

# THE DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY COUNCIL MEETING

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

The Blonde Society Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

**Present:**

**Michael Bancroft, Alan Carrington, Jo Kemp, Carol Neilson, Tim Sparrow and Silke Warneke**

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<p><b>1. Apologies</b> Jo Kemp advised the Council that she would contact Beryl Rutherford during the meeting for discussion. Martyn Ryder (Treasurer)</p>	
<p><b>2. Welcome to new Trustee Alan Carrington.</b> Carol Neilson warmly welcomed Alan Carrington to his first meeting</p>	
<p><b>3. Declaration of conflict of interest in agenda items</b> Michael Bancroft reported that although he did not have any financial interest in the bull registration for a non-member he wanted to declare that the sire of the animal to be registered was a Moonshine prefix bull and that when questioned prior to the meeting he had assumed that the bull would be owned by the member.  Alan Carrington wanted to state that he is hoping to send some retrospective registered castrated cattle to Ireland and he had an interest in that.</p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes of Meeting 13th August (including Confidential minute)</b> Signed as previously agreed</p>	
<p><b>5. Minutes of teleconference 7<sup>th</sup> September 2009</b> Signed as previously agreed</p>	
<p><b>6. Minutes (Confidential) of mini Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October prior to AGM</b> Signed as previously agreed</p>	
<p><b>7. Matters arising</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Financial report</b> <b>Martyn Ryder (Treasurer) supplied a financial report</b> Tim Sparrow commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That he is very encouraged by the economy shown by this report and that a huge thank you must be extended to the membership for sticking with the Society</li> <li>• There is a need to show that the whole operation is economical</li> <li>• With the reserves in a healthy position the Society is in a better position to invest in programme for 2010. The project list has been budgeted and is ready to circulate to the membership.</li> <li>• The Society is in a really exciting forward looking position.</li> </ul> <p>Sue Archer reported that the current membership stands at 1386 with 24 in the pending/enquiry file. Martyn Ryder was thanked for his in depth report</p>	CWN

<p><b>Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New web site for the advancement of the society – it was suggested that a 3 month tendering period be put in place.</li> <li>• Possibility of purchasing other web sites – an opportunity has arisen and it will be looked into.</li> <li>• Other domain names that point to the main web site – the domain names are already held and the invoices will be paid by the society.</li> <li>• Extra training for staff to be looked into.</li> <li>• Ped E Map module produced by Grassroots was given the go ahead for 2010 with a unanimous vote by all present (A paper was circulated at the meeting explaining the advantages)</li> <li>• Investment planning – Martyn Ryder suggested a transfer £30,000 to another investment portfolio and all investments to be reviewed. Proposed by Tim Sparrow, seconded by Jo Kemp and all present in favour.</li> <li>• It was suggested to keep a fixed working amount in the current account and place other money on 30 or 90 days access to earn a higher interest rate. Sue Archer to investigate.</li> <li>• Re publicise the free fundraising in the bulletin and at group events</li> <li>• Recycling had brought in £33.98 to date</li> <li>• Raffle had raised £958.00 to date.</li> <li>• Herd Year Planner 2010. A2 size with breed standard, gestation dates, photos from the 2008 herd book and £500 budget. Sue Archer to investigate and the Council to view PDF before going to print. All present agreed.</li> </ul>	<p>CWN/MR /SA</p>
<p><b>2. European registrations</b></p> <p>Sue Archer led this discussion and asked that all registrations are made in the same way ie be in the Society office within 30 days of birth. The DNA process was explained – the submission forms and samples must be sent to Society office to be recorded and then sent to Holland. A copy of all VHL paperwork already undertaken that is held in Germany must be forwarded to the Society office in order to complete registrations.</p> <p>All information must come through the Society office so that all Society members are treated in exactly the same manner.</p> <p>It is hoped to resolve the backlog of European registrations before the end of the year.</p>	<p>SW/SA</p>
<p><b>3. Parent Verification – dateline for progress of registrations</b> <b>A confidential minute was taken on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Bull registration for non-member</b></p> <p>There was open discussion on this and it was decided by a majority that the Council have rejected this request.</p>	
<p><b>5. C10 model articles/constitution update</b></p> <p>The C10 model articles of Association were signed at the AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> October and lodged with Companies House and the Charities Commission.</p> <p>Tim Sparrow to take over responsibility for this project on Council but will liaise closely with Martyn Ryder to complete the standard working protocols for the next AGM.</p>	<p>CWN/TS/ MR</p>
<p><b>6. Trustees and their roles on Council</b></p> <p>There was discussion and it was decided that Jo Kemp should be Vice Chairman with a review of all roles after three months. Council to work as a team.</p>	<p>CWN</p>



<p><b>13. Genetics Project update</b> Jo Kemp reported on the meeting held at Stoneleigh. In order to proceed with further investigations an electronic copy of the information held by VHL is needed.</p>	JK/SA
<p><b>14. Shows and Judges co-ordinator</b> This was discussed in detail and it was decided that a nominated member should be asked to step into the role of chief Judge and work with Mark Bowles and the Society office. This would then enable the role to be taken on by two volunteers but with office backup. A protocol is to be written for this.</p> <p>This proposal was put forward to ask the nominated member and a majority of those present agreed.</p> <p>Carol Neilson to report back to Council if the nominated member is willing to take on the role and work with both Mark Bowles and the Society Office.</p>	CWN

<p><b>8. Correspondence</b></p> <p>a. Letter received from Mr Mick Oliphant requesting points to be allocated to show winners in the 2009 Show Points Results booklet. After discussion it was understood that this had been missed and would most certainly be corrected for this year and to ensure that it is correct for 2010. Letter to be sent to Mr Oliphant</p> <p>b. Letter from Mrs Philippa Laing outlining various problems that have arisen in the 2009 show year. After discussion it was decided that a Judging policy and procedure need to be put into place. Letter to be sent to Mrs Laing.</p> <p>c. Letter from Ann &amp; Tom Carey asking council to consider several incentives to encourage membership. This was discussed by Council but at the present time the fees are set for the EEC and International rates. Letter to be sent to Ann &amp; Tom Carey</p> <p>d. Sue Archer asked for permission to bring the archives held at Nat West Loughborough back into the Society Office, this was granted by the Council members present. Recently archived herd books and bulletins received from the estate of the late Miss Roberts have been welcomed into the Society office and are on display for anyone wanting to see them</p>	SA SA SA CWN
<p><b>9. Melton Sale</b> The Sale at Melton was a great success with quality animals selling to very high prices.</p>	
<p><b>10. EGM and AGM report</b> Carol Neilson reported that everyone had enjoyed the northern hospitality and kindly thanked Ian Emmerson and the Northern group for all their hard work in making the weekend a true success.</p>	
<p><b>11. Beef Scheme – report on interest from membership</b> Martyn Ryder had confirmed with the Society office that it is hoped to hold a meeting in February 2010 for all those interested.</p>	CWN/MR
<p><b>12. Bull Scheme</b> This will be discussed at the next meeting</p>	
<p><b>13. Meeting dates</b> The Council face to face meeting dates are arranged as below: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 Teleconferences will be arranged as required – Council circulation emails for discussion only</p>	

<p><b>14. Any other business</b></p> <p><b>a. Crossgar Meats</b>  All animals supplied to Crossgar meats will have to be supplied by Dexter Cattle Society Members and be registered with the Dexter Cattle Society.</p> <p>Several animals wish to be late registered (outside 30 days) in order to comply with the above stipulations or to qualify for any other Dexter meat scheme.</p> <p>The Council discussed this in detail and as a membership privilege, it will only be possible to retrospectively register a 'slaughter only' animal if the owner is a member of the Society, the dam is a registered pedigree animal and the sire's UK id number is shown in the animals passport.</p> <p>These 'slaughter only' animals will not be shown in the society herd book, they will be issued with a 'slaughter only' birth notification and be issued with an 'S' registration number.</p> <p>Michael Bancroft proposed a charge of £10 per animal will be made for this to cover administration, seconded by Carol Neilson and all present in favour.</p> <p><b>b. AGM 2010</b>  Tim Sparrow put forward that the South East group would like to host the AGM in 2010  Alan Carrington put forward that the Welsh group would like to host an AGM in the future.</p> <p><b>c. Skype</b>  Alan Carrington and Jo Kemp to investigate the availability for Society Council to use Skype in the future. Report for next meeting</p>	<p>CWN/SA</p> <p>CWN</p> <p>AC/JK</p>
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The meeting closed at 5.15pm

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