

## Minutes

### DEXTER CATTLE CLUB OF TENNESSEE

August 21, 2017

#### Wilson County Fairgrounds

**Attending:** John Aller, Cathy Aller, Richard Browning Jr., Kathy Chaney, Mark Chaney, Sally Coad, Warren Coad, Kay Davis, Sam Davis, Carol Farrell, Mark Fitzgerald, Barbara Martinez, Dwight Hambley, Shannon Hambley, Denise Harris, David Harris, Jennifer McPheeters, Daniel Motichkek, Clifford Peter, Sherry Love, Mike Sterling, Melissa Sterling, Matthew Price, Randall Price, Linda Reeve, Carl Shafer, Sherry Shafer, Sean Silverman, and Jennifer Wolf. Other non-members present who did not sign the circulated attendance page, included Mrs. Browning, Bella Peter, and Adrienne Huestis as well as others whose names were not recorded.

**Meeting Began:** At **6:30 PM**, following the Dexter Show at the Wilson County Fair.

**Meeting Called to Order:** President Sally Coad called the meeting to order and the attendance form was passed for members and guests to sign.

1. Sally Coad reported on the progress and business of the Club since its inception on March 11, 2017.
2. Warren Coad, Interim Treasurer, provided attendees with a copy of his report, showing starting balance; membership fees collected from March 11, 2017 through June 30, 2017; membership fees collected for 2017-18; expenses; donations; and a checking account balance of \$3,776.08 as of 8-21-17. **A motion for acceptance of the treasurer's report was made by Sam Davis, seconded by Dwight Hambley, and was unanimously approved.**
3. Cathy Aller, Secretary, provided a written report to attendees which shows there were 74 memberships in 2017 with 114 members. For the 2017-18 year which began 7-1-17, renewals and new memberships brought the number of memberships to 79 and our number of members to 118, as of 8-21-17. **Melissa Sterling made the motion to approve the report. Sam Davis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
4. Mark Chaney, Eastern TN Regional Representative and chair of the Promotional Apparel Committee, provided a written report for attendees. Melissa Sterling and Matt Price also serve on this committee. Several styles of T-Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Polos, Tanks, and V-Necks are available. The vendor for promotional apparel is Lynchburg T-Shirt Company, and they provide the Club with \$5 for each shirt purchased. **Denise Harris made a motion to approve the report. Jennifer McPheeters seconded the motion, and the report was unanimously approved.**
5. Sally Coad reported on the Club's 501 status, informing the Club that the paperwork will be completed in about two weeks and mailed to the IRS for approval. There is a \$400 application fee which will not be refunded if the 501 application is denied. Membership will be kept up to date on the progress or denial of this status.

6. Sally Coad reported on the Club's Corporate Sponsors: Springtime Supplements ([www.springtimeinc.com](http://www.springtimeinc.com)), Lookout Mountain Genetics ([www.lookoutmountaingenetics.com](http://www.lookoutmountaingenetics.com)), Purebred Dexter Cattle Association ([www.purebreddextercattle.com](http://www.purebreddextercattle.com)), Legacy Dexter Cattle Registry ([www.legacydextercattleregistry.com](http://www.legacydextercattleregistry.com)), and Biotracking ([www.biotracking.com](http://www.biotracking.com)). We appreciate their support and generosity.

## **New Business**

1. **Formation of Committees:** Sally briefly stated that the Club wants to add committees that will take us another step toward meeting the goals of promoting the Dexter breed and enabling breeders to gain the most from their efforts. Committees suggested included ones aimed at networking to coordinate the sale of Dexter products, attracting youth into experiences such as showing and raising, and increasing the number of corporate sponsors. Members were encouraged to contact their regional representatives, or Matt Price, Cathy Aller, and Sally Coad if they wish to volunteer to serve on these or other committees that interest them.
2. **Openings Available:** Sally stated that we have openings for interested volunteers in the positions of Western TN Regional Representative and Out-of-State Representative. There were no volunteers or nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept Lisa Sabo as the Out-of-State Representative, (currently held by Lisa Sabo as interim). **Matt Price made the motion for Lisa Sabo to fill the position. It was seconded by Bill Stewart, and the motion passed unanimously.** The club will accept letters of interest and resumes from qualified individuals for the Treasurers position. This is a volunteer position and Warren Coad, who has a lengthy background of financial record keeping has volunteered as interim until the club can find a qualified replacement. All letters of interest and resumes should be sent to VP Matt Price.
3. **More Discussion of Committee Formation and Leadership:** It would benefit the club and its members if committees were formed and run by members. Some examples of committees that the President feels necessary are a Beef Marketing Committee with goals towards a membership based "Carnivore" CSA, a Dairy Marketing Committee to help those interested in starting to milk or market milk products and a Youth Committee to recognize, support and recruit the future of our organization. Sally announced that a new goal that she would like to achieve by the 2018 Wilson County Fair is to obtain enough sponsorships to give a heifer to a youth who shows promise in raising Dexters – but that won't happen unless we start getting youth involved and active within the club.
4. **Upcoming Events:**
  - a. Saturday August 26 - A General Information Clinic at Freedom Farms will include topics that come from the visitors who attend the clinic. 9 am to 4 pm ET. All interested in attending contact Sally or Warren Coad or just show up at anytime during the clinic. This is not a formal clinic with strict agenda and will be completely based on the needs and questions of those that attend. The clinic is free to club members. Freedom Farms LLC, 320 Buckner Rd., Philadelphia, TN 37846

- b. September 14, 2017 – ENTRY DEADLINE 8/25/17. Tennessee Valley Fair: <http://tnvalleyfair.org/agriculture.html> Dexters will be judged at 2 pm on Thursday, September 14. Thanks to Club Members generous Sponsorship a Club Banner will be displayed in the Show Ring every day of the 10 day Fair.
- c. AI Clinic: Due to the great success of the first AI Workshop held on July 22 – Open Enrollment is taking place for a second one. Please contact your regional Representative if you are interested in attending an AI clinic this Fall. Pricing for club members will be a low \$115 which includes a catered lunch. The date is to be determined once there are 15+ folks signed up and it will be circulated to those on the list for approval. There is a 20 person limit for this workshop.

**5. Open Discussion:** The Club needs volunteers to host or set up Club Events. Events do not need to be specifically Dexter related – but should be either agricultural in nature or on some topic that will further help and assist in the success and knowledge base of our club members. Lookout Mountain Genetics (Ft. Payne, Alabama) has offered a Club outing to view their facility and bull collection, semen handling and storage facility. Interested members should contact their regional representatives. The President indicated her hopes that everyone is visiting the website often for updates on club events, sale animals, new members etc. the website does take time and effort to create and update and she hopes that the membership is taking full advantage of those efforts.

**6. Awards Ceremony:**

Many awards were presented and recognition given for those who showed Dexters at the Fair, and for those who deserved to be honored in other ways. The DCCT Facebook page includes a file of the results of the showing. Congratulations are deserved by all. Awards were made possible by the corporate sponsors and did not cost the club a penny. Awards included a small grooming kit for both youth participants in the show, as well as the member who brought the most Dexters to show. A Sullivan's Show Halter with Engraved (Dexter Cattle Club of Tennessee) Plate was awarded to each of the class winners as well as the member who travelled the furthest to attend. Embroidered Directors chairs were provided to the Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions of each of the 3 divisions (Female, Bull, Steer). Most members also received a "Where were You" Koozie signifying Total Eclipse Day. Trophies were also presented in the show ring to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions which were also paid for by our Sponsors. Wilson County Fair awarded ribbons, Rosettes, Banners for show participants as well as cash premiums for everyone who competed.

**Adjournment:** Since there was no other business to discuss, ***Cliff Peter* made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by *Kathy Chaney*, and the motion was passed unanimously at 7:20 PM.**

**Group Photo:** A group photo behind the sponsorship banners was taken of many of the folks that attended the show and meeting