

**American Milking Devon Cattle Association**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Time/place: 8:15 PM October 9, 2007, by conference call

Present: In person: Drew Conroy, Sue Randall, Ramona Huff, Ray Clark, Bill Blaiklock

The meeting was called to order by Drew at 8:05 PM, a quorum being present. The minutes of the 8/21 and 9/4/07 meetings were approved as presented.

Reports

President: Drew has reserved the motel conference room in Sanford for the entire day; he has been asked to share the space with the Dominique Club. It appears that this can be done with some minor schedule adjustments. Drew will work it out.

Treasurer: (no report)

Genetics: Regan Westbrook is actively drawing bulls.

Registration: (see below)

Communications: Bill noted that the "what we do" statement proposed last month for the web site home page is basically the same as a mission statement. Several noted that the current mission statement is unnecessarily wordy and pretentious.

Drew noted that we should be posting Board minutes. The question of how long they should stay on the site was discussed. It is possible to post the recent minutes and provide an archive to earlier documents.

Old Business

Breed census: Working. Sue noted that Yahoo has "axed" the Milking Devon chat group.

USDA "letter descriptor" for DHIA testing: Working

2007/8 regional meeting: All arrangements are in place. Bill, Sue, Drew, Ray, John possibly Ramona plan to attend the AMDCA meetings and the ALBC banquet.

Response to NADA registration of MD cattle: Working

New Business

Succession: Candidates to replace Drew as Director include Bruce Farr, Bruce Balch, Ruth Campbell, Neil & Tanna McCarter, Dan Singletary. As well, the possibility of a representative from another breed association was mentioned. Action was deferred until the November meeting in Sanford.

Endangered herd: Sue had a call from Lewis Hutto concerning his herd of about 30 animals. He is evidently in poor health and has not kept up with registrations. He would like to sell the herd as registered and is wondering what can be done to recover the pedigrees. These animals go back to Augustine of Pope Creek.

Sue noted that this is one example a general problem, elements of which include: safe-guarding the herd while permanent arrangements are negotiated, reproducing the pedigrees, placing the herd with responsible breeders. Ruth Campbell has volunteered her farm as a 'refuge". Drew will discuss with Ruth. Other action was deferred pending further information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM. WCB