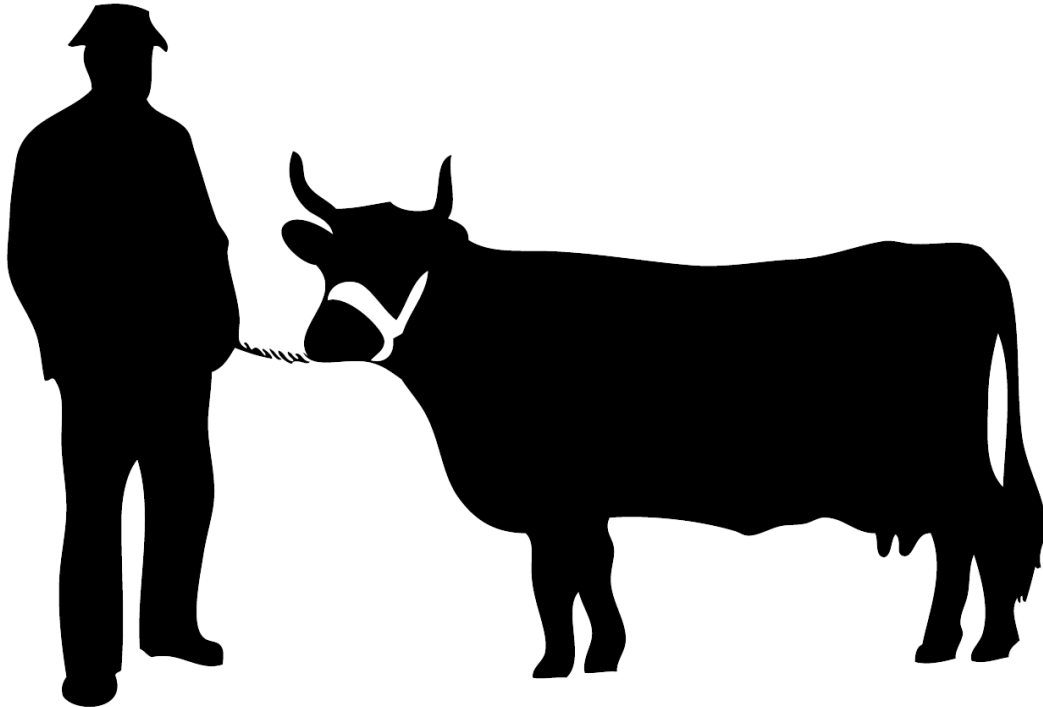


Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc)



Official Programme & Agenda of
2021 Annual General Meeting
&
Conference

12 June 2021

By
Zoom Meeting

2021 AGM PROGRAMME

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Conference Weekend 18 & 19 June

To be Held by Zoom at 10.00am

Saturday 12 June

9.30am	Registrations
10.00am	AGM commences
12.00pm	AGM finishes (approx)

Friday 18 June – Saturday 19 June - Conference Weekend

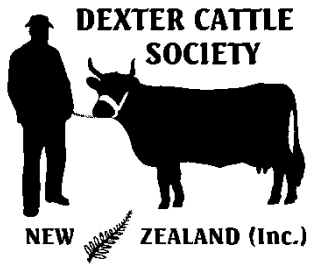
Note – this is the weekend after the AGM Zoom meeting and will be held in the Bay of Islands, all welcome. Please confirm with Jillian Walst asap if you plan to attend so dinner bookings etc can be made in advance - RHdexters@gmail.com

Friday 18 June	Informal Dinner get together
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Saturday 19 June	Browse Packhouse Market, Kerikeri Rd 10.00am - Walst Property Morning Tea View herd, discussion & questions Speakers – Alec Meades & Nancy Edge Lunch (provided) Visit localities of Interest Dinner Together
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Moment of Silence in Remembrance
4. Confirmation of Agenda
5. Minutes of the 2019 AGM – taken as read Pages 4 – 9
6. Matters arising from minutes
7. Correspondence
8. Reports – taken as read
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9. 2021/2022 President & Council profiles Pages 13-14
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10. General Business
11. 2022 AGM – Venue to be decided
12. Conference Weekend Friday night 18 June & Saturday 19 June in Kerikeri
13. Close Meeting



Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting

Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc.

Held at Burns Lodge, 89 Church Street, Mosgiel,

Council June 2018 – June 2019

President – Wayne Pettersson
 Treasurer – Luan Kloppers
 Secretary - Robyn Snelgar
 Membership – Jillian Walst
 Showing & Judging – Mary Howard
 Dispatch Liaison – Wayne Pettersson
 AGM Liaison – Robyn Snelgar
 Webmaster - Grant Keymer
 Website Assistant – Bobbie Wisneski

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke
 Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson
 Research – Tony Cutten
 Youth Co-Ordinator – Julie Rush

 Complaints Officers - Colin Read
 - Julie Rush

Life Members

Alec Meades - 2004
 Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006
 Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek— 2008

Nancy Edge - 2004
 Peter Lucking - 2007
 Keith Wratt – 2008

Wayne Pettersson the President declared the meeting declared open at **9.00am**. He welcomed everyone and introduced himself to members that did not know him. This is his first AGM as President.

He introduced the council that was voted in last year as there are several new councilors and talked about their council roles.

He then and went over the house keeping for the day and thanked the sponsors that donated to the goody bag provided for our attendees.

As the 25th year of having a Dexter society Wayne talked about a brief history of the society.

He also asked for all mobile phones to be turned off or turned to silent.

He then went over the plan for the day.

Wayne thanked Marion Read, Robyn Snelgar & Maureen Pettersson for organizing the AGM.

PRESENT:

Wayne & Maureen Pettersson, Steve & Robyn Snelgar, Grant & Inger Keymer, Luan Kloppers, Jillian & John Walst, Marion Read, Bruce Jones, Tony Cutten, Marion Mangnall, Alison & Lindsay Moore, Marion Corbett, Sue Jones.

APOLOGIES:

Bobbie Wisneski, Colin & Marion Read, Julie Rush, Sue Monk, Mary & Dave Howard, Judy & Alex Bromham, Margaret Perry, Jo Robb, Keith & Heather Wratt, Louise Ball, Dayle Flannagan, Patsy Leek, Julie Rush, Sue Monk, Judy Coyne, Janice Viles, John & Helen Blanchard, Tom & Sue Dixon, Shirley Spick, Richard & Angela Stevens, Lee McAustin

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Grant Keymer/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Note from the secretary – Please accept my apologies for any omissions and/or spelling errors in the member list of those that are in attendance and the apologies. I do ask that names be printed clearly on the attendance, proxy & apology lists.

Thank you

Obituaries

There was a minutes silence in remembrance of members and/or their spouses that have passed away since the 2019 AGM.

Kath Aker of Peelview Dexters #121 in Geraldine has passed away. Her stud named after Mt Peel near her home. Passed away on July 21 2018 after a short battle with cancer
Kath was a member from 1998 - 2012 and also served on council for a couple of years. She particularly loved the short legged Dexters.

Tyna Charles of Charmac Stud # 75, from Greenpark, Christchurch. Passed away on Sept 18, 2018. Partner to Fergie McCormick who passed away a few months before Tyna. Also passed away due to cancer.
Tyna had a lot of knowledge about Dexter history and bloodlines. She imported a semen and embryos to bring in new blood lines in the late 90's and early 2000's.

Hamish Ensor – Glenaan Stud #30. Passed away on 8 December. Before retiring in Rolleston Hamish was a third generation high country farmer who ran 4,000 super fine merino sheep, Angus cattle and Dexters on his Rakaia Gorge property . He was involved with Molesworth Station. He was chairman of South Island High Country Committee of Federated Farmers (circa 1991), involved in Lancorp and conservation of the high country. Was a great supporter of Methven rugby. He was part of a group driving the High Country Land Managers' Carbon Project, On Christmas eve 2017 Hamish and Belinda lost everything in a fire that began in a nearby paddock destroyed their home.

Michael Spik husband of Shirley Spik from Bay of Plenty. He helped Shirley with her Dexters and attending the A&P Shows.

John Van Roon of Canterbury husband of Elaine Van Roon passed away in March 2019.

Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be accepted

Moved by Inger Keymer/Tony Cutten.....carried unanimously

MINUTES OF THE 19th AGM June 2018:

Tony Cutten talked about the minutes of the last AGM. He talked about the election last year. He thought that the numbers of the voting for President should be recorded and so the minutes be amended.

THAT the 2018 minutes be amended to state the total number of votes for President be recorded.

Moved Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Petterssonpassed by majority, 1 against

THAT the minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at The Coachman Hotel, 140 Fitzherbert Ave, Palmerston North, 9 June, 2018 with the above amendment be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Petterssonpassed by majority, 1 against

MATTERS ARISING FROM 2018 MINUTES:

Nil

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Wayne Pettersson

Wayne asked the members if there was any questions or discussion on the Presidents report.

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

Moved by Bruce Jones/Tony Cutten.....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 Jillian Walst/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Steve Snelgar asked if there is any idea why the membership has dropped so much. Jillian went over the report and talked about the numbers of the last 5 years. We have fewer new members and so the balance was out a bit. She talked about the reason people get into Dexters. She thought we may need to do some more advertising as this has not been done for a while.

It seemed be agreed that we should periodically advertise in local publications.

Land being subdivided and more lifestyle blocks coming along was talked about. An opportunity for new members. Bruce Jones talked about people moving to lifestyle blocks and then after a few years they move back to town. This is a statistical fact throughout New Zealand.

There was a lot of discussion on advertising costs on local publications. Talk about creasing membership and then declining due to this was mentioned.

MPB has had an effect on cattle movements and sales. They are not an economically viable breed to sent to the works. They are not a commercial breed. Bulls seem to be the only ones that are making money at the works. There was a comparison to the Highland society and Australian Dexter society numbers as well.

It was suggested that we offer the first year membership fees.

The difference between stud breeders that are working for the breed to improve the breed with good genetics and blood lines etc and members that are just grazing a few Dexters to keep their pasture under control.

Perhaps the latter should be associate members if they have no inclination to improve the breed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Luan Kloppers

Grant kicked off the meeting by thanking Wayne for his work as President and the professional manner he has run the society over the last 12 months.

He introduced Luan as the new Treasurer and talked about the hand-over of Treasury.

The last auditor has been uncontactable so Luan managed to find another good auditor to take on the job.

New rules with the societies office that came about in April meant that the new auditor needed to be appointed by the members before the accounts can signed off.

THAT the new auditor DBS Consulting LTD (Gareth Fannin) be appointed to audit the 2018/19 & 2019/20 periods.

Proposed by Bruce Jones/Luan Kloppers.....carried unanimously

It was asked if we can accept the accounts subject to audit.

Luan answered that once the audited accounts have been returned, they will be published on the website with a 14 day period for members to respond. Then they can be signed off. There will also be notification of this in the Dispatch.

Our current costs are about the same for both. It was noted that some accountants don't want the responsibility of an audit.

The new auditor will need a copy of the the2019 minutes showing his appointment before the accounts can be audited and signed off. Robyn will send the completed minutes to Luan to pass on asap.

Luan took the chair and began by thanking Grant for all his help if handing over the Treasurers role.

John Walst suggested to change the constitution to 'review' rather than 'audited and reviewed'. This would be less formal.

We will need to change the wording of the constitution to reflect this by remit next year.

Luan talked about the huge saving as council has run the society with conference calls and no travel costs for f2f meetings.

Another saving is there will be no postage costs as we have a 2 year stock pile of stamps.

Jillian said quite a few new members prefer to have their Dispatch by email 13 this year compared to 2 last year. This is a further savings in postage and looks like it will continue to grow

THAT the Financial report for the 2018/19 as published in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Luan Kloppers/Grant Keymer.....carried unanimously

2019/2020 BUDGET: Luan Kloppers

THAT the budget for 2019/2020 period as published in the AGM booklet be accepted
Moved by Inger Keymer/Alison Moore.....accepted

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.05am
Reconvened at 10.45

ANNUAL FEES

Membership Fees

THAT membership fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 period.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Maureen Pettersons carried unanimously

Registration

THAT registration fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 period.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Alison Moore..... carried unanimously

Transfer Fees

THAT Transfer fees remain the same for the 2019/2020 period.

Proposed by Council

Seconded by Marion Mangnall..... carried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

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

THAT Wayne Pettersons be accepted as President for 2019-2020 period.

Robyn Snelgar/Inger Keymercarried unanimously

Complaints Officers –

THAT the Complaints Officers Colin Read & Julie Rush be accepted for the 2019 - 2020 period

Maureen Pettersons/Alison Moorecarried unanimously

Other Positions held Off Council (non-elected):

Current positions are as follows -

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke

Dispatch Editor -

Maureen Pettersons

Research – Tony Cutten

No election was needed this year

Sitting Council 2019 - 2020

Grant Keymer

Robyn Snelgar

Luan Kloppers

Jillian Walst

Bobbie Wisneski

THAT the council for the 2019-2020 council are accepted.

Moved by Wayne Petterson/Inger Keymer.....carried unanimously

REMITTS

Remit 1 Update of Regulation 8.10 - "Recognition of Imported Dexter Cattle, Semen & Embryos"

THAT the following documents relating to imported animals are to be lodged with the Society as a prerequisite to registration of any their progeny –

Regulation 8.10 (e) is –

- i. The original Registration Certificate provided by a recognised Dexter organisation

- ii. A four-generation pedigree (excluding the animal concerned) for each imported animal, donor of imported semen, or imported embryo.

Updated to -

- i. A copy of the Registration Certificate provided by a recognised Dexter organisation.
- ii. Remove this part of regulations as it is no longer necessary – all pedigree info can now be found online

Rationale:

Amendment I – The original is not necessary. The owner should retain this. A COPY of the original is all that is necessary.

Amendment ii – The pedigree can be obtained online for imported animals. Imported Embryos and calves sired from imported semen are registered in NZ in accordance with our registration rules. A four generation pedigree can now be obtained online easily

For - 18, carried unanimously

Remit 2 Use of Common Seal - New Regulation

THAT the following be added to the regulations in regard to the society Common Seal –

The Committee shall provide a common seal for the Society and may from time to time replace it with a new one. The Secretary shall have custody of the common seal, which shall only be used by the authority of the Committee. Every document to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary or a member of the Committee.

Rationale

This is a legal requirement as informed by the Societies Office prior to 2018 AGM. The Societies Office has provided the suggesting wording for the new regulation

For - 18.....carried unanimously

Remit 3 Change to 7.1 of the Constitution - Number on Council

Regulation 7.1 is –

The Council will be composed of no less than five (5) and no more than eight (8) members including the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Proposed Amendment

The council will be composed of no less than four (4) and no more than eight (8) members including the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer

Rationale - Day to day Council business needs to be taken care of to operate efficiently and without major problems. Council was unable to operate for approx. 1 month prior to last year's AGM due to low numbers on council. Reducing the minimum number by one down to 4 members will greatly reduce the risk of this occurring again.

Voting – For - 14, Against - 4 carried by majority

Marion Mangnall was against it as she was concerned about the chances of too much power amongst council which could consist of spouses or friends and so the balance of power may not be equitable.

Robyn & Maureen both said to prevent this we need more on council to keep the numbers up and spread the load.

SNOWLINE & TUROA YOUTH TROPHIES

These were not be presented this year all cattle showing was cancelled due to micoplasma bovis.

SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD – There were no nominations this year

GENERAL BUSINESS:

RAS Affiliation – Future plan for DCSNZ - RAS in house problems and effect of MPB

Grant talked about the fees the society spend to be affiliated to the RAS. MPB has put a stop to showing so we are not getting anything for our money.

Wayne informed the meeting that he will be attending the RAS conference in 2 weeks.

He has written to the RAS asked if our membership can be suspended until such time that we are able to attend A&P Shows.

He has had no reply to date.

Very few members show but to have no shows is quite a big thing for our society.

He will raise this at the RAS Conference.

Bruce said that the entry forms for shows state that you must be a member of the RAS and the affiliated cattle breed society.

It was stated that if cattle breeds drop out RAS may collapse so we have an obligation to remain a member.

The Equine side of RAS is very big and has not been affected to the bulk of their funding comes from them.

Wayne would like to suggest that the RAS fees be structured so that it is charged based on the number of members that show.

It was suggested that Wayne speak to the Highland society to see what they are thinking and what their plans are.

It was asked if we can withdraw from the RAS but there is a risk that RAS may decline our application to return at a later date.

To rejoin would cost about \$500-\$600 so a suspension is preferable.

A maintenance fee could be suggested to RAS. RAS regulations may dictate.

Bruce said he has heard that the Royal show will go ahead for cattle in Hawkes Bay in October 2019

There was agreement in the concept of a base fee.

Public promo at Mystery Creek was talked about. Very expensive for a site and OSH requirements have to be considered. Less live animals are on show at Mystery Creek each year. Display tents at A&P shows was also discussed. These sites are more expensive but there is more through traffic and more public interest so possibly money well spent.

Wayne will report back to the members through the Dispatch on how things go at the RAS conference.

Brass Tagging Discussion

How do we get more members to apply DCSNZ brass tags and ways to have a better ID system for registered Dexters.

It is a legal requirement to have the NAIT tag. Brass tags not being inserted is a big problem with our members.

Problems with members not having adequate facilities to put brass tags in.

Tony Houlbrooke (Herd Registrar) has endless problems with cattle identification when selling and transferring animals to non-members & not putting in brass tags or letting him know that the original Nait tag has been lost and replaced with another number.

Wayne showed some examples of Nait tags with the visual secondary tags that have DCSNZ and member number and in individual ID # printed on it.

Robyn Snelgar said they use a second visual tag that matches the NAIT button as well as the DCSNZ brass tag.

A number of other members indicated they do the same.

There was a lot of discussion on various options and systems and experiences of individual breeders.

There was a lot of discussion that indicated a preference to using the NAIT tag as the primary for of ID and the brass tag being optional for members that want to continue with them.

2020 AGM

Venue – North Island (upper)

Suggestions were Rotorua & Whangarei.

Discussions on the logistics and talk to Area Reps to gauge support.

Council will discuss further and make a decision at a later date.

Steve Snelgar brought up incentives to get members to come to the AGM's.

Lots of discussion on what people generally think of AGM meetings.

Wayne Pettersson declared the meeting closed at 12.35pm

Note – This year there were 2 workshops for the members held after lunch if they wanted to attend.

They were Tony Cutten talked about Dexter Genetics, BD1 BD 2 and PHA and the second workshop was A vet talking about general cattle health.

Council Reports

President's Report

Wayne Pettersson

I have now been President for what can only be described as 3 tumultuous years. Firstly the introduction of Mycoplasma Bovis into New Zealand during 2018 caused shockwaves throughout the cattle industry and caused all cattle shows to be cancelled. This has had a major impact on those showing Dexter's and very few have returned to the show ring.

Secondly Covid-19 struck and had a further impact on our society. The 2020 AGM had to be cancelled and the Societies Office allowed us to operate outside parts of our constitution to ensure that things did not grind to a halt. The pandemic is still impacting on our lives and the continual Covid-19 lock downs in the Auckland area and the sad news from our AGM organisers in Whangarei have prompted us to hold this year's AGM via Zoom.

On the brighter side a number of changes have been made and are still being made to some of our processes and systems that will have positive long term impact on the running of our society. The major change was the introduction of the optional visual plastic tag after full member consultation took place making it easier for members to tag their Dexter's. A new advertising medium for Registered Dexter cattle only was introduced on our website to help ensure that new and existing members have an assurance of the correct status of the cattle that they purchase. A decision has been made to upgrade our Herd Registration system to enable the scanning of existing paper records so that they can be digitally stored and allow the purchase of relevant software to provide sufficient storage space for both historical and future records. Council meetings continue to be short and held only every 1-2 months by telephone conference.

I must sincerely thank all council officers for staying together during the past few years to successfully navigate through the 2 main national problems. Also, many thanks go to those holding "Off Council" and "Area Rep" positions. While the Herd Registrar position has changed twice since 2019, our recent appointment of Michelle Goodwin as Herd Registrar signals the start of a major upgrade of the system. Maureen, our Dispatch Editor, continues to produce a classy, colourful and informative magazine that is even appreciated by overseas interests. Apart from the Mycoplasma Bovis and Covid-19 issues the society has run smoothly over the past 3 years.

Finally a very special thanks to our Secretary for the past 17 years Robyn Snelgar, who steps down from her position at this AGM. Although I have only worked with her for the past 3 years she has always kept the society and me on the right road. Her knowledge and experience in this position has been really outstanding as has been her vast knowledge of the Dexter Cattle breeding history. On behalf of all members Robyn, thank you very much. I'm sure your knowledge and experience will continue to be sought after.

Our Treasurer for the past 3 years Luan Kloppers will also be stepping down at this AGM having sold all his cattle and taken on a new career. Luan worked tirelessly with the Auditors to ensure that the financial system we now have in place will ensure a much easier system for future Treasurers. Thank you Luan and best wishes for your new career and future.

Dexter Dispatch Report - Maureen Pettersson

Everything is running smoothly with the Dexter Dispatch, apart from a recent hiccup with the Printers using the wrong address list with one of the issues. This has now been rectified and I thank everyone for their patience with this.

My only complaint is that I get very little from the members in the way of articles, ideas etc. which is very frustrating hence I need to go further afield for these. I would love to get some home stories about you and your Dexter's, along with photo's to complete it. Anything will always be considered. The more educated our members are the better their animals welfare is maintained – all cattle eat grass, so if you have an article on anything to do with cattle and/or the land that they feed off, please feel free to send it to me.

In the last 2 issues (Autumn & Winter) there has been a list of bulls that are available for stud in most parts of the country. It would be awesome to add to this list, so that members know where to go.

Treasurer's Report

Luan Kloppers

We are glad to report that the financial position of our Association is healthy and despite very challenging and tough times for ourselves and our members, we managed to cash flow our business without using our savings. We maintain a healthy bank balance of around \$16 000 and this has never dropped below \$10 000. We maintain a policy of savings and we turned an annual deficit into a surplus. Our accumulated funds have increased by 9%, despite the low interest rates.

Savings are mainly brought about by no face to face meetings for Council and cost savings with no AGM in 2020 and a virtual AGM in 2021. This is probably the way to go in future

A major expense is the publication of the Dispatch. This is important to maintain. Not only is our publication of a very high standard, but it is the mouthpiece of our Association and very popular amongst our members. The hard work going into the Dispatch is highly appreciated and from a Treasury point of view a well justified expense.

We managed to maintain our annual membership fee as well as registration fees without any increases. This brings a saving to our members. Most other breeders associations had increases in the last few years.

We keep general administration costs on a very low level and appreciate the efforts made by council members in the different portfolios to operate effectively, while maintaining savings.

We try to negotiate the best possible rates on our savings, but interest rates are very low.

The audited financials will be published and made available to members via the website.

I thank our Auditors for the financial accounting and helping to put a very user friendly accounting system in place.

On a personal note I would like to thank Wayne, Council and members for the support over the last three years and wish you all the very best for the future.

Herd Registrar Report**Michelle Goodwin**

I took over as HR just after Easter holidays 2021. It took my daughter and I about three weeks to get on top of the back log that had accumulated between the hand over and the delivery of the documents. But it is done now and we are on to processing culls, registrations and transfers as they come in.

There are a lot of animals in the Register that are most likely dead, given their age, so please remember to send in your cull notifications and we will get them updated.

After the July school holidays I will start scanning the hard copy documents and loading them up to SharePoint so that there is no need to store and move a pallet load of files every time the role changes hands. This is a huge job and will take a few months to get through it but it will be worth it when it is done.

Please remember that the Herd Registry is only as good as the information you provide. In the short time I have been doing the job I have had incorrect information submitted for some animals; such as incorrect Dam, incorrect date of transfer or date of birth, and requests to register animals not born on the registers property. Cattle have also been transferred to members before they have been registered which breaches our rules.

Also please make sure that payments for transfers and registrations are completed. If you have submitted your registrations, or transfers (to a member), and you have not received your paperwork you may like to check that you have paid.

Membership Officer**Jillian Walst**

This years report brings a rather slow year to a close, following the Covid lockdown and the repercussions of that.

There are times when patience, perseverance and simply continuing on are the best avenues to follow. And for some of us, it has been a case of doing just that.

Having said that, there have been some members of the Dexter Society for whom this past year did bring difficulties and they had to resign their membership. Other folk have simply sold their Dexters, moved into town, a few have health concerns and others prefer not to give reasons for resigning. To all these folk, we say thank you for their input over their membership years.

We also get some members who let their membership lapse...a few realize this through the year and then ask to be reinstated, which can be sorted of course.

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

For the year 2020/21 we closed with 179 members, having welcomed 14 new members, but losing 27.

However, we look ahead optimistically...as for this new year, we have already welcomed 6 new members, a great start!

2021/2022 COUNCIL PROFILES

PRESIDENT

Wayne Pettersson

I have been President now for 3 difficult years (Micro Plasma Bovis and Covid-19) and hope that in the next year New Zealand will start improve so that next year we can once again have an in person AGM & Conference.

If elected I and along with the help of Council will continue to improve the DCSNZ processes and systems for the betterment of the Society.

COUNCIL

Grant Keymer

I have served as Webmaster of the society since July 2011 and now it's time for me to seek re-election as a candidate for the position of Councillor. I'm happy to accept this nomination for a further 2-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 60 Wiltshire sheep, which shed their own wool, in addition to Chooks, Ducks and Geese.

Colin Read

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

During this time I have performed the duties of Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Herd Registrar along with serving 2 years on the DCSNZ Council. I have been the North Island Complaints Officer for the past 3 years.

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 also acutely aware of the ongoing challenges faced in promoting the breed and the difficulties experienced by Council and the DCSNZ membership as a whole in achieving this at the same time protecting the integrity of the breed.

I would look forward to the opportunity to use and offer the benefit my previous experience and knowledge as Treasurer to the society if elected to thjs position again.

Bobbie Wisneski

I have been a small time Dexter breeder for several years in the Waikato on my block. I work for a large nationwide corporation and previously in govt departments, I am a strategist and operations manager and have years of experience in systems, processes and regulatory re

My Dexters cruise around my block along with Wiltshire sheep and horses and other assorted residents, all of whom are managed by Maxwell the tabby cat who moved in.

Jillian Walst

Following life as dairy farmers in Kaitaia, my husband John and myself moved to a small farmlet in Kerikeri. On purchasing this property 20 years ago, we were asked if we would like to take over the Beefalo cattle

from the previous owners. Rather than go to the large animals, we decided that the smaller Dexters would be more suitable...and here we have remained, enjoying the Dexters and all they have to offer. We joined the DCSNZ in 2001 and appreciated the members whom we met at various group meetings.

I was elected to the Dexter Society Council three years ago and took on the role of Membership Officer. It is an enjoyable task as I get to note the names of new members and to welcome them to the Society. I may not know everyone by sight, but I can recall names quite well!

I am very happy to stand for Council again for a further term.

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!

We had a horse stud at the time near Taupo and Dexters fitted nicely in cleaning up the pastures. As I also competed with my horses, showing Dexters was a simple step. I instigated the Dexter ring at the Rotorua show and was the steward there for many years till we moved home to Northland. We had good numbers at the show there at the time, up to 30 Dexters would be attending and created good interest amongst the spectators.

As I always had an interest in genetics all our animals are DNA typed. I also had a succession of Dexter house cows as well as several being milked in the commercial herd.

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

I am the new complaints officer and I live on 6.1 hectares just outside Amberley which is 40km north of Christchurch. Currently we have 9 cows and 8 calves, 1 heifer and 1 steer from a wide variety of backgrounds from the North and South Island.

My husband David and I started breeding Dexters under the Brunel Prefix when we lived in Oamaru in 2002. We have since lived in Darfield Canterbury and Paengaroa in the Bay of Plenty. The cattle have travelled with us and there are a few who only have to see a stock truck and you can hear them say "oh no not again". This is especially true of Bridie who is nearly 18 years old and I have promised them all that this is it!!

I am a Human Resources Manager so if a complaint does get passed on to me I have lots of experience with complaints and a few years under the belt as far as Dexter rules and regulations as well.

I am happy to be nominated as the DCSNZ new Complaints Officer

Julie Rush

I grew up in Marton on a dairy & mixed farm. I have 1 son and 3 amazing grandees.

I have been an AB tech for LIC for 28yrs and I love the Job. All my life encouraged by my father (who was a top stock man) had reared animals & calves on big Dairy units.

I worked in the shearing shed and anything to do with the land. I have shown cattle, horses, cats and German Shepherd dogs.

I became interested in the Dexter cattle when I met Bruce and Liz Jones, helping them when Liz became ill.

I now have a small herd of young stock in Partnership with Sue Monk. I love showing and meeting folk, promoting the cattle and most of all encouraging the youth.