

**AMERICAN MILKING DEVON CATTLE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING, TUNBRIDGE, VERMONT
May 14, 2022**

Present: Thomas Slater, Gina Slater, Steve Burton, Jude Burton, Jesse Smith, Ava Smith, Olivia Smith, Pamela Martin, John Madden, Derric Miner, Ian Miner, Mark Winslow, Gabriel Michaud, Aeva P., Jeremy Michaud, Kim Winslow, Bonnie Hall and John Hall.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by President John Hall and attendees introduced themselves and described their Devon herds.

Last Year's Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Thomas Slater, seconded by Steve Burton to accept minutes as presented. Ayes all.

Presidents Report: President Hall made the following report:

- Thanked the Directors for their work and attendance at the regular monthly meetings.
- Held a moment of silence in remembrance of Dexter Randall and Ray Ludwig
- Reported on the Mt. Vernon Commemorative Stamp Event- it was held last May at Mt. Vernon in Virginia with 400-500 people in attendance. The Devon cow is one of the rare breeds selected for a stamp. A National Colonial Farm American Milking Devon cow is on the stamp.
- Last September another successful Regional Show was held in Virginia with 32 Devons in attendance. Jason Devino from Vermont was the Judge. A card grading event was also held.
- Association Conference Call: Last Fall an Association Nationwide Conference Call was held on the topic of Regional Shows. Last year the third successful Regional Show was held in Virginia. There was discussion on adding a Regional Show in the Northeast. After further discussion New York was selected as the location for a Northeast Regional Show and the Freier Family of Every Season Farm agreed to host the event. It will be located in conjunction with the Seneca County Fair in July and Drew Conroy will be the Judge. There will be an Open House at Every Season Farm on July 20th including lunch and a talk by Dale Freier on Milk Testing.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer John Hall presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Bonnie Hall to accept the report as presented, seconded by Thomas Slater. Ayes all.

Registrar's Report: Registrar Bonnie Hall presented the Annual Registrar's Report.

Newsletter Report: Editor Thomas Slater thanked all the contributors and encouraged everyone to send in articles, or just pictures with commentary. The newsletter is only as good as the information members are willing to share.

Director Elections- 18 ballots were returned for the Director Election. John L. Hall III and Thomas Slater were re-elected unanimously to three-year terms.

Old Business:

Discussion of Breed Standard: President Hall summarized the work that has been done on the Breed Standard. Jeremy Michaud discussed specifics of the new proposed changes and opened the floor for discussion. The Association also held a Nationwide Conference Call on the topic. Jeremy reported that the new updated standard would help when exhibiting cattle, it keeps the breed triple purpose, it's not intended to change the overall breed and it modernizes terms useful for the return of competitive shows. The revised standard upholds the integrity of the breed. There was a discussion on the "dusty nose." President Hall offered a thank you to Jeremy and his Committee for all their effort on the Breed Standard revision. A motion was made by Steve Burton and seconded by Mark Winslow to adopt the New Breed Standard as presented. Ayes all.

Future Conference Calls- President Hall urged members to contact any Director with ideas for Nationwide Conference Calls.

Youth Ambassador Program- Thomas Slater gave an update on the Youth Ambassador Program. We do have some enrollees in the program and are looking forward to working with these youth. Director Bruce Farr is the lead Director on the project. Any inquiries can be directed to him.

Future Events- The Association is looking for location suggestions for a Fall Gathering. Some discussion was held on 400 Years of Devons in 2023. Looking to develop some plans. Jeremy Eng of Beef Devons has contacted us about the World Devon Conference in 2024. A discussion was held on developing 5-10 page Glossy Commemorative Edition Booklet for the AMD 400 year celebration to have available for all Devon events throughout the year.. There was also some discussion of developing a Devon App for smart phones.

A motion was made by Steve Burton to waive the annual dues of current directors as a thank you for all their efforts. The motion was seconded by Derrick Miner. Discussion followed and ayes all.

New Business:

Development of New Website: Some discussion on a new website. No decisions.

A2A2 Discussion- Steve Burton asked if other Breeders are getting questions on A2A2 genetics. Steve indicated that he could not find any peer reviewed articles about the benefits of A2A2. Some discussion followed. There was a consensus that there are no facts or science that currently support A2A2 claims. The A2 test is patented. The Association takes no stand on A2.

Some discussion was held on the relationship between Devon Meat/Milk and cancer cures. The Professor Ward at the University of Utah study was referenced. More research in this area is desirable.

Some discussion was held on converting the Association from a 501C5 to a 501C3 so we can accept grants. The Board is currently exploring this option.

Motion to Adjourn made by Thomas Slater, seconded by Steve Burton. Ayes all.

After the meeting adjourned, Backyard Green Films gave a presentation of some of their work on Devon and other Rare Breeds. They also gave a presentation on managing media including website and social media.

The meeting was adjourned to the Tunbridge Fairgrounds for the filming of an Oxen Demonstration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Slater

Thomas Slater
Acting as Secretary for
The Meeting