

**Minutes of The Dexter Cattle Society Council Meeting
held on Thursday 1st November 2007 at 9.30 a.m.
at the Jersey Cattle Building, Stoneleigh Park**

Present: Felicity Thompson; Ken Hobbs; George Godber; Di Smith; Mick Oliphant; Bob Huntley; Mary Kay; Fiona Miles; Mervyn Mountjoy; Bernard Stamp; Pat Short.

Felicity Thomson declared the official meeting open at 1.20 p.m.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies.

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting 13th October 2007

In response to a general discussion Mervyn Mountjoy said the Chairman had attempted to tell people about the problems with the meeting after the AGM but had been unable to make anyone hear. Felicity Thomson then signed off the minutes as a true record.

3. Matters Arising From Minutes

No matters arising from the Minutes.

4. Bulletin Editor

Mr AE Neal's form of resignation was felt to be inappropriate and Mr Hobbs felt he should not be taken on as the Bulletin Editor.

5. Any Other Business

Mary Kay asked if a donation could be made towards the stand at the Borderway Agro Expo at Carlisle on the following day? Fiona Miles pointed out that Smithfield had returned the Society's cheque as the Show had been cancelled and suggested that part of this money be used to fund Carlisle. This was agreed unanimously and Mary thanked everyone for their support.

Felicity Thomson then explained the proposal regarding the setting up of a steering committee which would be in place until an EGM when there would be an election.

Di Smith explained that this decision for Council to stand down wasn't about individuals but was a collective decision in the hope that they could ask Yvonne Froehlich to stay on as Breed Secretary.

Felicity Thomson also explained that this was to satisfy the membership's requirements and to take the breed and the society forward. The Society needed somebody else to steer the ship.

Ken Hobbs proposed that Martin Wilson, Robert Kirk and Martin Ryder be asked to make up the Steering Committee together with Fiona Miles. Mary Kay seconded this. Agreed unanimously.

The three members of the Steering Committee were invited in to the meeting and they agreed to accept the positions.

Ken Hobbs formally proposed that as Council had co-opted three members as above plus Mrs Fiona Miles to form the Steering Committee all Council members would resign with immediate effect, would relinquish all Council duties and would not stand for re-election or be co-opted on in an advisory capacity for a minimum period of two years. Further Fiona Miles would be the only

point of contact to liaise with past Council members. This proposal was seconded by Mary Kay and agreed unanimously.

Martin Wilson asked that as each Council member had a role and responsibility but were now going to rescind these they obviously had information that would be required

Robert Kirk asked all of Council to forward all of their papers directly to Fiona Miles. This would negate everyone having to ring individual Council members directly.

Martin Wilson said that the Steering Committee would look at different proposals for running the Society. The Steering Committee wanted to see the breed succeed and hoped that everyone leaving the Society would help in the future and hoped no-one held a grudge.

The Meeting finished at 1.55 p.m.

The general meeting then re-convened at 1.55 p.m.

Felicity Thomson pointed out that all of Council had now resigned with the exception of Fiona Miles. She read out the proposal put before Council by Ken Hobbs which stated that subject to Council co-opting three members, Robert Kirk, Martin Wilson and Martin Ryder plus Fiona Miles all Council members would resign with immediate effect, would relinquish all Council duties and would not stand for re-election or be co-opted on in an advisory capacity for a minimum period of two years. Further Fiona Miles would be the only point of contact to liaise with past Council members. She advised that this had been seconded by Mary Kay and agreed unanimously.

Fiona Miles said that this was a temporary position until an EGM could be organised and an election arranged. She also pointed out that other members could be co-opted on in order that a quorum could be attained.

Mark Bowles asked what would happen regarding the responsibilities of the previous Council as these had all now been relinquished and Rob Kirk advised that the Steering Committee had asked for all papers that Council members held to be sent directly to Fiona Miles so that the Steering Committee were aware of what was going on.

Mick Oliphant said he would speak to any new members who contacted him, would help where he could but would advise them of the new situation. Di Smith said she was happy to help and to pass on any information she had.

Rob Kirk said that the three priorities were: a need to talk to Yvonne; to sort out a Treasurer and then to move to an EGM. In order to get these priorities right some duties might lapse but then the Society could move forward with suggestions for a re-distribution of roles and responsibilities.

Rod Metcalf asked if the idea was to go to an EGM with a plan to change things and Fiona advised that this was so and that they hoped to change the format of Council and obviously this needed to be considered by members and voted on at an EGM.

Ken Hobbs felt that this would give an ideal opportunity for the Constitution in its entirety to be looked at.

Mick Oliphant also said that Elaine in the office needed to be spoken to and matters explained to her and Fiona Miles agreed to see her after the meeting.

Patricia Pinkerton suggested that the word could be passed around to members asking if they wanted to help and what skills they might be able to offer.

Bev Rawlings also pointed out that Group Secretaries needed to be contacted as soon as possible to let them know about the new situation.

Bill Osborne thanked Felicity on behalf of everybody for chairing what had been a very difficult meeting very well.

Everyone agreed.

Meeting finished at 2.10 p.m.

Note for Clarification:

This is a record of the minute 356/07 from the council meeting of 26.09.07 which appointed Felicity Thomson as Chairman

356/07

Vice President Position

SB pointed out that a Vice President should be chosen as this needs to be ratified at the AGM. KH nominated AN who declined. KH then proposed MO and was seconded by AN. All agreed and carried.

SB suggested that we need to appoint a Chairman to chair the first Council Meeting after the AGM. A short Council Meeting is to be held immediately before the AGM to sign off the minutes from this meeting and to deal with any urgent matters. KH nominated FT and FM seconded. All were in favour of FT chairing the meeting after AGM (this entitled FT to Chairman's voting rights).