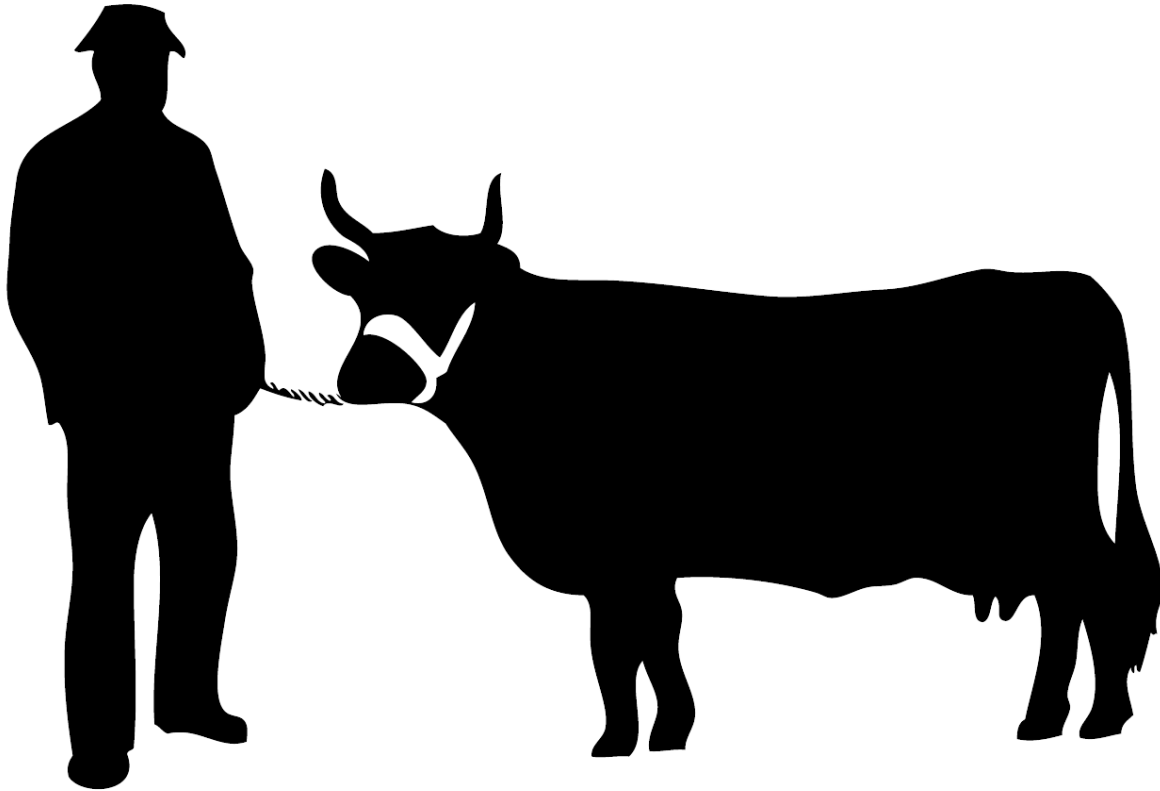


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New Zealand (Inc)



2014

Annual General Meeting

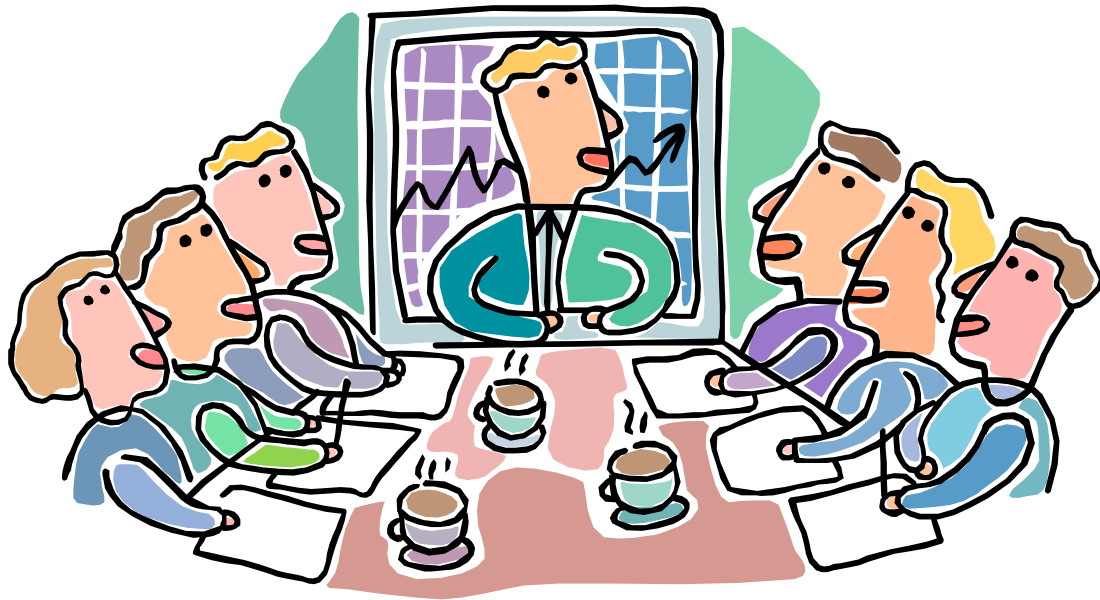
7 June 2014

Butterfly Creek

12 Tom Pearce Drive

Auckland Airport

2014 AGM Programme



FRIDAY, 6 JUNE

Travel to Auckland

Heartland Hotel, 14 Airpark Drive, Mangere (2km from airport)

6:30pm Informal, casual get together over dinner (at own cost)

SATURDAY, 7 JUNE

Butterfly Creek, 12 Tom Pearce Drive, Auckland Airport

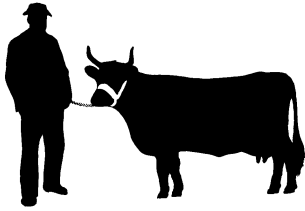
8:30am	Registrations
9:00am (sharp)	AGM Commences
10:00am	Morning Tea (complimentary)
10:20am	AGM Continues
12:30pm	Lunch (complimentary)
1:15pm	AGM Continues
2:30pm (ish)	AGM Concludes
6:00pm	Meet in Bar for pre-dinner drinks
6:30pm	AGM Dinner (\$40 per person) — Bring a wrapped bottle for the auction
	See website for further instructions.

SUNDAY, 8 JUNE

9:00am	The bus will collect everybody from Heartland/Sudima and Ibis hotels, as well as Butterfly Creek before the trip commences. A complimentary lunch will be provided. (Return no later than 4pm).
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Annual General Meeting Agenda

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Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc.)

Minutes of the 14th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Lincoln University, Christchurch , 8 June, 2013

Council June 2012 – June 2013

President – Steve Ring

Treasurer – Grant Keymer

Secretary – Robyn Snelgar

Membership – Maureen Pettersson

Promotions – Bruce Jones (part year)/Garth Woodward (part year)

Showing & Judging – Betsy Smith

Area Groups – Garth Woodward

Webmaster – Grant Keymer

Dispatch liaison – Garth Woodward

Research – Di Burgess

Webmaster – Grant Keymer

Positions Held off Council

Dispatch Editor – Keith Wratt

Herd Registrar – Carol Ring

Complaints Officers -

North Island – Maggie Bentley

South Island – Julia Eden

Life Members

Alec Meades – 2004

Ian MacDonald - (the late) 2006

Pat (the late) & Patsy Leek – 2008

Nancy Edge – 2004

Peter Lucking - 2007

Keith Wratt - 2008

Meeting opened at 9.30am with a very warm welcome by the President Steve Ring to the 14th AGM of the society. Steve went over the house keeping rules and thanked Marion Mangnall for her efforts in organizing this AGM.

PRESENT:

Steve Ring, Carol Ring, Robyn Snelgar, Steve Snelgar, Grant Keymer,, Maureen Pettersson, Betsy Smith, Keith & Heather Wratt, Marion & Colin Corbett, Bruce Jones, Di Burgess, Garth & Jean Woodward, Marion Mangnall, Owen & Shirley Drummond, Lindsay Tatton, Callum Tatton, Marti Winn, Marion Read & Lee McAuston, Heather Cunningham, Tyna Charles, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Shirley Spik , Louise Ballentyne, Hamish Ensor, Angela & Richard Stevens, Sue Jones, Linda Searell, David Read & Tracey Dovey Reid, Helen Taylor, Ian Booth, Claire & John van Roon, Mary Howard, Merrilees Rebeck

APOLOGIES:

Wayne Pettersson, Brenda Batchar, Susan Monk, Grant & Andrew Conway, Rodney Cardinal, Don & Janice Viles, Wayne & Vince McBride, Dave & Rachel Curtis, Alan & Nicola Rothwell, Colin & Sandra Gibbs, Mike & Adriean Marfell-Jones, Nancy Edge, Dorothy & Gavin Gardiner, Claire Oliver, Barry & Lindsey Benbow, Julia Eden.

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Garth Woodward/Shirley Drummondcarried

Note from the secretary – Please accept my apologies for any omissions and/or spelling errors in the member list of those that are in attendance and the apologies. I do ask that names be printed clearly on the attendance, proxy & apology lists.

Thank you

Robyn Snelgar

Steve Ring welcomed everyone to Lincoln & went over general house-keeping & the plans for the meeting.

There was a minutes silence for members that have passed away during the previous 12 months

Hilton Perry - 7/01/2013 – Husband of Margaret Perry

Geraldine MacDonald – 11/05/2013 – Wife of the late Ian McDonald (life member)

Heather Cunningham spoke to Margaret Perry & the meeting about Hilton and passed her kindest thoughts on to her.

Steve Ring talked about Ian & Geraldine McDonald their contribution & the Snowline Trophy.

Tyna Charles expressed her thought to the members about Ian & Geraldine McDonald and the loss to the society.

Confirmation of Agenda

Items to be added to the agenda and discussed under General Business

Marion Corbett cattle temperament,

Betsy Smith - G2 Registration

Lindsay Tatton – Chondrodysplasia

Richard Stevens – Show venues

Bruce Jones – Breed Shows

THAT the agenda be accepted

Garth Woodward/ Betsy Smith.....carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

MINUTES OF THE 13th AGM June 2012:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting with the corrections as circulated held at the Angus Inn, Lower Hutt, Wellington, June 09, 2012 be accepted.

Moved by Marion Mangnall/Marti Winn.....carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2012/13 financial reports

Letter from Lindsay Tatton on chondrodysplasia

THAT the correspondence be accepted

Moved by Grant Keymer/Di Burgess.carried

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Steve thanked council for all their hard work over the last year. He thanked Steve and Robyn Snelgar for hosting the council f2f meetings, saving the society quite a lot of money. He thanked Carol (his wife) for taking over the Herd registrar position. This has taken a lot of pressure off the society and she has done an excellent job in processing registrations and transfers.

THAT the President's report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Steve Ring/Maureen Petterssoncarried unanimously

TREASURERS REPORT:

Grant gave an in-depth explanation of the Treasurers report.

He talked about the time of year that members renew their subs in relationship to income at the time of writing his report.

The reprint of the Breeders Handbook was a large expense but a one of and we should have enough to last for some time.

Members that do not renew their subs by November will not receive a Dispatch and this will also save quite a bit of money

Grant commended Carol for clearing up the back log of registrations and transfers and noted what a difference this has made to the members.

The final stages of the Herd Registry upgrade has been completed to date with \$600.00 left, for any final adjustments, of the \$10,000.00 approved at the Gisborne AGM.

The Herd Book is now available online at www.dexter-cattle.co.nz (the society website). Printing paper herd books was becoming quite costly.

The budget has a couple of alterations due to timing – AGM date versus the date of writing the budget

The Herd Registry upgrade depleted the society funds and interest rates have dropped so interest earned is less.

Grant asked if there are any advertising claims still to come in for the National Open Day. There are still a bit to sort out in this area.

This year the AGM booklet was online rather than hard copies posted. Saving around \$800.00.

There is no Open Day next year and having the Herd Registry now complete will see extra funds in the society bank account next year.

We still have merchandise for sale that we are trying to clear.

Heather Cunningham queried the amount in the savings account and Grant explained this is often due to the time of year and income at that time.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2012 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Grant Keymer/Garth Woodward.....carried unanimously

THAT the Treasurers report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Grant Keymer/Mary Howard.....carried unanimously

Heather Wratt thanked Grant for his hours of work as Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Maureen Pettersson presented her annual report and explained the graphs in the report.

Membership is slightly down this year but is as expected.

Maureen talked about the reasons for declining membership. One of the main reason being selling lifestyle blocks and moving back to town.

Total Current/Life – 374

Total Resigned (42 in 2012/2013) - 253

Total Lapsed (57 in 2012/2013) – 395

Deceased Merged - 6

Total Membership to date - 1028

THAT the Membership report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted..

Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Marti Winn.....carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned for 20 minutes for morning tea at 10.00am.

Meeting reconvened 10.20am

AREA GROUPS:

Garth Woodward asked for any feedback on area groups. He also explained to members his health issues and looks forward to a more productive and positive coming year.

THAT the Area Groups report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.

Moved by Garth Woodward/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

SHOWING AND JUDGING:

Betsy Smith briefly went over her report.

Margaret Perry talked about the steer class at the breed show. She felt it was important to show a good example of a meat animal.

Various members passed comments and what different shows have.

Tyna Charles said that at Christchurch has a butchers competition but it is not part of the actual showing and judging section.

Betsy explained that we must run our shows in accordance with the RAS & DCSNZ rules.

There has been a bit of confusion over steer classes

Individual A&P shows are able to have a steer class if they choose. They have their own rules and members would need to consult with shows to have classes added.

Mary Howard felt that eliminating steers is restricting the amount of members that are able to exhibit at shows.

Betsy Smith explained that individual shows are able to have other classes if they choose but steers and grades are not eligible to go into the Champion competition.

Royal shows do not allow steers or grade animals.

Betsy also explained that there had been very few steers at shows over the last year and so she took that as good indicator and is the reason steer classes have been removed.

At our Breed Shows we are able to add classes to suit our society.

Betsy explained the members need to go to their local A&P show meetings and have their say at a local level.

Angela & Richard Stevens felt that Canterbury was not a good show for Dexters.

There were discussions on cattle not of whole colour being shown. She explained the difficulty to police members that do not adhere to the breed standard.

Carol Ring said that more members are registering their Dexters later now that that they can be done up to 2 years old so this should assist when cattle go through colour changes at a young age. Members are being more particular about what they register

Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy.

The SNOWLINE TROPHY was won by GPC Stud, Penny & Gareth Copsey with 33 points . They were not at the AGM.

Betsy went over the origin, history and criteria for the Snowline Trophy.

Turoa Youth Trophy was won by Arjen Pederson with 250 points.

Keith Wratt talked about the trophy and its origin as he and his wife donated the trophy.

THAT the Showing & Judging report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted..
Moved by Betsy Smith/Marti Winn.....carried unanimously

PROMOTIONS:

Betsy Smith and Garth Woodward have been sharing this role over the last 12 months.
Steve asked for feed-back on the Open day in the South Island.
Marion Corbett suggested that the society take care of National advertising and the area groups look after the local advertising.
Marti Winn said some X farmers came to their stud and said to thank the organizers for arranging a National Open Day.
Carol Ring suggested that we look at some new merchandise. Christmas cards, wall planners, calendars, re-useable shopping bags were suggested.

THAT the promotions report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted. Moved by Betsy Smith & Garth Woodward/Carol Ring.....carried unanimously

WEBSITE:

Grant Keymer did an on screen presentation of the website and the new herd registry.
In-depth pedigrees are now available and photos can also be included.
There are many search combinations available.
Searches can be done by any combination of the following – stud, owner, breeder, colour, grade, area, Sire, horns, animal name etc.
The data on the website is current to within a couple of days.
There is a hypothetical mating sheet available. Date of birth can be calculated according to mating date. Sire and dam details can be entered to show the hypothetical pedigree from a mating.
There are various options available online to members through the 'member's area.'
This is not available to the public and you must be logged on to access it.
Member details can also be researched online.
All cattle can now be registered online. A trial was carried out on females only and it has now been rolled out to all animals. Dna profiles must be done prior to registering bulls online.
Potential issues with possible Bull certificates were also discussed.
Robyn Snelgar thanked Grant for the huge job and the hours taken to set up the new register and what an asset it is to the society to have someone with his expertise on council.

THAT the Website report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Moved by Grant Keymer/Heather Cunningham.....carried unanimously

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

Di Burgess informed the members that this is the end of her term on council and wished council all the best.
Tyna Charles talked about members giving feedback on what topics they would like to have researched. Maureen said she has had feedback from members saying that Di's Dispatch articles have been very informative
Marti Winn asked about the research project being done by BOP Polytech. Keith Wratt explained that Sue Barclay seemed to have disappeared so this is discontinued.
Steve thanked Di for contribution to council.

THAT the Research & Development report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Moved by Di Burgess/Heather Cunningham.....carried unanimously

HERD REGISTRY REPORT:

Carol Ring reported she is up to date with registrations and transfers.
Carol has a supply dna envelopes at the AGM for members
Betsy Smith said the chondrodysplasia tests are available at the Queensland lab, very easy and good service.
Marti Winn asked what the total Dexters are registers.
The last number is 6626.

THAT the Herd Registrars report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Moved by Carol Ring/Carol Ring.....carried unanimously

DISPATCH REPORT:

This year marks the end of Keith Wratt's term as Dispatch Editor. Keith talked about his time as Editor and thanked the members for their contribution.
Angela Stevens will take over as Editor and was introduced to the members.
Steve thanked Keith for his work and also his wife Heather for her support over the years.

THAT the Dispatch report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted.
Moved by Keith Wratt/ Marti Winn..... carried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

The new council was announced. An election was not required.

President	Steve Ring	(unopposed)
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(sitting)
	Maureen Pettersson	(sitting)
	Betsy Smith	(sitting)
	Garth Woodward	(sitting)
	Grant Keymer	(unopposed)
	Richard Stevens	(unopposed, new)

Positions held Off Council:

Herd Registrar	Carol Ring	
Dispatch Editor	Angela Stevens	
Complaints	Maggie Bentley	unopposed – North Island
Officers	Di Burgess	unopposed - South Island

Ratify the new council and complaints officers

THAT the new council and complaints officers, as named above, be accepted

Moved by Tyna Charles/Heather Cunninghamcarried unanimously

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.25pm

Meeting Reconvened at

REMITs

Remit 1

THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change however due to ongoing increases in cost and reductions in costs an increase will be put forward next year.

Proposed by council

For - 47.....carried unanimously

Remit 2

THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change.

Proposed by council

For – 47.....carried unanimously

Remit 3

THAT transfer fees remain the same for the next year

Rationale - There is no need to make any change

Proposed by council

For – 47.....carried unanimously

Remit 4

THAT the complaints process be amended to the following -

3. MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS– Complaints Procedures

A complaint may be made against any Member who refuses to abide by the requirements of the Constitution, Regulations, or Code of Ethics of the Society, or whose actions are considered prejudicial to the Society's Objects.

- (a) Any person or organisation may make a complaint to the Council that the conduct of a member of the Society is or has been injurious to the character of the Society. Every such complaint must be in writing and will only be accepted as an official complaint if delivered to the Secretary within 90 days of the alleged incident.
- (b) If a complaint is made against the current secretary the complaint will be lodged with the president in the first instance.
- (c) If a complaint is made against any other council member, that member will be excluded from any discussion pertaining to this matter.

- (d) The secretary will advise council of any such complaint and decide if any further action needs to be taken.
- (e) If council is able to assist in a resolution all practicable steps will be taken to do so.
- (f) If necessary Council will refer the matter to the Complaints Officer(s) to investigate who will report their recommendations back to the secretary within 30 days.
- (g) The secretary will communicate the recommendations to council.
- (h) Council will consider the complaints officers report and will then proceed at their discretion with a final decision which will be binding on all parties and may include suspension or cancellation of offending party's membership.
- (i) If this complaint becomes a dispute it will be dealt with as a Dispute in accordance with the Constitution.

A member expelled by the Council may within thirty (30) days give written notice of appeal to the Secretary. The Secretary will then call a Special General Meeting to take place within sixty (60) days of receipt of the notice of appeal. If the decision of Council is upheld there will be no further right of appeal but if that meeting passes a resolution rescinding the expulsion, the member will be reinstated immediately.

Rationale - To ensure future complaints are handled according to due process in a fair and impartial manner. Proposed by council.

For – 47.....carried unanimously

Remit 5

THAT the following be added to the transfer process of the regulations –

In the event of a non-member selling previously registered Dexters to a DCSNZ full paid ,member , these cattle are able to be transferred to that person with all the original rights of registered Dexters. The cattle will be inspected to confirm their identity by sighting at least 1 but preferable both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph.

Any registration forms to be returned to Herd Registrar, along with payment for transfer.

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. Any cow/heifer purchased in-calf, proof will be required that the sire is a registered Dexter bull and is owned by a current financial member of DCSNZ..

Rationale – This would set out clear guidelines for the Herd Registrar when handling these transfer situations.

Proposed by council.

For -24, Against – 19..... carried

Remit 6

THAT Regulations 7.2 (a) & 7.3(b) be updated to meet the requirements of the online Registration and Herd book systems to the following -

7.2 Prefix (Stud Name) –

- (a) All members of the Society who wish to breed and register Dexter cattle are required to register a unique name as a Prefix. The Prefix may be up to 15 characters in length (including spaces).

7.3 Animal Name:

- (a) Each animal must be identified by a unique given name commencing with and including the Prefix. Duplications of the spelling and pronunciation of the given name will not be accepted.
- (b) The animal's full name including the Prefix shall not exceed 35 characters in length (including spaces).

Rationale – This is a house keeping requirement needed for the new system to function correctly and effectively.

Note – The only change to the current regulation is the number of characters allowed.

Proposed by council.

For – 47.....carried unanimously

GENERAL BUSINESS:

There were discussions on chondrodysplasia. Lindsay Tatton talked about her concerns with this. She felt that there are a lot of new members that did not have enough information about this condition. She felt that there needed to be more information made available to members on how to manage this condition.

Robyn Snelgar informed Lindsay and the meeting that since testing became available there have not been that many reported cases of bull dog calves. Also that there are members that breed carrier to carrier intentionally as they like the smallest Dexter's and are prepared to take the risk to breed the type of Dexter's they prefer.

Members breeding choices and/or the outcomes of these is not council responsibility. However it was acknowledged that members do need to be informed.

Marion Corbett talked about her concerns with cattle temperament. There have been reports of disillusioned new members that have purchased Dexters from existing members that have been very bad tempered. It is disappointing to see this happening rather than unruly Dexters being culled. Often these are bought unseen. It is noted that it is recommended that cattle are viewed prior to purchase to make individual assessment of temperaments.

Betsy Smith - G2 Registration
Richard Stevens – Show venues

South Island Breed Show
South Island members informed the meeting that Christchurch was not a good choice of venue for a breed show. It is a 3 day event and held from Wednesday – Friday. Because of this it was believed that there would be very few entries (if any) for this show

North Island Breed Show
Bruce Jones said that Council wouldn't let it be held in the Manawatu. Betsy gave a brief resume of the proposal the Jones' had put forward. They had been asked to submit a revised proposal to Council, but had never done so. There was no further discussion on this. Betsy explained the reasoning behind the NIBS being held elsewhere for the next 2 years ie the Royal Show is being hosted by the Manawatu Consortium. It was suggested that the NIBS be held in the Manawatu the following season ie 2015/16

National Open Day
We talk about the National Day and how we should do it in the future. Marion Corbett talked about council advertising in the major rural papers like Farmers Weekly. It was queried how many actually read this paper. Area reps could advertise in their own local media.

2014 AGM
15th AGM 7 & 8 June, 2014 will be held at Auckland.

Note -
SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD
There were no special service awards to be presented this year.

Meeting closed 3.00p.m.

Vice – President - Betsy Smith.....

Date.....

Vice President's Report

As you will be aware, there have been some office-holder changes within the Society during the past year. Following Steve Ring's resignation as President towards the end of last year, it has fallen to me as Vice President to step in as Acting President until the 2014 AGM. I would like to acknowledge Steve's contribution to Council and the Dexter Society both as a Councillor and as President.

There were also other resignations in 2013: -

Richard Stevens from Council

Carol Ring as Herd Registrar

Angela Stevens as Dispatch Editor

Richard's position was not filled as Council still had a quorum. Hopefully there have been nominations from the membership to form an active, committed Council who will work together to lead the Society forward from the 2014 AGM.

To assist with the demands of the Herd Registrar's role, Council decided to formally split the tasks between two members, creating Herd Registrar (HR) and Herd Registrar's Assistant (HR Assist) roles. This is working very well, thanks in large part to the two very able and conscientious members – Tony Houlbrooke (Herd Registrar) and Mary Howard (Herd Registrar's Assistant) – who agreed to step into these respective roles.

Many thanks go to Grant Keymer for supporting Tony and Mary during this changeover and for being available to provide on-going backup. The operation of the new Herd Registry has continued to run smoothly with the exception of a few 'out of the ordinary' scenarios.

I wish to thank Carol Ring for her work as Herd Registrar and to acknowledge her commitment to the role.

It is unfortunate that the Dispatch Editor, who took over the reins following Keith Wratt's resignation at the last AGM, felt that she was unable to continue in the role. After Angela Stevens' resignation as Editor, and much discussion by Council, Maureen Pettersson 'stepped up to the plate' and has produced three very creditable issues, managing to keep costs to a minimum. This has resulted in considerable savings for the Society. Well done, Maureen.

The changes I have outlined may have been perceived by some members as indicative of the beginning of the demise of the DCSNZ. This is far from true. The Society is in good shape – financially and technologically and it has had a committed group of office-holders, both on and off Council. This combination has seen every effort being made to carry the Society forward while keeping the best interests of the membership to the fore. I trust that this will continue with the newly elected Council.

I would like to thank Nancy Edge for working closely with Council since last November, in her co-opted role as Chairperson. Nancy's vast knowledge and expertise have assisted Council to gain clarity when dealing with several challenging issues over the past eight months.

To preserve the integrity of a Council elected by the membership, all current Council members have voluntarily stepped down and offered themselves for re-election at the 2014 AGM.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and professionalism of Council members during what has, at times, been a challenging year. Each person has played a valuable part and brought his/her own special skills and attributes to the team. In addition to the members I have already mentioned, Grant Keymer has done an outstanding job as Treasurer and Webmaster. Garth Woodward has held a challenging, and at times, frustrating portfolio (Area Groups) as well as Promotions. His health has been his main concern over the past year but it's good to see that this has now improved. Special thanks must go to Robyn Snelgar for the enormous amount of time she has continued to devote to her secretarial duties this year and also to the time and energy she has put into organizing this year's AGM.

In addition to the HR and HR Assist, the Complaints Officers also hold positions off Council. I would like to thank both current Complaints Officers, Maggie Bentley and Dia Burgess, for their input over the past year.

A new role, endorsed by Council, has recently been confirmed – Brenda Batchelar has taken up the challenge of researching articles and items of interest for publication in the Dispatch. I look forward to some interesting reading in the future.

I trust that members will make an effort to attend the AGM and that those of you who do will find it an informative and enjoyable weekend.

— Betsy Smith

Treasurer's Report 2013/14

On following pages you will find an audited copy of the society's accounts to 31/3/14, and the proposed budgets for the coming year to 31/3/15. Here is my analysis of the accounts for the year that has passed:

Membership Functions

Subscription Renewals for the year have worked out pretty much according to budget, which is a pleasing result.

New member signups have totalled about \$400 more than last year, and new herd/stud registrations have added almost a further \$200. Last year, we had a total of 372 financial members, including 5 life members. As at 31st March we had 352 financial/life members, which is a drop of 20, following on from the drop of 47 members during the previous year — a total decrease in membership of 67 over the past 2 years. In recent months, this trend has shown signs of reversing, and if that happens, we could reasonably expect to see a small increase in membership this year.

With membership renewals more-or-less according to budget, new member signups comfortably exceeding budget, and membership expenses below budget, the overall surplus from membership has exceeded budget by \$700 — a very pleasing result.

Due to a difference in timing of payments from last year, we have ended up paying for 5 Dispatch issues this year, instead of the normal 4. Consequently, the printing cost is about \$1300 above budget, but this will revert to normal next year. However, we have still saved almost \$2400 compared to last year, resulting from a change in the printing process used.

Cattle Functions

Income from Registrations, Transfers and DNA Profiling was pretty much according to budget for the year. Herd Registry expenses however, were well below budget, producing a surplus of about \$1100 more than anticipated. A great outcome considering that we have had a change of Herd Registrar during the year!

The Advertising budget for the National Open Day was hugely underspent! Only one Area Group spent all of their \$200 allocation, out of the 13 that were available. For next year, we have decided to let each Area Group organise promotional activities suited to their own requirements, and increase the funding cap to \$400 per year.

Area Group Support also came out well below the amount budgeted, although some of the funds available have been utilised recently with the BoP group sponsoring ribbons for 2 local A&P shows, the Waikato group sponsoring ribbons at the Morrinsville A&P show, and a small amount was used in the merchandise clearance auction.

The auction of surplus merchandise raised \$325, compared with the cost price of about \$1,300 i.e. a \$1,000 loss. This was unavoidable as the society had made some bad purchasing decisions in previous years, resulting in a stock of merchandise that nobody wanted, except at fire-sale prices. The remaining inventory will largely be given out to new members with their sign-up packs, or in the case of the Lapel Pins, most will be distributed to attendees at the upcoming AGM. A significant quantity of brochures is distributed at A&P shows each year, so these will be utilised over time.

Admin Functions

Interest income slightly exceeded budget, and expenses were lower than budget, so once again, we have a small increase from the budgeted surplus.

Council Travel Expenditure is well below budget because of the drastic reduction in council numbers. Whilst a large increase in workload has resulted for those of us who remain, we are now in a position to return to a full complement of councillors, with the funds available to pay for increased travel costs.

Expenditure on the AGM was reined in much more tightly last year, resulting in a saving of about \$1300 compared to the previous year's AGM in Wellington. Credit must go to Marion Mangnall for finding such cost-effective venues, and also to my initiative regarding a different method for printing the AGM booklet.

Summary

Overall the Society made a surplus of \$5,385 against a budgeted deficit of \$3,511 (refer to INCOME STATEMENT page).

On the BALANCE SHEET, Accumulated Funds total \$39,508 which is over \$5,000 more than in March last year.

We can continue using our surplus funds to cover any deficits for some years yet, and avoid increasing subs. The Auckland AGM will be considerably more expensive than last year's one in Lincoln, and we are looking at increased travel expenditure once we have more councillors on board. All things considered though, the society's finances continue to be in very good shape.

Budgets for 2013-14

I won't bore you with a blow-by-blow justification of each and every amount in the budget, but rather seek to highlight anything that is significantly different to the previous year:

Membership Functions

As a result of changing printing company and printing method for the Dispatch, we are expecting to save a further \$6,000 compared to last year. Postage is set to rise on 1st July, so we have purchased 2 years worth of stamps for the Dispatch, saving over \$500 during that time.

Cattle Functions

As mentioned earlier, we are not intending to run another National Open Day next year, hence the Advertising budget has been slashed. \$900 has been set aside for show ribbons, trophies etc, the same as it was last year. A quantity of promotional pens will have been purchased by the time you read this, so \$400 is budgeted for that. The funding cap for each Area Group has been increased to \$400, allowing for more flexibility in the type of events that could be covered. For example, a stand at an expo could now be paid for, whereas previously it was too expensive.

Admin Functions

An increased amount has been budgeted for Council Travel this year, in case we end up with more councillors. In the event that the budget remains unspent (as happened last year), the funds will be left in the savings account.

The net cost of this year's AGM to the society is expected to be approximately \$3700, or about \$2500 more than last year. This is largely a result of Auckland being a much more expensive venue than Lincoln. We could have chosen a conference centre well out of town, but travel costs from the airport would have mounted up for members flying in from around the country. The close proximity of Butterfly Creek to the airport, makes organising transport very simple.

Summary

This year's projected deficit is a modest one at \$1276. Based upon previous years, it is unlikely that all of the Area Group funding will be taken up, but we have provided for it nonetheless. The allowance for council travel is probably also on the generous side. My expectation therefore is a small surplus, in the \$3000 to \$5000 range. Keeping in mind that we still have 2 Term Deposits totalling \$14,500, and more than \$20,000 in the savings account, it should be possible to hold subscriptions at their current level for several more years.

— Grant Keymer

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Financial Statements As at 31st March 2014

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AUDIT REPORT

To The Members of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated

I have audited the financial statements on pages 2 to 8, which provides information about the past financial performance of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated and its financial position as at 31 March 2014.

Committee's Responsibilities:

The Committee is responsible for the preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the Society as at 31 March 2014.

Auditor's Responsibilities:

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Committee.

Basis of Opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing the significant estimates and judgements made by the Committee in the preparation of this financial report and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Society's circumstances, are consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand except where my work was limited as explained below. I planned and performed the audit so as to obtain all the information and explanation which I considered necessary in order to obtain sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial report.

Other than in my capacity as auditor, I have no relationship with, or interest in the Society.

Qualified Opinion

In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over the revenues prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. In this respect alone I have not obtained all the information and explanation that I required.

In my opinion except as noted above, the financial reports fairly reflect the results of operation for the year ended 31 March 2014.

My audit report was completed on 14 May 2014 and my qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



Paul Wollaston B.Com, CA

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Financial Statements As at 31st March 2014

Date of Formation:	31 March 2001
Registered Number:	1027756
Organisation Type:	Incorporated Society
Registered Office	92a Takanini-Clevedon Road Ardmore RD2 Papakura 2582
Bankers:	Westpac New Zealand Whangarei Branch 36 - 40 Rathbone Street PO Box 747 Whangarei
Auditor:	Paul Wollaston 17 Williams Road RD3 Pyes Pa Tauranga 3178

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Membership Functions

As at 31st March 2014

	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
	Actual	Actual	Budget
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			
Income			
Subscription Renewals	\$15,460	\$17,537	\$15,850
New Members	\$2,700	\$2,335	\$2,000
New Herd / Stud Registration	\$925	\$800	\$750
	\$19,085	\$20,672	\$18,600
Expenses			
Breeders Handbook		\$3,018	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$544	\$143	\$700
General Expenses			\$50
	\$544	\$3,161	\$750
Surplus	\$18,541	\$17,511	\$17,850
<u>DISPATCH</u>			
Income			
Advertising	\$63	\$470	\$300
	\$63	\$470	\$300
Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$2,629	\$2,303	\$2,456
Printing	\$6,938	\$9,313	\$5,622
Travel	\$273	\$82	\$100
	\$9,839	\$11,698	\$8,178
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$9,777)	(\$11,228)	(\$7,878)
MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$8,764	\$6,284	\$9,972

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Cattle Functions As at 31st March 2014

	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
	Actual	Actual	Budget
<u>HERD REGISTRY</u>			
Income			
Registration Fees	\$4,395	\$4,325	\$3,800
Transfer Fees	\$3,631	\$4,500	\$4,000
DNA Profiling	\$984	\$1,189	\$1,050
Brass Tags	\$45	\$15	\$20
Herd Book Income		\$40	
	\$9,055	\$10,069	\$8,870
Expenses			
General & Travel Expenses	\$118	\$616	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$745	\$890	\$900
DNA Profiling	\$783	\$1,105	\$1,000
Brass Tags	\$318	\$322	\$320
Registry Upgrade Project	\$1,294	\$8,028	\$1,973
	\$3,257	\$10,961	\$4,193
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,797	(\$892)	\$4,678
<u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u>			
Income			
Merchandise	\$325	\$206	\$200
	\$325	\$206	\$200
Expenses			
Advertising	\$823	\$316	\$2,400
Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs	\$160	\$877	\$900
Brochures & Promotional Flyers			
Website	\$628	\$447	\$597
Merchandise Purchased			
Cost of Merchandise sold	\$1,380	\$176	\$300
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$136	\$12	\$100
RAS Affiliation/Delegate Fees	\$1,114	\$1,111	\$1,200
Area Group Support	\$411	\$471	\$2,900
	\$4,653	\$3,411	\$8,397
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,328)	(\$3,205)	(\$8,197)
CATTLE FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$1,469	(\$4,097)	(\$3,520)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Administration

As at 31st March 2014

	2013/14	2012/13	2013/14
	Actual	Actual	Budget
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Income			
Misc. Recoveries (Postage, Freight etc.)			
Interest Received (incl. Savings account)	\$871	\$970	\$800
Interest Accrued (Term Deposits/Savings)	\$199	\$218	
	\$1,071	\$1,188	\$800
Expenses			
Accountancy Fees	\$267	\$266	\$270
Bank Charges	\$169	\$169	\$170
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$89	\$77	\$100
Travel Expenses			
	\$525	\$513	\$540
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$545	\$675	\$260
<u>COUNCIL</u>			
Income			
Expenses			
Meeting Expenses	\$984	\$1,042	\$1,250
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$186	\$24	\$100
Travel Expenses	\$2,893	\$7,456	\$7,000
General Expenses	\$93		
	\$4,156	\$8,523	\$8,350
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,156)	(\$8,523)	(\$8,350)
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>			
Income			
Dinner	\$1,540	\$1,840	\$1,600
Raffle and Sponsorship	\$198		
	\$1,738	\$1,840	\$1,600
Expenses			
Booklet Printing		\$773	\$100
Nomination Forms	\$25	\$25	\$30
General Expenses		\$100	\$100
Venue Costs and Speaker	\$2,951	\$3,505	\$3,243
	\$2,976	\$4,403	\$3,473
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,238)	(\$2,563)	(\$1,873)
ADMINISTRATION			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,848)	(\$10,410)	(\$9,963)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Income Statement

As at 31st March 2014

	2013/14	2012/13	2012/13	2013/14
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
<u>SUMMARY</u>				
Surplus / (Deficit) from -				
Membership Functions	\$8,764	\$6,284	\$1,460	\$9,972
Cattle Functions	\$1,469	(\$4,097)	(\$11,623)	(\$3,520)
Administration	(\$4,848)	(\$10,410)	(\$10,540)	(\$9,963)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$5,385	(\$8,223)	(\$20,703)	(\$3,511)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Balance Sheet

As at 31st March 2014

	Note	2013/14	2012/13
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank Cheque Account	2	\$172	\$35
Savings Account	2	\$23,041	\$17,267
Term Deposits	2	\$14,500	\$14,500
Accrued Interest	2	\$199	\$218
Stock on Hand (at cost)	3	\$723	\$2,104
Prepayments - 2014 AGM		\$978	\$0
Total Current Assets		\$39,613	\$34,123
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred Revenue - 2014 AGM Raffle		\$105	\$0
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$39,508	\$34,123
Represented by:			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Opening Balance		\$34,123	\$42,346
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)		\$5,385	(\$8,223)
<u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		\$39,508	\$34,123

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Notes to the Financial Statements As at 31st March 2014

1 Statement of Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated is a Society formed and domiciled in New Zealand established under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The Financial Statements of Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated are general purpose financial statements which have been prepared according to generally accepted accounting practice.

Measurement Basis

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on a historical basis are followed by Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. For this purpose the society has designated itself as profit-oriented. The information is presented in New Zealand Dollars.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

- a Revenue*
Interest is accounted for using the effective interest method, i.e. as it is earned.
- b GST*
The financial statements are GST inclusive. Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated is not registered for GST.
- c Income Tax*
No provision for Income Tax has been made as there is no current or deferred tax payable.
- d Inventories*
Inventories are recorded at cost.
- e Investments*
Investments are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.
- f Differential Reporting*
Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated qualifies for differential reporting as it is not publicly accountable and it is small. Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated has taken advantage of all available differential reporting exemptions.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies from the previous financial year.

2 Term Deposits and Bank Accounts

Balances and Accrued Interest amounts are taken from the Westpac Bank Audit Certificate dated 15/04/14.

Term Deposits	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Accrued Interest at 31/3/14</u>	<u>Balance at 31/3/14</u>	<u>Balance at 31/3/13</u>
Westpac	25-Mar-15	4.00%	\$7	\$8,500	\$8,500
Westpac	12-Jun-14	4.00%	\$193	\$6,000	\$6,000
				\$14,500	\$14,500
Savings Account (Westpac)		2.55%		\$23,041	\$17,267
Cheque Account (Westpac)		0.00%		\$172	\$35
			\$199		

3 Stock on Hand Summary

<u>Item</u>	<u>Purchase price</u>	<u>Selling price</u>	<u>Remaining Stock</u>	<u>Total Sales</u>	<u>Value of stock</u>	<u>Value at 31/03/2013</u>
Number Plate Surrounds	\$10.81	\$15.00	3	\$30.00	\$32.43	\$54.05
Bookmark / Gestation Calendar	\$1.01	\$1.50	44	\$0.00	\$44.44	\$90.90
Coasters each	\$3.54	\$1.75	0	\$38.60	\$0.00	\$77.88
Personalised Name Badge	\$15.67	\$18.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Sticker	\$2.50	\$3.00	154	\$6.00	\$385.00	\$345.00
Lapel Pin	\$2.30	\$5.00	63	\$0.00	\$144.90	\$144.90
Thermal Mug (silver)	\$6.65	\$1.33	0	\$57.00	\$0.00	\$285.95
Thermal Mug (green)	\$5.40	\$1.48	0	\$34.00	\$0.00	\$124.20
Dexter A3 Decals (sheet)	\$19.00	\$1.00	0	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$266.00
Dexter Society Shirts	\$56.92	\$10.22	0	\$92.00	\$0.00	\$512.28
Dexter Society Polo Tops	\$36.15	\$37.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dexter Society Brochures	\$0.27	\$0.30	437	\$0.00	\$116.45	\$202.52
				\$271.60	\$723.22	\$2,103.68

4 Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at year end (2013: nil).

5 Commitments

The society did not have any capital commitments at year end (2013: nil).

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Membership Budget For the year ending 31st March 2015

	2013/14 Budget	2013/14 Actual	2014/15 Budget
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			
Income			
Subscription Renewals	\$15,850	\$15,460	\$15,600
New Members	\$2,000	\$2,700	\$2,500
New Herd / Stud Registration	\$750	\$925	\$1,000
Donations			
	\$18,600	\$19,085	\$19,100
Expenses			
Breeders Handbook			
Printing			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$700	\$544	\$600
General Expenses	\$50		
	\$750	\$544	\$600
Surplus	\$17,850	\$18,541	\$18,500
<u>DISPATCH</u>			
Income			
Advertising	\$300	\$63	\$100
	\$300	\$63	\$100
Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$2,456	\$2,629	\$4,256
Printing	\$5,622	\$6,938	\$3,200
Travel	\$100	\$273	\$100
	\$8,178	\$9,839	\$7,556
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$7,878)	(\$9,777)	(\$7,456)
MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$9,972	\$8,764	\$11,044

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Cattle Budget

For the year ending 31st March 2015

	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>HERD REGISTRY</u>			
Income			
Registration Fees	\$3,800	\$4,395	\$4,000
Transfer Fees	\$4,000	\$3,631	\$3,500
DNA Profiling	\$1,050	\$984	\$1,000
Brass Tags	\$20	\$45	\$50
	\$8,870	\$9,055	\$8,550
Expenses			
General & Travel Expenses		\$118	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$900	\$745	\$800
DNA Profiling	\$1,000	\$783	\$800
Brass Tags	\$320	\$318	\$320
Registry Upgrade Project	\$1,973	\$1,294	
	\$4,193	\$3,257	\$1,920
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$4,678	\$5,797	\$6,630
<u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u>			
Income			
Merchandise	\$200	\$325	
	\$200	\$325	
Expenses			
Advertising	\$2,400	\$823	
Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs	\$900	\$160	\$900
Brochures & Promotional Flyers			
Website	\$597	\$628	\$666
Merchandise Purchased			\$400
Cost of Merchandise sold	\$300	\$1,380	\$300
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$136	\$150
RAS Affiliation/Delegate Fees	\$1,200	\$1,114	\$1,200
Area Group Support	\$2,900	\$411	\$5,200
	\$8,397	\$4,653	\$8,816
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,197)	(\$4,328)	(\$8,816)
CATTLE FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,520)	\$1,469	(\$2,186)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Administration Budget For the year ending 31st March 2015

	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Income			
Misc. Recoveries (Postage, Freight etc.)			
Interest Received (incl. Savings account)	\$800	\$871	\$850
Interest Accrued (Term Deposits/Savings)		\$199	
	\$800	\$1,071	\$850
Expenses			
Accountancy Fees	\$270	\$267	\$270
Bank Charges	\$170	\$169	\$170
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$89	\$100
Travel Expenses			
	\$540	\$525	\$540
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$260	\$545	\$310
<u>COUNCIL</u>			
Income			
Expenses			
Meeting Expenses	\$1,250	\$984	\$1,200
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$186	\$200
Travel Expenses	\$7,000	\$2,893	\$5,000
General Expenses		\$93	
	\$8,350	\$4,156	\$6,400
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,350)	(\$4,156)	(\$6,400)
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>			
Income			
Dinner	\$1,600	\$1,540	\$2,000
Raffle and Sponsorship		\$198	\$405
	\$1,600	\$1,738	\$2,405
Expenses			
Booklet Printing	\$100		
Nomination Forms	\$30	\$25	\$30
General Expenses	\$100		\$1,745
Venue Costs and Speaker	\$3,243	\$2,951	\$4,674
	\$3,473	\$2,976	\$6,449
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,873)	(\$1,238)	(\$4,044)
ADMINISTRATION			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$9,963)	(\$4,848)	(\$10,134)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Budgeted Income

For the year ending 31st March 2015

	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
	Budget	Actual	Budget
<u>SUMMARY</u>			
Surplus / (Deficit) from -			
Membership Functions	\$9,972	\$8,764	\$11,044
Cattle Functions	(\$3,520)	\$1,469	(\$2,186)
Administration	(\$9,963)	(\$4,848)	(\$10,134)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$3,511)	\$5,385	(\$1,276)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Budgeted Balance Sheet For the year ending 31st March 2015

	Note	2014/15	2013/14
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		Budget	Actual
Bank Cheque Account	2	\$500	\$172
Savings Account	2	\$22,509	\$23,041
Term Deposits	2	\$14,500	\$14,500
Accrued Interest	2		\$199
Stock on Hand (at cost)	3	\$723	\$723
Prepayments - 2014 AGM			\$978
Total Current Assets		\$38,232	\$39,613
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred Revenue - 2014 AGM Raffle			\$105
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$38,232	\$39,508
Represented by:			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Opening Balance		\$39,508	\$34,123
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$1,276)	\$5,385
<u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		\$38,232	\$39,508

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

Membership Report 2013/14

As of the 1st April 2014 we have 347 financial Members and 5 Life Members, this being a total of **352**.

There were a total of **47 new members** in 2013/14, which is 3 less than 2012/13.

I thought perhaps we needed to think of encouraging prospective members to join now – rather than when they have bought their cattle or some join when they have their first calves on the ground. It has been decided to send all non-members who have had Dexters transferred into their names, a recent copy of the Dexter Dispatch and a Membership Application form, along with their Registration papers by the Herd Registrar.

We are down by 27 **from last year's membership** and resignations have gone up to 276, up 22 from last year. I would actually prefer members to give their resignations rather than members letting their membership lapse. We have had 3 members that have re-joined after resigning – 2 that wanted to sell their cattle within the Regulations of the DCSNZ, and another who changed their mind.

As at 1st April 2014

Financial Members	347
Life Members	5
Resigned Members	276
Lapsed Past Members	394
Lapsed 13/14 Members	45
Deceased/Merged	6
Total number of Members in file	1073

I feel that the DCSNZ membership is in a very healthy shape when compared to other organisations, which are struggling to survive. Income from membership was up from last year and expenses were down on the predicted 2013/14 budget so all in all a great result.

I would like to thank members that have signed up **New Members** when on-selling cattle. This gives these new Dexter owners a taste of what the DCSNZ has to offer its members, even with an **Associate membership for \$40**. These members then have the option to apply for a full membership when they want to breed and register their own Dexters.

I look forward to meeting many of the members at the 2014 AGM in Auckland on the 7th June.

— Maureen Pettersson

Showing and Judging Report 2012/13

Once again I would like to acknowledge the members who have shown their Dexters over the past season. Showing does involve work, but it can also be rewarding and a lot of fun.

A show does not just happen, however. Without the A&P Show organisers, judges, stewards and helpers on the day, the event would not run smoothly. I would like to thank everyone who supports and participates in showing Dexters. Judging by the amount of public interest in the Dexter ring and tie-up area at shows, it is a great way to promote the breed.

Due to family and work commitments some members who have exhibited their Dexters previously were unable to do so this season. However, there have been others joining the 'show circuit'.

Show results sent to me are forwarded to Grant for uploading to the website and to Maureen for publication in the Dispatch. The results on the website will create a historical record for future reference, so be sure to send them in if you wish to have them included.

The 2013/14 Royal Show was hosted by the Manawatu Consortium which had the contract for 2 seasons. The DCSNZ has been advised by the RAS Secretary that there will now be no Royal Show in 2014/15. Since the Dexter Society Royal Show Trophy will not be awarded, Council will recall the Trophy and hold it over until the following season. Hastings A&P has agreed to hold a Royal Event for beef cattle and sheep sections in 2014/15.

Paeroa and Waihi A&P Show Secretaries contacted me with an invitation to re-establish Dexter Sections at their shows in the past season. Both proved to be great venues and were well supported by members. The organisers of both shows would be delighted for Dexter members to continue to exhibit at their shows. I am hopeful that this will continue to be the case.

I received a message that Taumaranui A&P Society will also support Dexter entries at their show. Unfortunately there were insufficient members available in that area to show there last season. Maybe next year.....

The North Island Breed Show (NIBS) and South Island Breed Show (SIBS) were held at Rotorua and Gore respectively and were well-supported by members.

I encourage members to consider showing, particularly at the NIBS and SIBS, as these are the two annual Dexter Society Shows. All ribbons and the Supreme Champion Dexter Shields are provided by the DCSNZ. From the 2014/15 season, Council has agreed that all NIBS and SIBS ribbons will be ordered by the Society and sent to the respective host A&P Show Secretaries.

Council had previously stated that the NIBS would be offered to the Manawatu region after the Royal Show contract ended. Due to the changed circumstances regarding the Royal Show, I will make contact with the Feilding I, A&P Show Secretary, inviting them to host next season's NIBS.

The SIBS will be held in the Canterbury region in 2014/15, in line with the rotation decided by Council after discussion following last year's AGM. From feedback I received from some SI members, Canterbury does not appear to be a favoured venue for the SIBS. Both Oxford and Northern (Rangiora) A&P Show

Secretaries had expressed support for hosting the SIBS last year and may be open to hosting it next season. Venue TBC at the time of writing.

Positive comments continue to be made by both A&P Show personnel and the public with regard to the 'smart-looking' Dexter breed uniform worn by the majority of exhibitors.

The winners of the Snowline and Turoa Youth Trophies will once again be announced at the AGM and the Trophies presented.

Maureen and I have been asked by Council to represent the Dexter Society at the RAS Conference and AGM to be held in Wellington on 27-29 June. This promises to be a very informative weekend.

— Betsy Smith

Promotions Report 2013/14

This past year, as a result of holding an inventory of slow or non-moving promotional stock items, Council decided to offer up existing stock for sale to members by auction. This successfully cleared the stock and in future the intention is to carry minimal stock items and purchase to order as requested by members, better utilising Society funds.

Our Dexters have again been promoted at regional A&P shows around New Zealand this summer by enthusiastic members. Feedback would suggest that our membership is more comfortable participating with breed promotion at a regional level, feedback to be taken on board by the incoming Council members.

Most promotional activity this past year has been reported at the time through the Dexter Dispatch. I have nothing further to add in this regard other than to again thank those members who both organised and participated in the various events.

— Garth Woodward

Area Group Report 2013/14

Perusal of the May issue of the Dexter Dispatch will reveal that there are still some vacancies in the nationwide coverage of Area Representatives, while those named are to be commended for their ongoing commitment to both local members and the Society at large. Remember, if you wish to join this group and give back to the Society, all you need to do as a member is volunteer.

To assist Area Representatives with running organised activities it is proposed that \$400 per annum be available to each of the reps from the Treasurer upon presentation of receipts for reimbursement.

My predecessor in this role, in her 2012 AGM report, commented:

“Good communication is essential in all organisations, and in our Society it is variable at best. Many groups seem content quietly doing what they do. Other groups are busy. It is all according to those living in those areas – if they want action, then they become active. We cannot force our members to participate if they don't wish, let alone communicate with the Council. The new job descriptions for Area Reps don't seem to

make an awful lot of difference to the functioning of an Area Group; it all comes down to personalities and the members in the Group.”

I have to report to the membership that two years later those words are still relevant to this portfolio. Which is why, in my view, we should be grateful to those members who take on this role, or any other role within the Society for the benefit of the membership.

— Garth Woodward

Herd Registrar's Report 2014

The new arrangement with Herd Registrar and Assistant Registrar has settled into a reasonably smooth arrangement since beginning early January 2014.

A few procedural issues have cropped up with registrations and transfers, though now rectified as noted:

1. The combination of a new registration and transfer at the same time. If the new registration is done online and the transfer sent in via post there is some delay getting the transfer and meanwhile the registration papers have been sent out. This means the green registration form has to be sent back. There is now a section to transfer at the same time as registration in the online registration area.

2. Date of birth of new registrations entered online. A few times people have not changed the default date entry to the actual date of birth – the default date is the date that they are entering the data. The date field has now been altered so an alert will pop up if the date is not entered.

Following are statistics of the basic transactions that have taken place this year (2014) on a weekly basis up to 17th May:

Date	Culled/Dead	Transfers	New Registrations	Other
11/1/14	3	6	7	
18/1/14	3	5	11 (including 1 B)	Entered BD1 info
25/1/14	4	10	10 (including 4 B)	Rep tag
1/2/14	1	2	8	Reissue 2 tags&cert
8/2/14	1	0	3	
15/2/14	27	12	12	Reprint of cert
22/2/14	3	2	10 (including 3 B)	
1/3/14	0	1	2 (both B))	
8/3/14	4	11	0	Re-issue cert
15/3/14	3	1	1	
22/3/14	0	6	1	Genemark queries
29/3/14	0	5	6	
5/4/14	2	8	5	Rep tag
12/4/14	0	4	0	Profiles received

19/4/14	1	0	2	BD1 & BD2 entries
26/4/14	1	0	0	
3/5/14	0	4	1	
10/5/14	2	7	0	
17/5/14	0	10	0	
Totals	55	94	79	

Another important aspect of the Registrar's duties involves communication and most of this is via email. To date there have been over 150 emails sent or received. These are from and to members, GenomNZ (& Genemark) and Council members, especially Grant who has been hugely helpful in providing guidance, particularly with the non-standard things that seem to often rear their heads.

A recent suggestion has been taken up to send a copy of the Dexter Dispatch with membership application form to non-members who have animals transferred to them. This could give them information and encouragement to become members.

GenomNZ has recently offered to enter the Herd Book number of newly profiled bulls on to the profile certificate after the sire has been confirmed. This is helpful for both owners who wish to have this number on the certificate, and for the Registrar, as it is uncomplicated to include the HB number at this stage.

The task of the registrars I see as attempting to get accurate information back to members in good time. This has become further challenging with standard post letters taking as much as 5 days to arrive. Also from my personal perspective I wish to do this efficiently so that it is not consuming too much time.

The position (along with Mary's role) is to a large degree about trapping errors – not just from what members send in but also in what we do. They can sneak in all over the place – dates, signatures, names & spellings, misplacing of documents etc. I have this serious concern that one day I will be distracted and put wrong certificates in wrong envelopes and send them off!

Trusting that this is helpful in giving a brief overview for the 19 weeks that we have been dealing with the Registrar's position. Thanks to those who have been patient, gracious and courteous to me as I have settled in to this role.

— Tony Houlbrooke

Dispatch Report

You will probably have noticed the many changes that have been made to the Dexter Dispatch in the last 12 months. The first is the change in editors from Keith Wratt to Angela Stevens to myself. Something I didn't really want to do at the beginning but because I felt very strongly about the need for it to continue on a regular basis, I offered to help out. After 3 issues I have found that I am actually enjoying doing it and have agreed to continue. I have never done anything like this before so the first few issues have been a bit of a learning curve and hopefully things will get better with each edition.

It was decided from the beginning that I may be capable of doing the whole thing by myself without any help from the printers. With my very limited computer skills I have so far managed to do this, apart from their help putting the little man and cow correctly on the cover of each issue. There has also been a change in printers that has seen the Dispatch printing cost cut virtually in half, which is good news for all members. I work with a great printing team here in Upper Hutt and nothing seems to be too much for them.

A big thank you must go to Brenda Batchelar who has agreed to help Council and the members by taking on the role of Research Officer. Brenda will be making regular contributions in the Dispatch with very interesting and informative articles.

I still need help from members with stories, articles and photos etc. for publication in these issues, so I ask members to take some time and send me their stories. I have had some great stories etc. sent to me so far and hopefully you have all enjoyed them.

It is my intention to try my very best to make sure that the Dispatch is in your mailbox within the first 2 weeks of the month it is due. These are August – Spring Issue, November – Summer Issue, February – Autumn Issue and May – Winter Issue.

Feedback so far has been very encouraging and I hope you are all also enjoying the recent issues of the Dexter Dispatch and that with your input it will continue to improve.

— Maureen Pettersson

Elections

This year four nominations were received for Council and one nomination for President. Our regulations state that council should be a maximum of 8, so we have no need for an election this year.

The nominations for President and Council will be ratified at the AGM.

Betsy Smith #329 – President – Nominated by Shirley Spick #375

Stan and I have run Cherry Oak Dexter stud for the past 12 years, breeding a number of show champions over the last 9 years. I have 2 adult sons and a step daughter and work part time giving me the time and energy to devote to our Dexter herd and to the Society. My past-times are reading, gardening and fishing.

I have enjoyed my 4 years on Council holding the Showing & Judging portfolio (an area I have a particular interest in through 9 years' experience showing our Dexters). Over the last year I have also held the Vice-President position. If elected, I would feel privileged to continue on Council, working with other committed members in the best interests of the Society.

Maureen Pettersson #369 – Council – Nominated by Pam Brockie #1066

My husband Wayne and I own a small herd of Dexters in Upper Hutt just north of Wellington. We have a 12 year old Labrador and 2 cats and I breed Silkie chickens for their fertile eggs, which are sent all over NZ. We also own Alpacas and Dorper sheep. Our little farm is something our 10 grandchildren love to come and visit, collect the eggs and move the animals etc.

I work part-time at a local dental surgery, a job I have done for over forty years both in New Zealand and the UK.

Over the past 6 years I have held the position of Membership Secretary, which I enjoy immensely. I feel it is very important that Council to the best of its 'ability' put the breed and its members first. After being a member of the DCSNZ Inc. since January 2004, Council for 6 years and Editor of the Dexter Dispatch for 3 editions, I feel that I can continue to work with other like-minded Council members and keep my goals in mind.

I would be delighted to accept this nomination to be re-elected on Council for a further 2 years.

Robyn Snelgar #221 & #449 – Council – Nominated by Jo Robb #301

I have been breeding Dexters with my husband Steve since 1999. Our studs Pohutukawa and Ardmore Heights have around 50 Dexters at Ardmore, South East of Auckland. Steve rears pigs and we also have chickens, a few ducks and geese, a couple of goats and a miniature horse for our grandchildren, the occasional sheep for the freezer, a number of cats and a pair of German Shepherds. We spend a lot of time with our grandchildren, who enjoy the farm and our Dexters as well. I enjoy gardening, fishing, baking and spending time with friends and family.

I work part-time maintaining the Countdown Online Shopping website. I start early and finish early freeing up time in the afternoons for family and the farm.

I have been on the DCSNZ council since 2003 (11 years) and have had the role of secretary since 2007 (7 years) which I enjoy very much. I have offered my home as the venue for council meetings for the last 6 years to save the society the cost of hotels for up to 8 people 3 times a year, and to give council a more relaxed and homely weekend for what is generally a pretty full-on 2 days. I am happy to offer my services for another term.

Grant Keymer #326 – Council – Nominated by John Walst #267

I have served as Treasurer and Webmaster of the society since July 2011. As a result of last year's events, I now seek re-election as a candidate. I am happy to accept this nomination for a further 2-year term.

As the owners of Eske stud, my wife Inger and I run about 25 Dexters on a rough 135 acre block near Russell in the Bay of Islands. We have been members of DCSNZ since 2003 and as time has passed, our herd has grown to include Red, Black and Dun animals, including 2 bulls (Red and Dun). We also have about 30 sheep; most of them Wiltshires which shed their own wool, in addition to Chooks, Ducks and Geese.

Garth Woodward #704 – Council – Nominated by Stan Smith #329

My interest in the breed goes back well over 17 years but it's only in recent years that we have been able to set up our small breeding herd of Chattan House Dexters. Now Jeanne and I live in retirement on a block of land south of Raglan with views of the sea.

My interests are all about breeding to improve our small breed via considered and informed breeding practices. Also in pursuing ways to bring the breed to the attention of a wider audience and moving them into a more mainstream acceptance of these charming cattle. I would be happy to accept this nomination to work on Council for another 2 years.

Remits 2014

Remit 1 – Membership Fees

Proposed by Council

THAT membership fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale: There is no need to make any change.

Remit 2 – Registration Fees

Proposed by Council

THAT registration fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale: There is no need to make any change.

Remit 3 – Transfer Fees

Proposed by Council

THAT transfer fees remain the same for the next year.

Rationale: There is no need to make any change.

Remit 4 – AGM Correspondence

Proposed by Council

THAT all correspondence to be tabled at any AGM, must be received by the DCSNZ Secretary no later than 15th May and must be headed – Letter to be tabled at the forthcoming AGM.

Rationale: To provide clear instruction to the secretary of the purpose of such communication and allow the relevant parties time to prepare a response for the members at the AGM.

Remit 5 – Council Nominations

Proposed by Marion Corbett/seconded by Marion Mangnall

THAT the regulations be changed to read that members standing for council must be nominated by a DCSNZ member outside of council and familial relationships.

Rationale: This will encourage prospective councillors to seek wider membership participation.

Council right of reply to remit:

- If this remit were to be adopted it will contravene Clause 4.3 (a) of the regulations and could not become effective until Clause 4.3 (a) is also amended by remit at a future general meeting. Council has received legal advice that the Constitution would also need to be changed at considerable cost to the Society.

Remit 6 – Complaints

Proposed by Marion Corbett/seconded by Marion Mangnall

THAT Regulation 3, Misconduct of members – complaints procedure be added to as:

(j) Members may make their complaints directly to the Complaints Officers.

Rationale: There will be times when the complainant will be more comfortable dealing directly with the Complaints Officers.

Council right of reply to remit:

- If this remit were to be adopted it will contravene Clause 3(a), (d) & (g) of the regulations. Therefore it cannot be implemented until these regulations have been amended by remit at a future general meeting.
- Currently the Incorporated Societies act is under review at parliamentary level. This review will make provision for societies to specify their complaint process within their constitution.
- Council is currently reviewing DCSNZ Inc. complaints procedure and members will be invited to make submissions at a later date.

Remit 7 – Complaints Officers

Proposed by Marion Corbett/seconded by Marion Mangnall

THAT Complaints Officers are to be encouraged to investigate, ask questions of other members – anyone who may shed light on an issue.

Rationale: The Complaints Officers should be seen to act independently within the Dexter Cattle Society, with no interference or persuasion from any committee or sub-committee.

Council right of reply to remit:

- It is standard practice in any official enquiry to ask for statements from only those directly involved and witnesses (if any) to an event. Confidentiality must be preserved throughout the complaints process.

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