
The American Milking Devon News

A rare breed that deserves a good future

April 2014

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The 2014 annual meeting of The American Milking Devon Cattle Association will be held Saturday, May 10, 2014 at the Town Hall in Tunbridge, Vermont. The meeting will begin at 10:00am and continue until all necessary business has been concluded (usually by noon). Coffee will be provided. Please bring photos and/or articles of your cattle to share with the membership.

Agenda (at this time)

1. Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting
2. Officers' reports
3. Committee reports
4. Election of Directors*
5. Open discussion

*Please note: In order to accommodate all voting members, we use a mail ballot. Voting members should have received a ballot in the mail. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to participate.

The Board of Directors

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

Ray Clark, incumbent. Ray lives in Lyndonville, VT where he maintains a large herd of AMD cattle. Ray has served as a director for several terms, chairs the Genetics Committee and has been especially active in establishing and maintaining the semen bank. Ray is adept at getting buyers and sellers together, advising beginners and promoting the breed.

Andrew Van Ord, nominee. I would appreciate your consideration for the AMDCA board of directors. I am a second-generation Devon breeder that is passionate about promoting the American Milking Devon breed. I was raised on a small farm with working oxen and numerous breeds of cattle including Milking Devons of course. I currently serve as a member of the board of directors for the Midwest Ox Drovers Association and in the past I have served as its Vice President. I have also served on the 4-H Development Council of Warren County, Pennsylvania.

I am a staunch believer in maintaining the traditional “triple purpose” qualities of the breed. I believe that to so-call “improve” the breed would be to destroy it. My goals for the AMDCA are exactly the same as its stated mission statement: “To promote the conservation of American Milking Devon cattle as a triple purpose breed by maintaining a breed registry, encouraging knowledgeable and responsible breeding, and educating the public about the historic role of American Milking Devon Cattle, as well as

their place in a healthy sustainable agriculture.” My personal goal is to assist the association in any way I can. It is my philosophy that the association should encourage, manage and focus the efforts of its members but it is ultimately the collective of the members who have to put forth the effort.

M.J. Knight, nominee. M. J. lives in Ulysses, PA. She has been a breeder for many years.

ANNUAL DUES RENEWAL 2014 – 2015

- \$20 Voting Member – individuals who own registered American Milking Devon cattle
- \$20 Associate Member – individuals interested in supporting the breed and AMDCA
- \$20 Junior Member – children under age 18 (one time dues payment, non voting)

Send a completed application form and a check payable to the American Milking Devon Cattle Association to Susan Randall, Registrar, 135 Old Bay Road, New Durham, NH 03855

All voting members will be included in the on-line breeders' list as long as their dues are current. Members may choose to not be included. They may choose to have contact information omitted from their listing. These choices will continue indefinitely or until a change is requested.

A membership application form is available on the website www.milkingdevons.org/forms.html