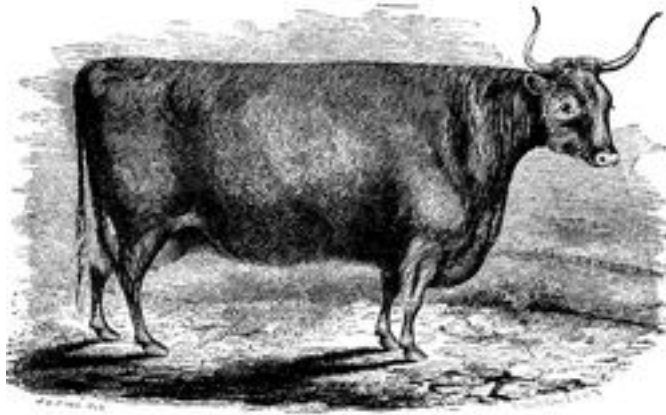


American Milking Devon Cattle Association
Winter 2009 Newsletter



A rare breed that deserves a good future

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Annual Meeting Notice

AMDC A will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Town Hall in Tunbridge, Vermont.

Fall gathering summary

The fall gathering of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association was held on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008 at Colonial Williamsburg in conjunction with its conference and workshop: Oxen in the Old and New Worlds. It was very well attended with participants from Connecticut, Colorado, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, Vermont and Virginia. The weekend concluded with a

wonderful dinner and an after-dinner program, "Oxen: Past, Present and Future" by Dr. Drew Conroy, past president of AMDCA, author, ox trainer and mentor to many. He flew in from Namibia and shared some of his adventures with us. Mr Bruce Balch from New Hampshire brought a sampling of the cheeses he is producing for his restaurant made from his herd of Devon cattle.

At the gathering, there was discussion about DHIA testing and who was interested in tracking their milk and cheese production. There was a small nucleus of people present who wanted to create a group focused on milking production and would network.

Mr. Ray Clark from Vermont spoke about genetics. Discussion centered on semen availability and DNA testing of animals.

Our Registrar, Sue Randall, is compiling an accurate census of the Breed. Each member should have received a questionnaire. If you have not returned it or you did not receive one, please contact Sue so she can complete the census. We appreciate your cooperation.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee consists of Nils Berglund, Bruce Balch and Dan Singletary.

Call for Director nominations

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee is appointed by the President "...for the purpose of soliciting nominations from both the Board and the membership, and nominating a slate of prospective Directors to be placed on the ballot." Nominations are now being accepted for the position of Director (member of the Board of Directors) for the term May 2009 through May 2012. There is one vacancy. Voting will be by mail, and ballots will be counted and results announced at the Annual Meeting in May.

As an all-volunteer organization, AMDCA depends on its Directors to both manage the organization and do much of the actual work. Directors must expect to invest significant time and money in carrying out their responsibilities to AMDCA. The Board meets monthly by telephone. In addition we host one or more regional meetings each year which Directors are expected to attend at their own expense. Directors must be voting members, i.e., must own registered American Milking Devon Cattle and have paid their dues for the current year.

If you wish to place a name in nomination, please submit the following information no later than Friday, March 6, 2009 to Nils Berglund, Nominating Committee Chair, 2341 Highgate Road, St Albans, Vermont 05478, phone 802-686-2738, or e-mail <nilsdon@dtogether.net> E-mail is preferred.

The nominee's full name, address, phone and e-mail. A statement of the nominee's background, qualifications and his/her philosophy and goals for AMDCA. Please limit this information to half a page. A statement signed by the nominee that he/she is a voting member and agrees to serve, if elected.

Embryo Transfer Policy

The Embryo Transfer Policy (ET) as discussed and modified at the 2008 Annual Meeting is attached in this newsletter. Note that the moratorium on ET adopted at the 2007 meeting expired in May 2008, since no action was taken to extend it.

AMDCA clothing sale

After a long hiatus, we are again sponsoring a group order of AMDCA monogrammed tee-shirts, sweatshirts and ball caps. Now is your chance to outfit the entire family and all your friends while promoting the American Milking Devon breed. Tee-shirts are high quality 100 percent cotton. Sweatshirts are a cotton/polyester blend. The logo (Devon cow at top of newsletter) is silk-screened in black on light colors, and in white on dark colors. Ball caps are low profile, with an embroidered color logo on the front and the Association name embroidered on the back. To order any of the above, just fill out the attached order form.

Dues are Due

Member Dues for 2007-2008 (\$20.00) must be paid by March 15th in order to receive a ballot for Board of Director candidates. Please fill out and return the attached form. This form may be used for 2007-2008 dues if not paid, also for 2009-2010 dues which may be sent in at this point.

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Policy on Registration of Embryo Transplants

Registration of Embryos

A Certificate of Embryo Recovery must be filed with AMDCA. This will list the owner of the donor dam, the name and registration number of the mbryo sire and donor dam, the date of the flush, the number of embryos recovered, the number of embryos frozen, and the number of embryos implanted.

A DNA profile of the embryo sire, donor dam, and embryo calf must be filed with AMDCA. Such testing will be done at the owner's expense using a laboratory designated by AMDCA.

If parentage or breed purity is challenged, the DNA information on file will be submitted to the lab for analysis and expert opinion. The cost of the analysis resulting from a challenge by AMDCA will be borne by the registration applicant, otherwise by the challenger.

Registration of Embryo Transplant Calves

Application for registration of embryo transplant offspring shall be made on the regular form.

Registration certificates issued for offspring from embryo transplants shall be designated by "ET" after the name. The owner of the donor dam at the time of embryo collection will be listed as the breeder of the resulting offspring.

Transfer of Embryos

The seller of an embryo or a cow carrying an embryo transplant must provide the new owner with a transfer form supplied by AMDCA, which must accompany the application for registration of the resulting embryo calf.

Fee Schedule

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| Filing Certificate of Embryo Recovery | \$20 |
| Administration of challenge process | \$35 + costs* |
| Registration of Embryo calf | same as natural breeding |
| Transfer of embryo or cow carrying embryo | same as natural breeding |

*Clerical support in producing records on file with AMDCA. The challenger shall pay for any additional testing, legal fees, etc.

Please Note

The Board reserves the right to limit the number of calves registered from any one cow or bull, to modify and further restrict this policy or to take any other action necessary to maintain the health and genetic diversity of the AMD cattle population.

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135 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH 03855

2009-2010

Please check one.

- \$20 - Voting Member – individuals who own registered Milking Devon cattle
- \$20 - Associate Member – individuals interested in furthering the purposes of the Association

Send completed form (below) and check to Susan Randall, Registrar, 135 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH 03855. Make checks payable to the American Milking Devon Cattle Association (AMDCA).

Voting members: Please indicate if you would like this information placed on our online breeder's list.

Yes / No NAME: _____

Yes / No ADDRESS: _____

Yes / No PHONE: _____

Yes / No E-MAIL: _____