



Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc.)

Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Hamilton Airport Hotel, Hamilton, 10 June, 2017

Council June 2016 – June 2017

President - Betsy Smith
Treasurer - Grant Keymer
Secretary - Robyn Snelgar
Membership - Maureen Pettersson
Showing & Judging
- NI - Betsy Smith

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke
Herd Registry Assistant - Mary Howard
Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson
Research – Tony Cutten
Complaints Officers - North Island – Grant Conway
- South Island – John Blanchard

Promotions –NI - Julie Rush,
Dispatch Liaison - Maureen Pettersson
Webmaster - Grant Keymer
AGM Co-Ordinator – Sue Monk
Youth Co-Ordinator – 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

PRESENT:

Betsy & Stan Smith, Robyn & Steve Snelgar, Grant & Inger Keymer, Wayne & Maureen Pettersson, Sue Monk, Julie Rush, Jo Brightwell, Jo Robb, John & Helen Blanchard, Callum & Jane Rist, Margaret Perry, Shirley Spik, Kevin McDonald, Rachel Ward, Trudy Robertson, Jackee Peters, Jeff & Patsy Cramp, Rosalie Bakker, Dave & Mary Howard, Alec & Anne Meades, Dayle Flannigan, John & Jillian Walst, Daniel & Jeannete Ward, Gary & Catherine Kamphorst, Tony & Vicki Houlbrooke, Florence Lussi, Janice Viles, Alex & Judy Bromham, Marti Winn, Warren & Carol McCarthy, Chris White & Tansy Wigley.

APOLOGIES:

Tony Cutten, Peter & Claudia Zimmer, Nancy Edge, Murray Winn, Don Viles, Keith & Heather Wratt, Simon & Wendy Stokes, Grant Conway, Sherill & Jamie Fryer, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Garth & Jean Woodward, Elaine & Rob Partridge, Ava Hunt, Christine Bennett, Marion Mangnall, Lindsey & Barry Benbow, Simon & Lucy Raisebeck.

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Helen Blanchard/ Julie Rush.....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. Betsy also thanked the sponsors that donated to the goodie bag provided for our attendees.

Betsy asked if there were any bereavements since the last AGM to report. This was acknowledged with a minutes silence for –
Elaine Newman #977 from Nelson
Neil Foster #607 from Kumeu

Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be accepted
Moved by Betsy Smith/Sue Monk.....carried unanimously
Trudy queried the order of the agenda and Grant responded

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
Herd Registry
Council Issues
Dispatch

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

MINUTES OF THE 17th AGM June 2016:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Trailways Hotel, Nelson on June 11, 2016 be accepted.

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

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Trailways Hotel, Nelson on June 11, 2016 be adopted as a true and correct record.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2016/17 financial reports.

THAT the correspondence be accepted

Moved by Grant Keymer/Helen Blanchard.....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/Jo Brightwell.....carried unanimously

Council Reports: Betsy Smith

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

THAT the Council reports and the reports 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

Maureen Pettersson did a presentation on the Dispatch.

May 2018 Edition will be the 100th Edition and she would like to make it a special edition. She talked about stud advertising in this edition and make history for the society. She asked for someone to help with the history of the society. Michael Trotter & Nancy Edge were suggested as contacts for this. Advertising by businesses was also suggested.

Grant asked about the cost of advertising in this edition.

TREASURERS REPORT: Grant Keymer

THAT the Auditor Paul Woolister be appointed for the 2017/2018 period

Moved by Grant Keymer/Maureen Petterssoncarried unanimously

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2017 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Moved by Grant Keymer/Jo Brightwell.....carried unanimously

THAT the Treasurers report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Moved by Grant Keymer/Dayle Flannigan.....carried unanimously

Grant did a small talk about the current financial position of the society.
Rosalie Bakker commended Grant on a job well done.

NEW COUNCIL:

THAT Betsy Smith be re-elected as President for 2017-2018 period.
Robyn Snelgar/Jo Brightwell.....for 40 , against 1.....carried by majority
A vote of thanks was expressed by John & Gillian Walst.

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

President	Betsy Smith	(Unopposed)		
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(Sitting)		
	Grant Keymer	(Sitting)	Sue Monk	(Unopposed)
	Julie Rush	(Unopposed)	Jo Robb	(co-opted May, sitting)
	Jo Brightwell	(co-opted May, sitting)		

THAT the nomination for Betsy Smith as President be accepted
Moved by Robyn Snelgar/Grant Keymer.....carried unanimously

Maureen Pettersson announced to the members that she had resigned as a council member prior to the AGM and briefly expressed her reason for resigning.
Betsy thanked Maureen for her contribution to council over the last 9 years. Betsy & Robyn presented her with a lovely plant and gift as a token of councils and the members appreciation for her work.

Betsy announced to the members that Jo Robb & Jo Brightwell were co-opted to council in May.

THAT the council nominations be accepted
Moved by Betsy Smith/Trudy Robertson.....carried unanimously

Elected Positions held Off Council:

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

THAT the Complaints Officers Grant Conway & John Blanchard be accepted for the 2017 - 2018 period
Betsy Smith/Maureen Petterssoncarried unanimously

Other Positions held Off Council (non elected):

Current positions are as follows -

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke **Assistant Herd Registrar** - Mary Howard
Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson **Research** – Tony Cutten

SNOWLINE & TUROA YOUTH TROPHIES

Betsy announced the winners of the 2 Showing Trophies
She talked about the trophies and how they came about and the criteria for entry for these 2 awards.
The winner of the Snowline Trophy for this year is Daniel & Jeanette Ward with 120 points.
Photos were taken of the presentation
Kevin McDonald, son of the late Ian & Geraldine McDonald of Snowline Stud presented the trophy.
Photos were taken of the presentation

The winner of the Turoa Youth Trophy was Colin Bull with 9 points.
Colin's aunt accepted the trophy on his behalf
This was acknowledged with a hand by the members that were at the AGM
Rosalie Bakker said that her son Arjan had entered but unfortunately the email had not been received by Grant or Betsy when it was emailed.
Rosalie suggested 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes be presented for these as well.
Julie answered with her plan to introduce rosettes for this.

REMITTS

Remit 1

THAT the Membership fees remain at \$40 for 2017/2018 year

Rationale – The society still has surplus funds so this is a way to give something further back to the members

For - carried unanimously

Remit 2 – Transfer fees for Member purchasing from Non member - Proposed by council

THAT Reg 9.7 be updated to include the following: ' the DCSNZ full paid member who purchases the stock is to pay the transfer fee'

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.

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

Rationale: To clarify payment of the transfer fee in line with information on the website.

For – carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10.00am for morning tea

Meeting reconvened at 10.30

Remit 3 - MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – Proposed by Trudy Robertson #978, seconded by Michelle Goodwin #1114

THAT Regulation 2.1 – Membership be updated as follows

2.1 Categories of Membership:

Membership shall be divided into the following categories:

MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Limited to residents of New Zealand who belong to one of the following categories

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

Be changed to

Full Membership, 1 vote per Stud

Rationale – To have voting rights fair for all studs within the Society no matter how many people are involved in each stud. No other Cattle Society or Association within New Zealand allows anymore than 1 vote per stud.

Trudy Robertson spoke to the members about this remit. She researched the process that other cattle societies have for voting rights.

After some discussion Trudy proposed an amendment to the remit as follows-

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Be changed to

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THAT the amendment is accepted.....Carried unanimously

The amended remit was then voted on.....for – 13, against 21, abstentions – 13..... failed

Remit 4 - AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION 4.4 CATEGORIES – Proposed by Trudy Robertson #978, seconded by Michelle Goodwin #1114

THAT Constitution 4.4 be updated to as follows

4.4 The quorum for a General Meeting will be twenty (20) voting members.

Be changed to

4.4 A quorum for a General Meeting shall be ten percent (10%) of the membership of the Society or fifteen (15) voting members all personally present or by proxy whichever shall be the lesser.

Rational – To ensure a quorum is more easily met at the AGM.

Trudy spoke to the members on this remit to help ensure a quorum is met every year. She researched the processes of other cattle societies.

Trudy proposed an amendment to the remit

THAT Constitution 4.4 be updated to as follows

4.4 The quorum for a General Meeting will be twenty (20) voting members.

Be changed to

4.4 A quorum for a General Meeting of the society be fifteen (15) voting members all personally present.

Rational – To ensure a quorum is more easily met at the AGM.

The amendment was voted on

For -43, against 3 abstentions 1

The amended Remit 4 was voted on -

For 38, against 5, abstentions 4- Remit carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Jo Brightwell talked about the photo competition and the quality of photos presented. She also reminded everyone to vote for the people's choice category.

Betsy thanked Jo for her worked on the photo competition.

DNA Profiling of Females

The future possibility of this was discussed. The pros and cons of this was discussed with the members.

Most were not in favor of this becoming compulsory but generally agreed that this is something that can be done voluntarily by those members that want to. It was good to get feedback from the members on this topic. Robyn Snelgar explained the reason for this discussion. Being that when dna profiling was introduced the original plan was to eventually have all Dexters dna profiled. Quite a few years have passed since then so council thought it a good idea to get feedback from the members on whether this should be pursued in future.

Herd Registry

Maureen talked about new members buying Dexters that they have problems with getting the cattle they have bought from non-members into the herd registry. This may be due to cattle having no ID tags and then this causing problems with getting Dexters back into the herd registry.

The suggestion of putting the Herd Registry on the public part of the website was discussed as a possible option to help non-members to research Dexters they may potentially purchase. This could help with avoiding problems at a later date. Grant will look into making this change.

Ear tagging and other ID's were discussed. Without some sort of ID tag that corresponds with the green registration form it can be impossible for these Dexters to be entered back into the Herd Book. If members are prepared to pay for dna profiling and parent verification this may be an option in some cases.

An article in the Dispatch on how to/where to tag was a suggestion.

Brass ear taggers for area reps to have available for members use was suggested.

Dispatch

Trudy had a query from a member suggesting less reporting on holidays and more about Dexters be printed in the Dispatch.

Maureen said is always asking for articles of interest.

Another member suggested that a separate member write an article on Area Reps, councillors etc.

Robyn asked the members to acknowledge the work that Maureen does on the Dispatch.

Council Issues

Rosalie Bakker talked about some history of the society and past difficulties experienced by the society, the resignation of Dispatch Editor and about brindle color in the history of cattle.

Rosalie talked about some of her experiences with council and members.

There was discussion on behavior of society members in public (A&P Shows) etc. It was stated by several members made the comments that no-one is perfect and we all make mistakes.

There were also several comments on the quality of the work council does and the appreciation for those that do the work for the society.

2018 AGM

Trudy Robertson announced that the venue for 19th AGM & Conference on 9 June, 2018 will be held at Palmerston North (North Island).

Meeting closed at 12.10pm

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

Note – This year there were 2 workshops for the members held after lunch if they wanted to attend. They were Trees for Cows & Soil, Plant, Animal Health

President
Betsy Smith.....

Date

Secretary
Robyn Snelgar.....

Date