

# THE DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

The Restaurant, Premier Travel Inn, Cramlington, Newcastle  
Starting at 10.00am

Present

Mark Bowles, Jo Kemp, Carol Neilson, Martyn Ryder, Tim Sparrow.

In attendance: Sue Archer Breed Secretary

An extraordinary confidential teleconference to be arranged, subject to everyone agreeing, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm for upto 2 hours to discuss Society Council communication and positions. To be recorded.

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<b>1. Apologies</b> Beryl Rutherford, Mike Bancroft and Silke Warneke were unable to attend due to the change in date but were available on a phone line for any decision taking.	CWN
<b>2. Declaration of conflict of interest in agenda items</b> Nothing declared	
<b>3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009 (including confidential minute)</b> Signed as previously agreed	CWN
<b>4. Minutes of teleconference 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009</b> Previously circulated and approved by everyone present and signed	CWN
<b>5. Matters arising</b> The breed secretary had previously asked to be included in all email circulations – this is now in place	CWN
<b><i>ACTION POINTS</i></b>	
<b><i>1a. Financial report</i></b> <i>Martyn Ryder circulated this to members unable to attend the meeting and outlined his concerns on the lack of membership spend on merchandise this year. The current bank account at 22.05.09 stands at £51,002.26</i>	MR
<b><i>1b. Fundraising</i></b> <i>Martyn Ryder circulated a paper on fundraising which will be included in the bulletin it covers a. recycling b. Everyclick and c. easy funding. Explaining that this is the first toe in the water to proper fundraising for the Society.</i>	
<b><i>1c. Membership</i></b> <i>As at 31.05.09 membership stands at 1283 current members. It was discussed that out of the current membership of 1283 there are only 1177 who actually keep Dexter cattle.</i>	



<p><i>c. Rotation of Trustees – revisit after Council election</i></p> <p><i>d. Nomination of President of the Society. For the first time members will be asked to put forward their nominations for the role of President.</i></p>	<p>CWN</p> <p>SA</p>
<p><b>6. Insurance and Health and Safety Issues</b></p> <p><i>Sue Archer reported that having spoken with various brokers the insurances will remain:</i></p> <p><i>a. Public Liability will stay with National Farmers Union</i></p> <p><i>b. Field Officers' insurance will stay with KBIS as the policy gives better than average protection cover in case of an accident whilst undertaking Society business.</i></p> <p><i>c. The Trustees Indemnity Liability policy has been moved to Angel Underwriting Ltd.</i></p> <p><i>Further information has been gleaned and the Society do not need to have insurance cover for the judges as they are covered by the various agricultural societies when they undertake their role as judge. If the agricultural Society has to specify the age of the judge in accordance with their insurance or Health and Safety policy then they will need to forward a form to the judge for them to sign.</i></p>	<p>SA</p>
<p><b>7. Merchandise</b></p> <p><i>Following on from Martyn Ryder's financial report that the merchandise sales are low for 2008 and not forecast to be any better in 2009, various suggestions were made for 'tote' bags and tea towels. This will be looked into by the sub committee of Martyn Ryder, Caroline Ryder and Sue Archer. Report for the next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>A letter is to be sent to the groups re the present stock.</i></p> <p><i>Sale table of merchandise to be organised for AGM in October</i></p> <p><i>Carol Neilson circulated a list of fundraising ideas from the Alzheimer's website</i></p> <p><i>Sue Archer to organise a reprint in A4 tri-fold format of the original A4 Dexter leaflets to be used a shows as they are easier for prospective Dexter breeders and members to put in their pockets at a show and cheaper for the Society promotions. To be limited to 2000 initially.</i></p>	<p>MR</p> <p>MR/SA</p> <p>SA</p> <p>CWN</p> <p>SA</p>
<p><b>8. Office IT</b></p> <p><i>Report for the next meeting</i></p>	<p>SA</p>
<p><b>9. Genetics Project Meeting</b></p> <p><i>Jo Kemp reported that she has circulated information from Tim Bray and will contact the RBST and report back to the next meeting.</i></p>	<p>JK</p>
<p><b>10. Smallholder bull and Chondro articles</b></p> <p><i>Mike Bancroft has gathered together articles from old bulletins as the comments are still as relevant today. These can be reprinted in future bulletins</i></p>	<p>MBan</p>

<p><b>6. Correspondence</b></p> <p>a. East of England Show has provided the Society with two entrance tickets</p> <p>b. The Late Valerie Roberts has donated £500 to Society funds Carol Neilson to write and thank the executors and invite Bob Ramplin to the AGM</p>	<p>CWN</p>
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<p>d. Letter received from Mark Southern regarding the increase in Society fees and how it relates to his herd. The Council felt that they had reviewed the Society fees very carefully after having no increase in fees for a number of years and that there is an ongoing review of the fee structure in place. Mr Southern is to be thanked for his comments.</p> <p>e. A letter has been received from the Welsh group regarding the new member's folders, the registration fee structure and the resignation of Jacqui Parkes. The Council had already put in place an idea for a new members pack with members being given the opportunity to advertise on the new pack. The registration fee structure had been carefully considered and members were informed in September that the fees would come into force on 1st January 2009. The Welsh group are to be encouraged to put forward members for the Council with nomination papers being circulated shortly.</p> <p>f. The Devon group have put in a request for help financially with the cost of the Devon County Show stand. The Council decided to help with a donation of £100.</p>	<p>SA</p> <p>SA</p> <p>SA</p>
<p><b>7. Sedgemoor Sale</b>  Martyn Ryder explained the background to this sale to the Council. The Council decided after discussion to endorse and encourage the sale but not provide full Society backing. An item will be published in the bulletin</p>	<p>MR</p>
<p><b>8. Beef Scheme</b>  Martyn Ryder previously circulated a marketing beef paper for discussion.</p> <p>Contact has been made by the 'Gordon Ramsay's F Word' programmers with the Dexter Cattle Society office. The aim of the show is to explain to people where their food comes from, what's involved with rearing livestock, how important ethical farming is and the significance of breeds such as the Dexter. The meat from the Dexters will be cooked in the F Word restaurant. Report for next meeting</p>	<p>CWN/MR/SA</p>
<p><b>9. Bull Scheme</b>  Mark Bowles asked for this to be revisited. After discussion it was decided that the forms used should be a proper working tool with the diagrams specifying the actual detail of the animal involved. Further paperwork to be circulated for discussion at a future meeting. A sub committee is to be formed.</p> <p>The Society Office was asked to use the old papers until a new sub committee can formulate a new format.</p>	<p>MB/SA</p> <p>SA</p>
<p><b>10. Shows and Judges</b>  Mark Bowles reported that Mary Kay is unable to be steward for the Dexter Classes at the Royal Show. Mark was asked to find a replacement.</p> <p>Mark Bowles would like to step down from the role of Shows and Judges co-ordinator. This is to be put forward for discussion at a future meeting.</p>	
<p><b>11. any other business</b>  a. Jo Kemp raised the issue of Long Term Semen bank and who administers it. For further discussion at next meeting</p>	<p>JK/CWN</p>

<p>b. Mark Bowles put forward discussion on new groups. It was decided if they are not affiliated to the Dexter Society the Society insurance will not cover the group members.</p>	MB
<p>c. A confidential minute was taken on herd DNA</p>	SA
<p>d. A discussion was held by the Council on a possible genetic problem Pulmonary Hypoplasia and Anasarca (PHA). As soon as a test is available in Holland and it is suggested that could be as soon as a couple of weeks then there will be several samples to be tested followed by all the Society AI bulls.</p>	CWN
<p>It was decided to set up a PHA sub committee to consist of Carol Neilson (Chairman), Andrew Sheppy and Duncan McIntyre. A report will be made available for the next meeting.</p>	CWN
<p>Meeting closed at 4.15pm and everyone thanked for their attendance</p>	CWN
<p><b>Next meeting</b> An extraordinary confidential teleconference to be arranged, subject to everyone agreeing, on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm for upto 2 hours to discuss Society Council communication and positions. To be recorded</p>	

<u>ACTION POINTS</u>	
1. Financial report Fundraising report Membership	MR/SA
2. CIO model articles/constitution – sub committee report	MR
3. Membership Survey summary for membership circulation	TS
4. Bulletin and Herd Book	JK/SA
5. Society Protocols Role of Trustees report Nomination of President of the Society	CWN/TS
6. Merchandise Merchandise sub committee Promotional leaflets	MR/SA
7. Office IT report	SA
8. Genetics project meeting	JK
9. Genetics sub committee	CWN

Chairman:

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