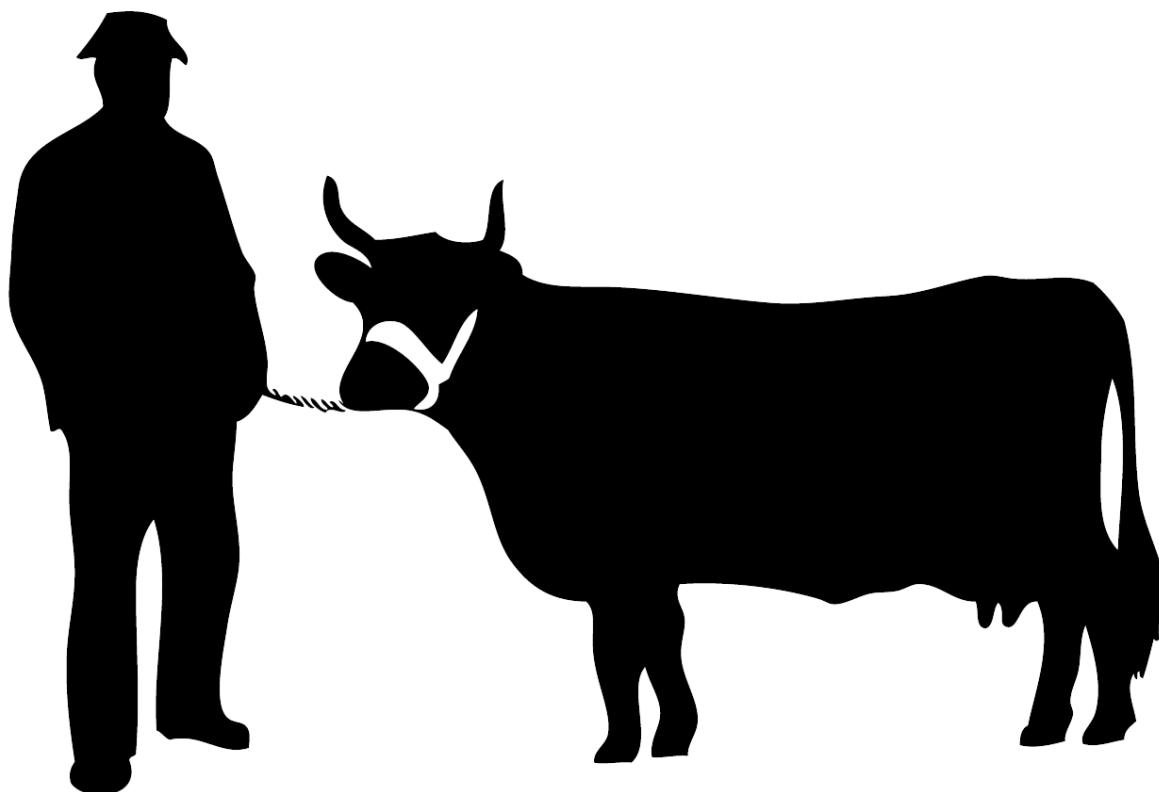


Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc)



2018

Annual General Meeting

9 June 2018

Hotel Coachman

140 Fitzherbert Ave

Palmerston North

2018 AGM & CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

To be Held at -

Hotel Coachman
140 Fitzherbert Ave
Palmerston North

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

Meet at approx. 6:00pm for pre-dinner drinks and then dinner at Rosie O'Grady's, 96 Fitzherbert Ave (Opposite Burger King just a few minutes walk from Hotel Coachman)
This is at your expense

SATURDAY 9 JUNE

8:30am	Registrations
9:00am (sharp)	AGM commences
10:00am	Morning tea (complimentary)
10:20am	AGM continues
12:00pm	AGM finishes
12:30pm	Lunch (complimentary)
1:30pm	Workshop 1 starts: Animal Health & Nutrients
2:15pm	Workshop 1 finishes
2:30pm	Workshop 2 starts: Structure & Conformation
3:15pm	Workshop 2 finishes
6:00pm	Meet in bar for pre-dinner drinks
7:00pm	Buffet Dinner (\$43 per person, to be paid to DCSNZ on registration)

SUNDAY 10 June

9:00am	Bus Trip. Pick-up and drop off outside Hotel. Complimentary lunch included.
3:00pm	Approx. time of return to Hotel.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Moment of Silence in Remembrance
4. Confirmation of Agenda
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 - Proposal for Council
12. 2019 AGM – Venue to be decided - in the South Island
13. Close Meeting



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

Council

President - Betsy Smith
Treasurer - Grant Keymer
Secretary - Robyn Snelgar
Membership - Maureen Pettersson
Showing & Judging - Betsy Smith
Promotions –NI - Julie Rush
Dispatch Liaison - Maureen Pettersson
Webmaster - Grant Keymer
AGM Co-Ordinator – Sue Monk
Youth Co-Ordinator – Julie Rush

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

Life Members

Alec Meades - 2004	Nancy Edge - 2004
Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006	Peter Lucking - Life 2007
Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek— 2008	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 Petterson 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.

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.

REMITs

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-

THAT Regulation 2.1 – Membership be updated as follows

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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 membership

Be changed to

Full Membership, 1 vote per membership

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 work 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

Annual Reports

President's Report

Betsy Smith

For the most part, Council has communicated by email and conference call over the past year. One F2F Meeting was held on April 28-29th. Conference calls were first trialed last April and they have proved very successful, with 11 meetings being held. These lasted on average 2-3hrs; 2 lasted longer than this as Society documents were being revised/updated. Conference calls have also been a very cost-effective means of holding Council Meetings, resulting in a savings of approx. \$5000. Thanks to Grant Keymer for co-ordinating the conference calls.

I would like to thank fellow Council members and office-holders for all the hard work you've done on behalf of the Society throughout the year. These voluntary positions are very important to the running of the Society. I would also like to acknowledge those members who promote the Dexter breed in a variety of ways.

Three members resigned from Council last year, for personal reasons. I would like to thank Maureen Petterson, Sue Monk and Julie Rush for the contribution they made to the Society during their time on Council. I wish to make particular mention of Maureen who was a Council member for 9yrs and who held the Membership Portfolio. On behalf of the members, thank you for all your hard work, Maureen. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Maureen Petterson as Editor of the Dispatch and especially for producing the 100th Edition of the Society's magazine.

Three members subsequently agreed to be co-opted to Council until the 2018 Conference & AGM. Thanks to Jo Brightwell, Jo Robb and John Blanchard for assisting the Society by filling the vacancies on Council until new nominations were called for. It is very pleasing to see that 8 members have been nominated for Council. There are also 2 nominations for the President's position. A postal ballot has been necessary for these elections.

Council has revised/updated the following Society documents over recent months: The DCSNZ Brochure and The Breeder's Handbook. Following up on discussion at last year's AGM, Council has produced a Brass Tagger Kit, which all Area Reps have received. Members can borrow this to put brass tags in their animals' ears. It is hoped that making this kit available to members in their local area will result in a greater number of tags being put in registered cattle's ears as per DCSNZ Regulations.

A Strategic Plan has also been written by Council. This is an auditing requirement. Thank you to Jo Robb for the considerable amount of work you put into the above documents/initiatives. It is pleasing to note that the Society's funds continue to remain favourable. Grant will give more details in his financial report.

I hope all members who attend this year's Conference and AGM in Palmerston North have a most enjoyable weekend.

Treasurer's Report for the financial year ended 31/3/18

Grant Keymer

- * Accumulated Funds are estimated at \$39,200 vs. \$31,700 budgeted
- * Current year surplus is estimated at \$1,700 vs. a deficit of \$5,800 budgeted

This happy situation is largely due to the use of conference calls instead of face-to-face meetings for most of the year. Substantial savings have been achieved in travel costs and meeting expenses. Herd Registry functions returned a surplus 49% above budget and this also contributed to an outstanding result for the year.

We have sufficient postage stamps in stock to cover another 2 issues of the Dispatch. However, postage per Dispatch magazine will rise from \$2 to \$2.40 in July. Therefore we are budgeting to buy another \$5,000 of Kiwi Stamps before this happens, saving \$1,000.

Term deposits total \$24,500 which will allow us to leave membership subs at \$40 per year and continue running modest deficits for at least the next 3 years. Thereafter, subs may have to return to \$50 but 2021 is a long way off, so it's difficult say with any certainty. At the date of writing this report, we have not received our audited accounts. Hence the above figures are estimates rather than final amounts. However, the complete accounts will be provided at the AGM in June, and will be published online as soon as they are available.

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Membership Budget for the year ended 31st March 2019

	2017/18 Budget	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Budget
MEMBERSHIP			
Income			
Subscription Renewals	\$9,000	\$8,985	\$9,000
New Members	\$1,500	\$1,510	\$1,500
New Herd / Stud Registration	\$400	\$425	\$400
	\$10,900	\$10,920	\$10,900
Expenses			
Breeders Handbook	\$1,438	\$1,424	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$198	\$100
General Expenses			
	\$1,538	\$1,622	\$100
Surplus	\$9,363	\$9,298	\$10,800
DISPATCH			
Income			
Advertising		\$185	
		\$185	
Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$50	\$49	\$5,000
Printing	\$3,800	\$2,730	\$3,800
General Expenses	\$100		\$100
	\$3,950	\$2,779	\$8,900
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,950)	(\$2,594)	(\$8,900)
MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,413	\$6,704	\$1,900

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Cattle Budget for the year ended 31st March 2019

	2017/18 Budget	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Budget
<u>HERD REGISTRY</u>			
Income			
Registration Fees	\$2,200	\$3,310	\$2,000
Transfer Fees	\$1,900	\$2,545	\$2,500
Brass Tags		\$30	
	\$4,100	\$5,885	\$4,500
Expenses			
General & Travel Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$300	\$150	\$200
DNA Profiling		\$81	
Brass Tags			\$350
Website Upgrades			
	\$300	\$231	\$550
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$3,800	\$5,655	\$3,950
<u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u>			
Income			
Merchandise			
Expenses			
Advertising			
Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs	\$500	\$452	\$500
Brochures & Promotional Flyers	\$524	\$441	
Website	\$517	\$579	\$572
Cost of Stock sold / gifted	\$0	(\$418)	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$50		\$50
RAS Affiliation / Delegate Fees	\$910	\$903	\$910
Area Group Support	\$1,000	\$1,913	\$1,000
	\$3,501	\$3,870	\$3,033
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,501)	(\$3,870)	(\$3,033)
CATTLE FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$299	\$1,784	\$917

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Administration Budget for the year ended 31st March 2019

	2017/18 Budget	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Budget
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Income			
Interest Received (incl. Savings account)	\$300	\$520	\$300
Interest Accrued (Term Deposits/Savings)		\$320	
	\$300	\$840	\$300
Expenses			
Accountancy Fees	\$280	\$276	\$280
Bank Charges	\$50	\$50	\$50
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$50	\$21	\$50
Travel Expenses			
	\$380	\$347	\$380
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$80)	\$493	(\$80)
<u>COUNCIL</u>			
Income			
Expenses			
Meeting Expenses	\$2,000	\$576	\$1,000
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$50		\$50
Travel Expenses	\$5,000	\$1,575	\$3,000
General Expenses			
	\$7,050	\$2,150	\$4,050
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$7,050)	(\$2,150)	(\$4,050)
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>			
Income			
Dinner	\$1,800	\$1,580	\$2,150
Raffle and Sponsorship	\$400	\$828	\$500
	\$2,200	\$2,408	\$2,650
Expenses			
Booklet Printing		\$199	\$300
Nomination Forms			
General Expenses	\$3,090	\$3,191	\$3,600
Venue Costs and Speaker	\$3,520	\$4,123	\$4,436
	\$6,610	\$7,513	\$8,336
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,410)	(\$5,105)	(\$5,686)
ADMINISTRATION			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$11,540)	(\$6,763)	(\$9,816)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
Budgeted Income
for the year ended 31st March 2019

	2017/18 Budget	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Budget
<u>SUMMARY</u>			
Surplus / (Deficit) from -			
Membership Functions	\$5,413	\$6,704	\$1,900
Cattle Functions	\$299	\$1,784	\$917
Administration	(\$11,540)	(\$6,763)	(\$9,816)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$5,829)	\$1,726	(\$6,999)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
Budgeted Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2019

	Note	2018/19	2017/18
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		Budget	Actual
Bank Cheque Account	2	\$7,036	\$13,934
Savings Account	2	\$0	\$0
Term Deposits	2	\$24,500	\$24,500
Accrued Interest	2	\$320	\$320
Stock on Hand (at cost)	3	\$375	\$475
Prepayments			
Total Current Assets		\$32,230	\$39,228
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred Revenue			
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$32,230	\$39,228
Represented by:			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Opening Balance		\$39,228	\$37,502
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$6,999)	\$1,726
<u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		\$32,230	\$39,228

Keeping the register in shape

After the "purge the register" operation which removed a large number of animals that were long since dead there were 1735 live animals at that point (May 2015). Twelve months on the number of live animals (May 2016) was 1624. The following year (May 2017) there are 1450 live animals showing. Currently (May 2018) there are 1412 live animals. So we continue to keep the registry trimmed with culls being regularly removed.

We still remind some members to advise of culled animals. Just a small number seem to not be doing this.

Online versus standard mail

The use of online registration continues to be the favoured way to register animals – this has increased further over the last 12 months so that possibly 85% are registered in this manner.

The online transfer system has now been used often. I have allowed some flexibility with the transfers – sometimes not requiring both parties to necessarily do the online form if I am satisfied that the transfer has happened appropriately.

The online form for reporting culls is used often which is pleasing.

A few people scan and send transfers or culls attached to emails – thus saving the postage cost and time lag. While the online processing is very useful, at the Herd Registrars end there is still paperwork and this is still very important. It is surprising how often they need to be accessed to verify when and how something was actioned in the past.

Payment is usually actioned promptly, but some are tardy doing it. Also locating the appropriate payment from the bank can be challenging. The simplest identifiers are Membership number & reason – eg Mem 123, 2x transfers

Brass Tags & Identification of animals

Brass tags continue to be issued with each registered animal though it is still discouraging that so few find their way into ears. So we need to be vigilant in gathering secondary physical identification. NAIT tags are in the ears of every animal and we do encourage those numbers to be included with registration (though it is surprising how many NAIT tags are coming out). Many members are doing this now.

There has been a concerted effort this year to push the need to get brass tags in and area reps have a tagger available which is good.

In the cases where tags are not conclusive in providing ID of an animal occasionally DNA profiling can assist.

We have again had quite a number of cases this year which have been difficult – where lapsed members have sold animals and these having no brass tags. So begins the process of checking for other tags, or then a DNA test. Also the DNA test may not be an option as there may not be a profile of the sire to match to.

DNA test arrangements

The changed arrangements for DNA profiling have been in place for 2.5 years now. Members are taking responsibility to send in tail hairs directly and action their own DNA tests. By and large this is working well. Massey was suggested as being the recommended provider (with UQ & UC Davis as other alternatives). Almost all profiling this year was done through Massey.

Registrations of bulls continue to require a certain amount of work from the registrar – locating a profile of the sire often being needed – and there are still sires out there who were profiled under Genemark's G3 (SNP) profiling. These cannot be converted and must be re-profiled with tail hairs and a satellite test.

Balance of Colours

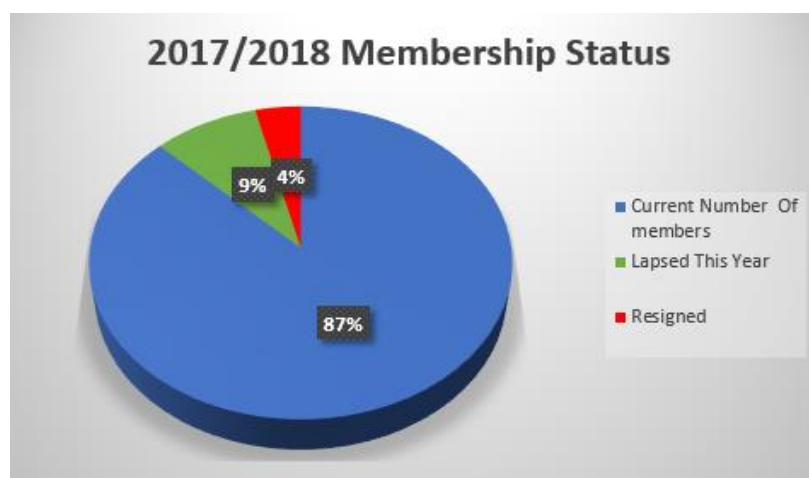
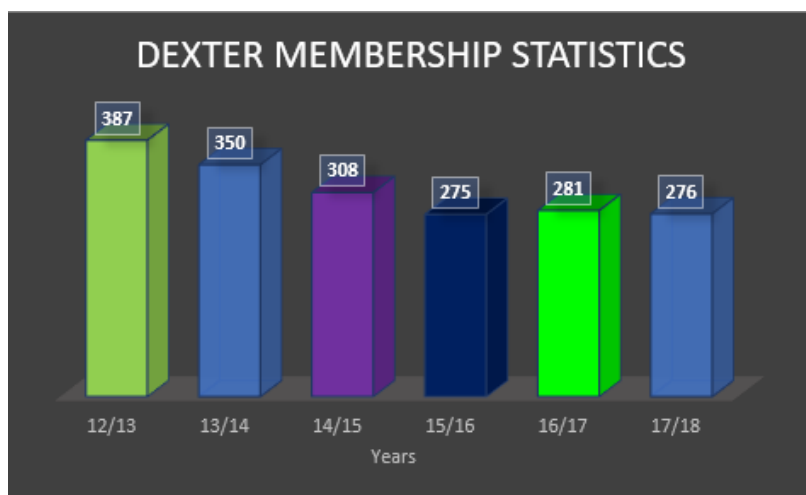
I have thought for a while there has been a significant move toward red Dexters – particularly in the central North Island. Out of interest I went back through the last 6 months registrations. And here are the colours out of a total 112 registrations:

Black	67 (60%)
Red	38 (34%)
Dun	7 (6%)

I don't have anything to compare these to – maybe next year I shall do the same exercise.

If anyone is interested in a dun only herd it is quite possible, but does require testing for colours carried.

To wrap up this year we are sitting only 5 members below than last year. From 2012 until 2015 we have had a large decline in members, but on an encouraging note over the last 3 years we have stayed steady and ended this year at 276 financial members.



Dispatch Editor's Report

MAUREEN PETERSSON ☺

It was discussed and agreed at the 2017 AGM that there would be a very special 100th Edition of the Dexter Dispatch. However due to circumstances beyond my control I was unable to proceed with my original idea but still managed to produce the copy you now have. I hope you enjoyed it. I got a lot of pleasure out of putting it together and corresponding with the life members, even though it was very time consuming.

It was also wonderful to get a great review on the quality of our Dispatch by Louise Ball a Dexter breeder from Australia, who wrote an article on Dexter Heads for the Summer #98 issue. Louise was so impressed that she joined the DCSNZ – just to get the Dispatches ☺

As editor I also have a life outside of Dexters and recently have been spending more time away in our caravan seeing some of those out of the way places New Zealand has so many of. This means that my time putting the Dispatch together is limited but I will be setting aside certain dates to do this. So please see when the close off dates for the next Dispatch is, almost, always on the centre pages.

Sometimes it takes me a lot of time sourcing the articles, particularly if I have to go overseas for these. I would really love to receive more stories from you. Remember this is your magazine and the members like to hear about other members experiences.

I really do love doing this friendly magazine for you

Showing & Judging Report

Betsy Smith

As has been the case for several years now, Dexters have been well represented at several A&P Shows in the Waikato and BOP regions. There were 6 breeders exhibiting cattle during the season, with over 20 Dexters at these shows, including at the North Island Breed Show (NIBS) held in Morrinsville on 3 March 2018.

Northland and Manawatu are the other 2 areas where Dexters were shown again this year. Members from 2 Dexter studs attended the Royal Show in Hastings (19-21 October, 2017).

Well done to all members who continue to promote the Dexter Breed at A&P Shows.

The SIBS was not held again this year. Unfortunately, Mycoplasma Bovis has prevented the showing of cattle in the South Island.

The NIBS will be held in conjunction with the Tauranga A&P Show next season (13 January 2019). Winners of the Snowline and Turoa Youth Trophies will be announced at this Conference and AGM.

Youth Co-ordinator

I would like to wish you all a very warm welcome to the Manawatu. Firstly I would like to thank all the kids who have entered the colouring competition and from the great response it has shown me how many of you that are out there with an interest in Dexters.

The year has been an eventful one for our small stud, first to the Royal Show in Hastings, on to Levin for the Horowhenua A&P Show and then to Masterton for the Wairarapa Show.

At every show we had many enquiries about the breed and in particular calves that could be taken to school calf club day. The interest is definitely there but unfortunately there aren't many calves without a mother though I do understand Bruce Jones does have cross bred calves available.

With Mycoplasma Bovis literally loose throughout the country I do fear for the future for the shows next year.

I do hope you all thoroughly enjoy the weekend with us and wish you all a safe journey home.

Kind regards Julie Rush

2018 Remits

Remit 1: Update of Regulation Reg 8.6 (b)

THAT regulation 8.6 a & b be updated to reflect current situation in the DCSNZ for registrations

Regulation 8.6 is -

- (a) 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.
- (b) **Females must be sired by a recognised Dexter sire.**

Amendment

- (a) 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.
- (b) **Females must be sired by a recognised Dexter sire and out of a recognised pure-bred dam or a Graded dam registered with DCSNZ."**

Rationale:

The registration status of dams was not included in the Regulations when G1 Dexters could be registered'. The registration of G1s is now obsolete so the Regulations need to be amended accordingly.

Remit 2 - Update of Constitution

THAT Constitution Rule 6.1 be updated to at least 15 members in attendance.

Rationale:

To bring this rule in line with Rule 4.4 which changed the quorum for meetings to 15 at the 2017 AGM.

(6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

6.1 A Special General Meeting may be called by the Council or by a written request made by at least **twenty (20) members** and delivered to the Secretary. The meeting will be called within thirty (30) days of the Council's decision being made or the request for the meeting being received by the Secretary.)

Rationale:

To bring the constitution in to line with the decision made at the 2017 AGM regarding quorum for meetings

Discussion Documents from both President Candidates

Proposal by Wayne Pettersson

Hi Everyone,

My name is Wayne Pettersson. I have just been nominated for the position of President of the DCSNZ.

(Please note this is a revised letter to that I sent out on 8/4/2018)

- Over the past year there have been 5 resignations from the council (Including the new Membership Officer who is resigning at this year's AGM). As I see it the problem is not the lack of numbers but the reason why these resignations are happening. Constantly co-opting members just to make up a quorum does not address or solve the real problems.
- 80% of our members who just want to enjoy their Dexters and receive their copy of the Dexter Dispatch were suddenly told that the situation with their society "had become critical" and it would "cease to exist" if we did not get more council members.
- The Council has known about these problems since the 1st resignation nearly a year ago. Alarm bells should have been ringing after the 2nd resignation. No changes were made to stem the flow of council members and no plans were instigated to address the problems.
- I have attached a copy of a document that attempts to address some of the issues for your information. These are by no means final as I would require council involvement and input from members. Therefore I cannot provide details at this stage.
- I do not think that the society is in "as bad a situation" as has been stated. It just takes a bit of thinking "outside the square" by looking at a different way of running the society.
- If I am elected as President I would try to the best of my ability to improve things to secure the future for the Society.

Cheers Wayne (2nd May 2018)

PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE OF DCSNZ COUNCIL (2 PHASES)

PHASE 1 - COUNCIL (After 2018 AGM)

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- At least 2 Others (Possible Membership & AGM Organiser)

PHASE 1 - PORTFOLIOS OUTSIDE COUNCIL (After 2018 AGM)

- Herd Registrar
- Assistant Herd Registrar
- Research
- Youth
- Showing & Judging
- Webmaster
- Others if necessary as numbers permit

PHASE 2 – COUNCIL (After 2019 AGM)

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 2 or 3 Portfolio Officers (New Positions)

PHASE 2 – PORTFOLIOS OUTSIDE COUNCIL (After 2019 AGM)

All other Portfolios

Notes and Logic

- The DCSNZ recently faced a serious situation due to a high number of council resignations and a restructuring of the way council works is one way of reducing this ongoing risk. Our Constitution and Regulations do not allow us to change minimum numbers required for a quorum until the 2019 AGM so a restructuring may have to take place over a 2 year period.
- Majority of Portfolios can eventually be outside council and run by the holder. Council only needs to be consulted if holder cannot resolve an issue and needs council involvement. Council only needs to contact holder if they need information.
- Logistically the smaller the size of the council the more efficiently it can operate.
- Change Constitution at 2019 AGM to reduce number of council required for council meetings to four (currently 5). Change Regulations at 2019 AGM to reduce the quorum for council meetings to three (currently 4).
- The new Portfolio Officers will be the 1st port of call for all Portfolio holders in respect of any issues/problems.
- Ideally the President needs to be free from holding any portfolios so they can concentrate on ensuring the Society's Constitution and Regulations are being followed and that good systems are in place to ensure that the Society is being run efficiently.
- The number of existing Council meetings is excessive. The Secretary is now required to produce minutes for over double the number of meetings held a year ago. At least two telephone conferences were over 3hrs long. (Finishing at 11.35pm & 11.15pm)
- The Regulations require the council to meet at least two times every year (Council is currently meeting 11 times/year!). There should be reduced significantly over time to possibly only three meetings, one directly after the AGM to finalise portfolios (short meeting at AGM), one in Oct/Nov for remits (only if needed) and the other in April for AGM and nominations. These should be all in person (Face to Face). If there are any other issues/problems between these meetings then they can be dealt with in the following order when Portfolio Officers are appointed:-
 1. Portfolio Officer and holder try to resolve
 2. If (1) not successful the Portfolio Officer will try and resolve between councillors by e-mail.
 3. If (2) not successful then telephone conference can be held by council to resolve just that issue/problem.
- Investigate existing systems to check that they are adequately dealing with any issues/problems. If good systems are in place the Society should tick along without any or very little intervention from council.
- Analyse inward correspondence Secretary receives to see if a common issue continually arises. Then look at existing systems/policies to see if they can be improved. An experienced secretary like Robyn should be able to deal with majority of correspondence without referral to full council.
- Revise some existing job descriptions so that they become common sense and user friendly guidelines that portfolio holders can constantly use to help them with their tasks.
- With this type of proposal you are more likely to get members to work outside council than you would on council. Majority of members do not want to participate in core council business and the politics that sometimes goes with it.

In summary, I would recommend a smaller council, shifting the majority of portfolios outside council, operating under user friendly guidelines, working towards a significant reduction in the number of meetings and introducing Portfolio officers to work with portfolio holders.

Authors Note (Wayne Petterson member #369)

These are my views only and not those of the DCSNZ Council.

Experience qualification:- *As a Senior Engineer part of my responsibilities were to develop systems, policies, guidelines, standards including the drafting of regulations to enable functions carried out by Government to be transferred to Private enterprise and other Authorities.*

Proposal by Betsy Smith

My recommendations to Council if elected President for a further term:

- A) to maintain current Council numbers (5-8 members), as per the Constitution. This number is needed to ensure a quorum, in the case of apologies.
- B) to maintain the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, as per the Constitution.
Supporting recommendations for (B):
- the position of Vice-President be assigned to a Council member.
 - no other portfolios are allocated specifically to Council members.
 - all tasks are completed by Council as a working body (as has been the case over the past few months).
- C) to allocate portfolios on or off Council, depending on skills/interests of members.
Note: Members have told me repeatedly that they don't have time to commit to a portfolio on Council, therefore are reluctant to be nominated.
- D) to continue holding Council conference calls as trialed over the past year.
Note: Feedback indicates that this is the preferred option over several weekend-long meetings, due to the time commitment of face-to-face meetings.
- E) to investigate video conferencing for Council meetings (to replace conference calls).
- F) to trial bi-monthly Council video/conference calls.
This has previously been discussed by Council, but the length of Agendas has dictated that monthly meetings were preferable. These have lasted 2-3hrs.
Note: Two were unusually longer meetings when 4 one-off documents (Breeder's Handbook, DCSNZ Brochure, Strategic Plan and Brass Tagger Kits for Area Reps) were being written/updated.
- G) that funds saved by Council meetings via video or conference calls, as in (d) above, be made available to Conference and AGM organisers to engage interesting workshop presenters and dynamic after-dinner speakers.
- H) to investigate further development of electronic means of communicating with members.

All indications are that the above initiatives will encourage more members onto Council and will increase retention rates.

Rationale:

- Electronic communication is now an integral part of the modern world. I envisage the Society continuing to utilize it further for the benefit of all members.
- We all have busy lives; finding time to commit to a voluntary organization like the Dexter Society is not a priority for most members who just want to be able to register their cattle.
- The response from members who've contacted me over the last 2 months on learning that Council communication is mainly by email and that meetings are mostly by conference call has been very positive.
- Four members have told me that they're prepared to join Council as electronic communication suits their lifestyle.
- Making changes with an existing group can result in some resigning.
- New members joining do so with the understanding of and 'buy-in' to the new initiatives.

Betsy Smith