



Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc.)

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Trailways Hotel, Nelson, 11 June, 2016

Council June 2014 – June 2015

President - Betsy Smith
Treasurer - Grant Keymer
Secretary - Robyn Snelgar
Membership - Maureen Pettersson
Showing & Judging - Betsy Smith
Area Groups/Promotions - *vacant*
Dispatch Liaison - Maureen Pettersson
Webmaster - Grant Keymer
AGM Co-Ordinator – Sue Monk

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke
Herd Registry Assistant - Mary Howard
Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Complaints Officers - North Island – Grant Conway
- South Island – Di Burgess

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

PRESENT:

Betsy Smith, Robyn Snelgar, Grant Keymer, Maureen Pettersson, Sue Monk, Steve Snelgar, Marion Corbett, Lindsey & Barry Benbow, Sue Jones, Trudy Robertson, Julie Rush, Helen Taylor, Linda Searell, Mary Howard, Cathie Hughes, Jo Brightwell, Helen & John Blanchard, Lucy & Simon Raisbeck, Tony Cutten, John & Jillian Walst, Marion Mangnall.

APOLOGIES:

Sheril & Jamie Fryer, Judy & Alex Bromham, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Murray & Marti Winn, Alec & Anne Meades, Garth & Jean Woodward, Margaret Perry, Shirley Spik, Keith & Heather Wratt, Dave Howard, Wayne Pettersson, Dayle Flannigan, Grant Conway, Rodney Cardno, Adrian & Mike Marfell-Jones, Michael Trotter, Graham & June Cooper, Marie & Michael Malone, Simon & Wendy Stokes, Elaine & Rob Partridge, Ava Hunt, Christin Bennett, Coopers, Teagues, Brenda Batchelar, Don & Janice Viles, Robby Moran, Vince & Gwen McBride, Glen Joslin, Jacki & Alister Teague.

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Helen Blanchard/Grant Keymer.....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

Betsy Smith the President declared the meeting declared open at **9.00am**. She welcomed everyone and went over the house keeping for the day. She thanked Marion Mangnall and her team organizing the AGM. She also thanked Marion Corbett for organising and displaying the photo competition.

Betsy asked if there were any bereavements since the last AGM to report. This was acknowledged with a minutes silence for - Terry Arthurs #228 from Masterton

Confirmation of Agenda

Betsy asked if there was anything to add to the agenda.

THAT the agenda be accepted

Moved by Betsy Smith/Mary Howard.....carried unanimously

Betsy asked if there were any other matters to be added to the agenda under General Business

The following items were added for discussion in General Business - Deregistering animals, SI Complaints Officer, Change of date for AGM Weekend, Use of surplus society funds.

THAT the changes to the agenda be accepted
Betsy Smith/Helen Blanchard.....carried unanimously

MINUTES OF THE 16th AGM June 2015:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Salt Conference Centre, Napier on June 06, 2015 have been read.

Moved by Betsy Smith/Sue Monk.....carried unanimously

Maureen Pettersson said that proxy voters had not been added to the apologies.
Robyn apologized and will add these.

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Salt Conference Centre, Napier on June 06, 2015 be adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved by Betsy Smith/Tony Cutten.....carries unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2015/16 financial reports.

THAT the correspondence be accepted

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

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Betsy Smith

Betsy asked the members if there was any discussion on the Presidents report.

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

Moved by Betsy Smith/Julie Rush.....carried unanimously

Council Reports: Betsy Smith

Betsy briefly went over the council reports and moved they be accepted

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

Moved by Betsy Smith/John Walstcarried unanimously

THAT the Council Reports and the report of Office Holders off Council be adopted

Betsy Smith/Grant Keymer.....carried unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT: Grant Keymer

Grant talked about the healthy state of the society bank account. He talked about his proposal that existing members have a free membership for the next financial year.

Tony Cutten asked how much the net loss would be. Grant said this would be about \$17,500.

Grant also talked about the cut in interest rates from Westpac bank.

Steve Snelgar asked about putting surplus funds towards encouraging members to attend the AGM. Grant explained this was discussed at last years AGM and there was a survey sent to members for suggestions and it concluded that the members that responded did not want to use money on the AGM as only a small proportion of the members attend.

John Walst pointed out this is a remit so it will be discussed then. Betsy agreed and asked members to think about this before the remits are discussed.

John Walst asked about making a term deposit at another bank with a higher interest rate. Grant talked about the effort required for the return which is very little extra compared to the current investment at Westpac.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2016 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Moved by Grant Keymer/Robyn Snelgarcarried unanimously

Jillian Walst proposed a vote of thanks to Grant for his work as treasurer.
Everyone thanked Grant for his work on the finances

THAT the Treasurers report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Grant Keymer/Tony Cuttencarried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

Betsy vacated the chair. Robyn asked for the Presidents nomination to be accepted. There were no other nominations.

THAT Betsy Smith be re-elected as President for 2016-2017 period.

Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Petterson.....carried

Tony Cutten talked about Betsy and her service to Dexters, in Showing & Judging and also in leasing out her bulls to members. She & Stan lead from the front and do very good job promoting the breed.

Betsy said she will take Tony's words back to Stan.

Julie Rush also thanked Betsy for her professional manner in running the society and conduct at shows.

The new council was announced. An election was not required. Betsy welcomed Lucy Raisbeck to council

President	Betsy Smith	(Unopposed)		
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(Unopposed)	Maureen Petterson	(Unopposed)
	Grant Keymer	(Unopposed)	Sue Monk	(Sitting)
	Lucy Raisbeck	(Elected)		

THAT the council nominations be accepted

Moved by Betsy Smith/Julie Rush.....carried unanimously

Betsy Smith thanked Lucy for joining council.

Betsy informed the members that it is a society requirement to have complaints officers and that Di Burgess has resigned so we need a replacement Complaints Officer preferably South Island based.

Elected Positions held Off Council:

Complaints Officers – North Island - Grant Conway – (unopposed) South Island – vacant

There was no nomination received for the SI Complaints officer.

Helen Blanchard nominated John Blanchard for the position of SI Complaints Officer

THAT John Blanchard be accepted as the SI Complaints Officer for 2016-2017 period

Helen Blanchard/Simon Raisbeck.....carried unanimously

Betsy thanked John for accepting the nomination.

THAT the Complaints Officers Grant Conway & John Blanchard be accepted for the 2016 - 2017 period be accepted

Robyn Snelgar/Grant Keymercarried unanimously

Other Positions held Off Council (non elected):

Betsy acknowledged the positions held of council and talked about the Research position that had be held by Brenda Batchelar and is now vacant.

Current positions are as follows -

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke **Assistant Herd Registrar** - Mary Howard

Dispatch Editor - Maureen Petterson

Grant Keymer had been in discussions with Tony Cutten and nominated Tony Cutten for the position of research.

THAT Tony Cutten be accepted to the research portfolio

Grant Keymer/ Maureen Petterson.....carried unanimously

Robyn & Betsy welcomed Tony to the role.

Julie Rush offered to take on a new position as Youth Encouragement/Promotion Officer
Julie talked about her proposal and what she would like to do.

Betsy talked about the RAS proposal promoting Youth in the show ring
Robyn asked Julie if she was interested in being co-opted to council as the Promotions portfolio holder which she accepted

THAT Julie Rush be co-opted and accepted to the role of Promotions Officer on council with and Youth Encouragement being included in the role.

Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Betsy thanked Julie for volunteering to take on this position.

SNOWLINE & TUROA YOUTH TROPHIES

Betsy announced the winners of the 2 Showing Trophies

She talked about the trophies and how they came about and they criteria for entry for these 2 awards.

The winner of the Snowline Trophy is Julie & Alex Bromham of Te Kuiti with 29 points. The runners up were Daniel Ward & Jane Rist. Betsy accepted the trophy on Julie & Alex's behalf.

The winner of the Turoa Trophy is Arjan Pederson with 89 points. He has been showing Dexters since he was about 5 years old.

Grant accepted this on Arjan's behalf and will take the trophy to him.

Betsy talked about the Turoa Youth Trophy while presenting it.

Meeting adjourned at 10.00am for morning tea

Meeting reconvened at 10.30am.

REMITTS

Remit 1 – Membership Fees - Proposed by council

THAT membership renewal fees be waived for the 2016/2017 financial year with fees applicable to new members remaining unchanged.

Rationale – The society currently has surplus funds. This has arisen due to the greatly reduced costs of printing the Dispatch over the past 2 years. Council sees this is an equitable way of returning surplus funds to all current members.

There was a lot of discussion on alternatives to using society funds.

John Walst proposed an amendment to the remit

THAT remit 1 be amended to read -

THAT membership fees for new members be waived with fees applicable to existing members remaining unchanged.

John Walst/Tony Cutten.....

For -3, against 19.....lost

John Walst replied to this and said that this seemed to be a good idea based on his experience with new members.

This is a good way to promote the breed.

John Blanchard said that the current \$50 fee is very little paying a fee shows a commitment to the breed.

Lindsey Benbow suggested 2 years for the price of one.

Trudy said that we have a very cheap membership. The Herefords charge \$150 per year plus dam fees

Mary Howard said that by making this available to new members only would take a long time to reduce surplus funds.

Grant said this would only benefit new members

Marion Mangnall felt that many new members only last a couple of years so would not be of much benefit.

John Walst replied with comments on the declining membership so this remit may help by giving them the benefit of the society.

Robyn talked about the national decline in membership of all breeds of animals and the national decline of people coming and going on lifestyle blocks.

Maureen Pettersson proposed another amendment to the remit

THAT remit 1 be amended to read **THAT** all subs be reduced by \$10.00 for the next financial year

Maureen Pettersson/Julie Rush

For 11 , against 8, abstentions 1.....carried

The new remit was voted on

THAT all subs be reduced by \$10.00 for the next financial year

Maureen Pettersson/Julie Rush.....carried by majority

For 11 proxies 16, against 7, abstentions 2

Maureen said that all members will get something out of this including junior and associate members.

John Blanchard said \$50 is very cheap and thought funds could be spent elsewhere.

Lucy Raisbeck asked why surplus funds is a problem. Grant said we are a non-profit organization so we need to do something with some of the funds. John Blanchard said to spend more on promotions and could we budget for it.

Grant said there is \$400.00 per year for each area group which doesn't get spent.

Julie Rush suggested more money be spent on prize money.

Note - Remit 1a will not be necessary if Remit 1 is passed – this was not voted on as an amendment was passed for membership

Remit 1a – Membership Fees - Proposed by council

THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale - There is no need to make any change.

Remit 2 – Registration fees - Proposed by council

THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

For 21 proxies 9, against 0.....carried unanimously

Remit 3 - Transfer Fees

THAT Transfer fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

For 20 proxies 14, against 1 proxy.....carried by majority

Remit 4 - Membership Categories

THAT Regulation 2.1 - Membership be updated as follows

2.1 Categories of Membership:

Membership shall be divided into the following categories:

(A) MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Limited to residents of New Zealand who belong to one of the following categories
Full membership, 1 vote per **stud** - \$50.00

Be changed to

Full membership, 1 vote per **person** - \$50.00

Rationale – To ensure a quorum is met at the AGM by allowing all current Full Members voting rights.

Trudy asked why a stud with 2 members get 2 votes and a stud with 1 person get 1 vote.

There general discussion was that we need the votes and it is a practical way of making sure the quorum is met after the effort taken to attend the AGM.

The remit was amended to remove the \$ amount from the remit

THAT remit 4 be amended to read - THAT Regulation 2.1 - Membership be updated as follows

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Be changed to

Full membership, 1 vote per adult member to a maximum of 2 per stud

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For 20, proxies 14, Against 1.....carried by majority

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For 16, proxies 15, against 4.....carried by majority

Remit 5 – Amendment of Regulation 9.7

THAT Regulation 9.7

9.7 In the event of a non-member selling previously registered Dexters to a DCSNZ full paid member, these cattle are able to be transferred to that person with all the original rights of registered Dexters. The cattle will be inspected to confirm their identity by sighting at least one but preferably both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph..

Any registration forms are to be returned to Herd Registrar, *along with payment for transfer.*

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. For any cow/heifer purchased in-calf, proof will be required that the sire is a registered Dexter bull and is owned by a current financial member of DCSNZ.

Be amended to read as follows –

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Rational – The society has no jurisdiction over non-members to pay the transfer fee. The buyer (member) has not created the situation therefore should not asked to pay a fee.

For 20, proxies 15, against 0.....carried unanimously

Remit 6 – Members Selling to Non-members

THAT Regulation 9 **Transfer of Ownership of Cattle** have a section added to cover the fees due for members selling to non-members. The regulation being –

9.8 In the event of a member selling to a non-member no transfer fee will be payable. The seller must sign, scan/email or post the green form to the Herd Registrar within 30 days of sale.

Rationale – The process has been unclear and transfer fees have frequently been unpaid in these circumstances.

For 20 proxies 15, against 0.....carried unanimously

The budget could not be confirmed until the remits were finalized due to membership remit

Grant made amendments to the budget due the remits that were passed.

This was presented to the members showing all figures that were changed. The members recorded these changes in their copies of the AGM booklet.

THAT the amended budget for 2016-2017 period be accepted

Grant Keymer/Helen Blanchard.....carried unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Deregistering Animals

Marion Mangnall talked about this in Remits - Deregistering animals.
The merits of cattle that are sold on and how they should be represented in the herd book was discussed.
If an owner decides that an animal is not suitable for future breeding due to poor conformation these animals are often sold on as unregistered (on hold). Currently such animals can be brought back into the herd back with Nait or dna.
Terminology of the records was discussed – Not suitable for breeding, commercial
This needs to be covered in a remit next year.

SI Complaints Officer

This was covered in the elections section of the meeting with John Blanchard being co-opted as the South Island representative.

South Island Breed Show

This was discussed earlier but there was a recap and further discussion on the future of the show.
This show has been struggling due to poor support in recent years.
Betsy informed the members of how the show is organized and how the host A&P show is chosen.
Betsy suggested that the show be put on hold as there has been no suggested host A&P show for the next year. If a member would like to suggest and/or continue this can be reinstated at any time.

Change of date for AGM Weekend.

The AGM weekend being change to Queens Birthday weekend was briefly discussed. The members were all happy to keep things as they are.

Use of surplus society funds.

John Walst suggested that a historical data base be kept for data that may be of interest to members.
Research articles kept for member interest. Grant talked about documents being stored in a central data base.
Jillian Walst suggested more promo material in the local magazines.
Marion Corbett suggested leasing a trailer for shows being funded by the society.
Truck hire was also suggested.

2017 AGM

Council had previously discussed a possible option for the venue for next and year and put their suggestion to the members.
The members in attendance were happy with this suggestion.
The suggested venue for 18th AGM & Conference on 10 June, 2017 will be held at Hamilton (North Island).

Note -

SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD

There were no special service awards this year.

Meeting closed 12.45pm.

Note – This year the members had the choice to attend 3 workshops held after lunch if they wanted to.
They were the society website and it’s functionality, chondrodysplasia and colour genetics

President
Betsy Smith.....

Date

Secretary
Robyn Snelgar.....

Date