and history of the society
Juia Eden to talk about Steak of Origin
Country Living Expo Sept 2011
Short/Long Leg notation
Selling Studs/Properties

MINUTES OF THE 11th AGM June 2010:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as circulated held at the St Mary's Hall, Mosgiel, June 12, 2010 be accepted.

Moved by Liz Jones/ Julia Eden.....carried

Correction to 2010 minutes, Wayne Petterson was not present

THAT these 2010 minutes are true & correct

Bruce Jones/Maureen Petterson.....carried unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

The Australian tour has been cancelled due to lack of support

BOP survey seems to have come to an end, Marion Read no longer involved in BOP

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor confirming our 2010/11 financial reports

THAT correspondence be accepted

Moved by Heather Wratt/Marti Wynn.....carried

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Colin Read has sent his sincere apologies due to ongoing illnesses.

Phil Becker sent his apologies and has resigned as Treasurer.

The council will need to discuss the future plans for this role.

Keith expressed his appreciation and thanks to the council over the past years.
He also thanked Steve and Robyn Snelgar for hosting our face to face meetings.

Keith talked about the needs of the society incorporated with our lives and the expectations of the society. The personal needs of volunteers now and then need to be taken into consideration.
The cost involved in the society paying professionals to take on some roles.
He talked about the history and past years of the society, the growth of the society and membership and also the loss of members. Changes in technology and the need to face challenges and face the opportunities the society comes up against.
He talked about his plans for the future and his Dexter breeding plans.
Keith plans to get the members hand book reprinted.

THAT the President's report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.

Moved by Keith Wratt/ Marti Wynn.....carried unanimously

Marti Wynn expressed appreciation to Keith for all his hard work he has put in over the years.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Keith expressed Phil's apologies on his behalf and presented the report and budget for 2011.

Any errors have been corrected and are in the copy presented at the meeting is the true and correct account of the societies financials.

Keith gave explanation of the layout of the financial report.

There were discussions on the Herd Book sales and the value it has to the different types of members within the society.

Janice Viles suggested that area reps have the herd book available at meetings, which some area reps already do.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2011 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Keith Wratt/Bruce Jones.....carried unanimously
The budget was discussed and explanation given.
Maureen Pettersson said she needs to have \$500.00 added to the budget for Membership/Postage
Keith asked Betsy Smith to explain the RAS levies.
Inger Kymer talked about phone conferencing as opposed to face to face meetings.
Discussions of the funds on term deposits and what is planned for it's use/
Betsy suggested we use some of the surplus fund future planning of the society.
Discussions on public liability insurance options so the need for large funds set aside on term deposit
are not required.
Talks about funds for advertising atr the national Open Day.

THAT the amended budget as printed and circulated at the AGM and explained be accepted
Moved by Maureen Pettersson /Don Viles.....carried *unanimously*

THAT term deposits be used by council to cover deficits and future society developments as required
Moved by Inger Kymer/ Alec Meades.....carried unanimously

Keith talked about the requirements of the Treasurer for a person that may take over this role.
Meeting adjourned for 20 minutes for morning tea.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Maureen Pettersson presented her annual report and explained the graphs in the report.

Total Current/Life – 434
Total Lapsed – 161
Deceased Merged - 4
Total Membership to date - 907

Those in attendance were interested in trends with membership.
Maureen talked about the improvements she has made to make her job easier and more efficient.

Inger Kymer suggested that we survey the membership again regarding why members leave.
Mrs Rundel suggested doing a phone survey to cover the small numbers, probably about 20 per year.
Inger suggested area reps take this on.

Steve Snelgar suggested that cattle transfers to new members be passed to the membership secretary
for follow up with a view to promoting the membership.
Maureen is happy to follow up these Dexter owners.

Robyn Snelgar thanked Maureen and the hard work she has done over the last year. Keith also
conveyed thanks to Maureen and the hard work she has done over the last year.

THAT the Membership report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

AREA GROUPS:

Marion presented the area reps report.
Some area reps are not taking care of the role but are not allowing another member to take over.
It was noted that sometimes a council member is the area rep as there is no one willing to take over the
role.
It was felt the area rep should be elected at a local level.
Guidelines for the area reps has been formulated.

Stewart Low has resigned as area rep for Hawkes Bay and Maureen Skilton will now take up this role.

THAT the Area Groups report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Marion Read/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

SHOWING AND JUDGING:

ROYAL SHOW

This will be in Hamilton this year.
There is talk of having eligibility to show at Royal Shows based on accumulation of points at regional
A&P shows.
This will be discussed further at the RAS conference which Betsy will attend.

Betsy was happy with the past show season.

Maureen expressed her appreciation to Betsy for her passion for showing & judging.

Betsy talked about being in contact with local A&P shows if Dexter classes are required.
Julia said there is a trend in the South Island to remove individual breed classes in favor of more condensed breed classes – Small Breeds/Large Breeds

NORTH ISLAND BREED SHOW

2011/2012 - Waikato

2012/2013 - Rotrua (option)

2013/2014 – Manfield/Manawatu

Keith thanked Betsy for her work on council and attending so many shows.

THAT the Showing & Judging report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Betsy Smith/Anne Meades.....carried unanimously

PROMOTIONS:

Marion Corbett talked about the National Open Day, it's successes and failures.
It was felt that advertising was the biggest issue.

Steve Ring talked about difficulties with getting the promotions up and running.
Liz Jones talked about the success they had in their area and how they promoted it through local news papers.

Keith said Marion and Steve did a great job putting the Open Day together especially considering it was the first event of this nature it was felt that in was a successful weekend but in need of improvement.

Liz Jones expressed an appreciation to Marion and Steve for their work on the National Open Day.

Marion will put together documentation on the do's and don'ts for this promotion.

Marion had the merchandise for sale at the meeting. She wanted to know what other options or repeats the members would like. The clothing is successful item.

Marion informed the meeting that the society will contribute to the funding of sites for field days, expos etc.

THAT the Promotions report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Marion Corbett/Liz Jones.....carried unanimously

Meeting Adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm for lunch
Meeting reconvened at 1.15pm

Keith showed the members the new bumper stickers now available for \$2.00 each

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

Steve Ring talked about the new NAIT ear tags. These have been deferred until November next year.
Betsy said if you have ordered ear tags they can still be used.

Marion asked if Rosemary Tearle's milking records are available to the society. Alec will look into this at a later date.

Keith said that this is difficult part of the society is sometimes nothing is happening that needs researching.

Inger Kymer talked about the use of the beef data sheet

THAT the Research & Development report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Steve Ring/Janice Viles.....carried unanimously

HERD REGISTRY REPORT:

Keith presented the herd registry on Colin's behalf. He explained that Colin's has been under poor health

Over the last 12 months and will endeavor to get things back on track.

2010 Herd Books and CD are available for purchase.

There were discussions on job sharing the registrar role as it is a huge job now.

Maureen suggested that all registrations, transfers to the Herd Registry person and then once the paper work is complete and in order that it would be passed onto the Herd Registrar.
Carol Ring has offered to take this job on.

Betsy suggested that the dna part of registrations be split off for someone else to take care of. Also to ask Colin if there are any parts of Herd Registry that he would like to hand over to someone else.

There will be a new Herd Registry person on council. Colin will be herd registrar but acting off council. This will hopefully take some pressure off Colin.

There are a number of tasks that the Herd Registry person could take over. The politics and checking of paper work for registrations and transfers could be done by another person.

THAT the Herd Registrars report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Keith Wratt/Bruce Jones.....carried unanimously

Talks of changing the systems from and excel spread sheet to a data base are in the pipe line.
Grant Kymer talked about the use of data bases as the data used by the society increases.

Keith reminded us of the important of accuracy and integrity in the Herd Book and how well Colin does this.

Marti talked about the importance of communication regarding registration and transfers.
She also said she is happy to continue to print the herd boks

Janice Viles suggested that we send a letter to Colin from the society in acknowledgement of his illness and appreciate the work he does

THAT the Herd Registration report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Keith Wratt/Marti Wynn.....carried unanimously

DISPATCH:

Keith said he is happy to continue to work as the editor of the Dispatch but will need a Dispatch liason person on council.

Keith explained how the Dispatch is formatted and printed.

Robyn Snelgar thanked Keith for his work on the Dispatch.
Jane White offered to assist Keith as she tutors photoshop.

THAT the Dispatch report as printed in the attached AGM booklet be accepted.
Moved by Keith Wratt/Marion Corbett carried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

The new council was announced,. An election was not required.

President	Steve Ring	(unopposed)
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(sitting)
	Maureen Petterson	(sitting)
	Marion Corbett	(sitting)
	Betsy Smith	(sitting)
	Bruce Jones	(unopposed)
	Di Burgess	(unopposed)
Complaints	Hamish Ensor	(unopposed – South Island)
Officers	Maggie Bentley	(unopposed – North Island)

Ratify the new council and complaints officers

THAT the new Council and complaints officers, as named above, be accepted
Moved by Marti Wynn/Heather Wratt.....carried unanimously

REMITTS

Remit 1

THAT honorariums are paid to key council portfolio holders annually at the discretion of council. The amount to be decided by council based on the needs and the financial position of the society at the time.

Rationale – The need to provide a stable, reliable service with integrity in order to meet the legal and constitutional requirements of the society.

Proposed by council

For – 2 Against - 43.....lost

Remit 2

THAT the current membership fee structure is removed and replaced with the following

Full membership, 1 vote, 1 stud name - \$50.00

Associate member, non breeding, no vote - \$40.00

Junior Member, breeding, no vote (under 18 years of age) - \$30.00

Herd Registration (stud name) 1 off fee \$25.00

Rationale –

To simplify the current membership fee structure.

Associate members will have the option becoming full members after a years grace of this decision should decide to breed & register their Dexter's.

Associate members that become full members would pay the full membership fee and the stud fee.

Proposed by council

For – 32, Against – 13.....carried

Remit 3

THAT the registration fees for bulls increase to \$30.00. After 12 months of age the fee is \$60.00 and registration is only with council approval if the animal is over 24 months of age.

Rationale –

To fairly reflect the amount of time and costs associated with registration.

To cover the increasing administration costs of the herd registry.

To encourage the registration of higher quality bulls and improve the overall national herd .

Proposed by council.

Marion Corbett /Julia Eden moved that Remit 3 be amended to read

THAT the registration fees for bulls increase to\$30.00 up to the age of 24 months of age.

After 24 months of age the fee is \$60.00 and registration is only with council approval.

.....carried

Amended Remit 3 to read -

THAT the registration fees for bulls increase to\$30.00 up to the age of 24 months of age.

After 24 months of age the fee is \$60.00 and registration is only with council approval.

For 41,Abstentions 1.....carried

Remit 4

THAT the registration fees for cows increase to \$20.00. After 12 months of age the fee is \$40.00 and registration is only with council approval if the animal is over 24 months of age.

Rationale –

To cover the increasing administration costs of the herd registry.

Proposed by council

For 3, Against 42.....lost

Remit 5

THAT the closing date for remits be revised to 31 January from the present 1 December

Rationale –

Members are busy leading up to Christmas and holidays and are not thinking much about Society matters in December. This date still enables the remits to be published in the February Dispatch so there is time for the members to give them full consideration before the AGM in June.

Proposed by council

For 45, against 0.....carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SNOWLINE TROPHY

Betsy Smith presented the Showline Trophy

Hiwinui Stud - Claire & Eilish Oliver were the winners of this award.

Betsy explained to the members the criteria for this award.

Bruce Jones accepted this on the winners behalf

DCSNZ History

Alec Meades talked to the members about the history of the Dexter breed in NZ. Beginning with importation of semen to NZ and registering with ADA as NZ did not have a society at that stage. He talked about his experiences getting his herd started. Keith thanked Alec and Anne for their contributions to the society and for staying involved even though they now have no Dexters

STEAK of ORIGIN

Julia Eden talked about the requirements for this prestigious beef competition. She talked about the breeding program they went through to choose a steer to send to the competition. A Dexter x Fresian was chosen. The sirloin is taken from the animal, aged for 3 weeks and tested for PH, It is tested for a variety of items such as water retention, tenderness. Cooked and tasted. She entered the best cross breed section and won 4th place. She attended the final and the dinner and had an amazing time.

Keith congratulated Julia and Stewart on their effort.

Marion & Colin Corbett also entered the competition

Website

Grant Keymer addressed the meeting with his thoughts on the requirements of the society. He suggested the Dispatch be available online. Content updated more often, the events calendar is not user friendly, a web-mart for sales of Dexter's, herd book available online and password protected.

Grant explained to the society his IT expertise and his interest in contributing to the society by helping with the maintenance of the website.

Betsy agreed that Grant's offer is appreciated and ongoing updating of the website is important to keep it current and interesting.

There were discussions on a Dexter cattle face book page.

Maureen expressed her thanks to Brad for the work he has done in developing the website.

Country Living Expo

Liz Jones talked about the pending Lifestyle show in September 10 & 11, 2011. There will be a milking Dexter 's demonstration by Bruce Jones. Meat cuts on a steer will be demonstrated. Cattle handling demonstrations. The entire Dexter group for the local area are involved. 30,000 people are expected to attend this expo. There will advertising in local rural publications with involvement by many different breeds of cattle and animals.

Short/Long Leg

Bruce Jones expressed concerns about the terminology used and how cattle are registered. He and Liz purchased a bull as long leg to find he was in-fact a short leg. He felt the knowledge of the short leg/long leg terminology needs addressing. There were in-depth discussions on this problem. And it felt the info needs to be given to the members again about the importance good breeding decisions and of the honesty of our breeders when registering, buying and selling Dexters.

Buying/Selling Property/stud

Bruce Jones raised the issue of buying an entire farm along with the stud. Council will discuss this at the next face to face meeting

Heather Wratt made comparisons with the costs associated with other breeds in relation to ours. Our fees are very reasonable compared to other breeds of cattle and other animals Talk about a standard breed uniform for members showing Dexters.

Keith & Heather Wratt have offered to supply and present a trophy to the best junior Dexter handler. This would be a youth trophy accumulating points much the same as the Snowline Trophy.

Note -

SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD were presented late at the AGM dinner to
Michael Trotter – for work on the Rare breeds and Dexter cattle pages
Julia Eden, for commitment to showing and promoting Dexter's
Keith Wratt – for work on the Dispatch for many years
Robyn Snelgar – for secretarial work and hosting Dexter meetings

Next AGM 9 & 10 June, 2012 will be held at Wellington.

Thanks again to Steve and Carol Ring for the work done in organising the AGM.

Meeting closed 4.40 p.m.

Signed –

President.....

Date.....