

**THE DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2008 STARTING AT 10.00 A.M.  
THE BLONDE SOCIETY BUILDING, STONELEIGH PARK, WARWICKSHIRE**

**Present:**

**Michael Bancroft, Mark Bowles, Jo Kemp, Carol Neilson, Jacqui Parkes, Martyn Ryder, Tim Sparrow, Caroline Taylor, Silke Warneke**

**In Attendance: Clive Taylor (Treasurer) and Sue Archer (Breed Secretary) taking notes**

**Welcome by Martin Ryder**

Martyn Ryder gave an explanation of the previous Council and the resignation of the Breed Secretary. It was felt that the New Council needs to work cohesively, sidestep politics and put protocols in place to avoid pitfalls. He explained that there were various items that had to be kept as confidential detail. There was no election held this year as there were insufficient numbers of nominees.

He read out the paragraph from the Charity Commission 'It is noted from some of the comments in the minutes provided, that some members believe the trustees are elected "as servants of the members" and are "appointed to run the Society on behalf of the members". It is suggested that the trustees remind the members that trustees are not elected for the purpose of running the charity on behalf of the members. Refer the trustees to our publication CC3 in which it says "trustees have and must accept ultimate responsibility for directing the affairs of the charity, and ensuring that it is solvent, well-run, and delivering the charitable outcomes for the benefit of the public for which it is set up;" the charitable outcomes are outlined in clause 3 "the objects" clause of the Memorandum of Association.

There was discussion about how best to serve the needs of Trustees who cannot attend the 'face to face' meetings for whatever reason and a conference telephone was discussed. It was decided to trial a conference telephone at the next 'face to face' meeting with the possibility of purchasing one for Society use.

	<b>Action by</b>
<p><b>1. Apologies</b> Beryl Rutherford</p>	
<p><b>2. Declaration of interests</b> Martyn Ryder stated that he had a beef business Carol Neilson a close friend of the late Hazel Clarke (left the Society a large bequest) Jo Kemp has a vested interest as she keep Dexters very commercially. Michael Bancroft stated that his Dexters are a business and need to make sense financially</p>	
<p><b>6. Clarification of EGM legality</b> Silke Warneke asked that item 6 be brought into this stage of the meeting and discussed. Martyn Ryder gave an explanation of the previous circumstances and that as the legal Trustees of the Society the Steering Committee could call an EGM. The EGM held on May 24th 2008 had only just failed by a few votes and after taking further legal advice the resolutions were put individually before the membership at an EGM on 11th October 2008. Clive Taylor explained that the Companies Act 2006 supercedes any constitution that may be in place with regard to the proxy voting. It is an offence if the membership is not allowed proxy voting. Mark Bowles stated that it is a very democratic procedure. Clive Taylor explained that C10 is a draft Memorandum and Articles of Association to work to for the DCS constitution and that the model articles have to be adopted. It was noted that Scotland had more advanced OSCR rules. There was discussion on the format of the Form of Proxy. It was explained that this was the first time this had been done for the Dexter Cattle Society and a simpler form could be used in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are we saying that the form and the result are illegal? – no</li> <li>• Are we happy that the Council is legally compliant? – yes</li> <li>• Are all Council members happy to endorse the results? – yes</li> </ul> <p>Mark Bowles proposed that the Council accept the outcome of the proxy voting, this was seconded by Martyn Ryder and voted by majority with one abstention.</p> <p>Martyn Ryder stated that he was disappointed with the numbers returning the Forms of Proxy.</p>	CN



<p><b>3. President's Trophy</b> The steering committee decided on the recipient of this award unaware that it cannot be awarded to a serving member of the Council.</p> <p><b>4b.</b> Letter from Rev Pinkerton. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Rev Pinkerton thanking her for her suggestion and that it may be looked into for the future.</p> <p><b>3c. Hosting AGM.</b> Jacqui Parkes thought the idea of hosting the AGM before the Melton Sale to be a good one but asked if the AGM could circulate around the country. The Northern and Scottish groups have already stated that they would be willing to host the AGM in their area. Jo Kemp stated that the Society should have the ability to circulate the country but also to separate from a sale event if there is a problem like blue tongue or similar. It was suggested that a group chair and secretary dinner should be held the night before and that an AGM should be held with an event to draw members to meet socially. Mike Bancroft asked if the Society would underwrite the cost of the venue if the event is being hosted by a group? It was suggested that groups should be invited to put forward costed proposals for such an event</p> <p><b>5b. AI and Sire Directory</b> This is being worked on and there will be more to report at the next meeting</p> <p><b>5f. Office Staff</b> The staff have agreed to take days in lieu in the future and a new contract will be drawn up.</p> <p><b>5g.</b> Clive Taylor stated that the bequest would be shown in this year's accounts and the money invested. The family would like to know it is wisely invested. The Society has a current account with nominal ledgers and an investment account.</p> <p><b>7.</b> The name of the breeder and prefix is to be removed to comply with the data protection act.</p> <p><b>8.</b> A full explanation of the complaints received was given by Mark Bowles. He also explained that the shows need support but due to blue tongue restrictions the animal names were not forwarded. The Society also needs as many younger people as possible to take cattle to shows. This was discussed in detail and decided that a letter should be forwarded to the person involved expressing disappointment at present behaviour and that future actions would be monitored. A letter of apology has been forwarded to the show involved. A letter should also be forwarded outlining the Society decision to the three complainants.</p> <p><b>10. Herdbook</b> Clive Taylor commented on his herd being missed out from the 2007 herd book. Grassroots logs all online herd returns. Mistakes have been found between the hard proof copy and the printed version. Philippa Laing was thanked for all her hard work proof reading the herd book.</p>	<p>MB/MR</p> <p>SA</p> <p>CN</p> <p>CN</p> <p>GROUPS/ CN</p> <p>CN/SA</p> <p>Clive Taylor/CN</p> <p>SA</p> <p>MB/SA SA MB/SA</p> <p>SA</p>
<p><b>10. Financial Review</b></p> <p>Clive Taylor outlined the financial review for the Society.</p> <p>German standard procedure: Silke Warneke is to send hair samples to the Society office together with standard payment fees per animal. Council agreed that all members have the same rules.</p> <p>The Dexter Cattle Society has a policy to maintaining a certain level of reserves (unrestricted) which is equal to 8 months expenditure ie £70,000.00</p> <p>There was open discussion on the fees and the future of the Society. The majority decision was to take onboard the suggestions put forward by the steering committee. The charges to be effective 01.01.2009. This would be notified to the members in a newsletter to go out in November 2008.</p> <p>It was also decided it is better for the fees to go up a little each year, in line with inflation</p>	<p>SA/ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>

<b>Annual Subscription</b>		
<b>Due January 1<sup>st</sup></b>		
(VAT Zero rated)	Member	£35.00
	Family Member	£40.00
	Junior Member (Upto 18 years old)	£6.00
	Associate member	£20.00
	Member (Overseas)	£50.00
	Family Member (Overseas)	£55.00
	Associate Member (Overseas)	£30.00
	New member joining fee	£15.00
<b>The fees below are inclusive of VAT @ 17.5%</b>		
	Herd prefix registration	£20.00
<b>Female Registration</b>		
	Full Female (Upto 30 days)	
	Paper registration	£15.00
	Online registration	£12.00
	All females must be Birth Notified by 30 days of age if not registered	FREE
	Overage Fee (31 days to 12 months)	£40.00
	Over 12 months if previously Birth Notified	£100.00
	Female Appendix Register	POA
<b>Male Registration</b>		
	All males must be Birth Notified by 30 days of age	FREE
<b>With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005 all bulls to be registered with the Society will have to be DNA tested and parent verified: Fees as below</b>		
	Bull (including DNA test) upto 18 months of age	£60.00
	Bull (including DNA test) over 18 months of age	£160.00
	Sire (unless previously tested and profile held on record in the Society Office)	£22.00
	Dam (unless previously tested and profile held on record in the Society Office)	£22.00
	Transfer of ownership	£10.00
	Transfer of ownership to non-member	£20.00
	Duplicate certificate	£12.00
	Inspection/Field Officer visit	POA
<b>Society AI Bulls</b>		
	(Semen ordered through the Society)	
	Double dose – (single dose no longer available)	
	Member	£25.00
	Non Member	£45.00
<b>Chondrodysplasia Test</b>		
	Single testing	£35.00
	Duplex testing	POA
	DNA typing	£22.00
	<i>(Prices may fluctuate in accordance with the exchange rate)</i>	
	All fees are payable in advance	
<b>Costs:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trustees expenses to be capped at 35p per mile</li> <li>Email must be used more to cut paper wastage and cost</li> <li>Bulletin – discussion on worth of hard copy bulletin. Caroline Taylor exhibited lower cost alternative to bulletin in broadsheet – 80p per copy. Mark Bowles stated that the membership had already voted to keep the bulletin in the present format.</li> <li>Caroline Taylor to produce costings for broadsheet format</li> <li>The next bulletin due out at Christmas 2008 is to be jointly produced by Ted Neal and Sue Archer</li> <li>Meeting venues and travelling costs to be assessed for next meeting</li> <li>Martyn Ryder offered Pike End Farm as host for next 'face to face' meeting</li> <li>Downloading herd book from Grassroots – Jacqui Parkes to investigate</li> </ul>		CT AN/SA CT/SA MR JP

<p><b>11. Office</b>  The license for occupancy in the RASE offices will finish on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008 and cannot be renewed as 250 office spaces are required for another organisation. This will mean that all the RASE staff will have to move to another building and unfortunately there is not enough room for the Dexter Cattle Society office to be included in that plan.  Mr Richard Wood, Company Secretary for the Royal Agricultural Society of England, apologised for the imminent office move and he offered three alternatives.  For further discussion and costings for decision at the next meeting.</p>	ALL																										
<p><b>12. 2009 projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C10 model articles</li> <li>• Constitution/procedure protocol</li> <li>• Genetic Project – how to get a return from investment in this joint project with RBST</li> <li>• Bull Scheme – stage 1 and stage 2</li> <li>• Judges training</li> <li>• Breed classification and linear scoring</li> <li>• Breed promotion</li> </ul> <p>This will be discussed in detail at the next meeting</p>	ALL																										
<p><b>13. AOB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Caroline Taylor asked that beef should have a bigger part in the Society publications</li> <li>2. Sue Archer has written to John Torode congratulating him mentioning Dexter cattle and the quality of the meat in his new book 'Beef' and sent him a Dexter information pack</li> <li>3. Sue Archer asked that the Dexter Cattle Society have four signatories on mandate at the bank – the treasurer, the chairman, the secretary and one other. It was decided to ask Martyn Ryder to be deputy secretary and be the extra one. All society cheques need two signatures</li> <li>4. Sue Archer also asked for permission to have a Society credit card to enable Dr. Van Haeringen Laboratorium b.v. (Holland) to be paid efficiently and cheaper than the present way of raising a bankers draft in Euros. This was approved with a limit of £250.00 The card is to be kept locked in the Society office safe.</li> <li>5. Duncan MacIntyre has kindly offered the Society the use of a consultant.</li> <li>6. A newsletter to be drafted for membership in early November detailing the new council, office relocation and the new fees etc. The next bulletin is due out at Christmas 2008</li> <li>7. Two new judges passed for smaller shows. Letter to Mr M Mountjoy &amp; Mrs A Hendy.</li> </ol>	SA/CN  SA/CN  CN SA  MB/SA																										
<p>Carol Neilson thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting and stressed the need for confidentiality on all subjects discussed at the meeting. The meeting closed at 5.15pm</p>	ALL																										
<p><b>14. Next meeting</b>  Martyn Ryder has kindly volunteered to host the next meeting at Pike end Farm, Rishworth, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 starting at 10.00am</p>																											
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