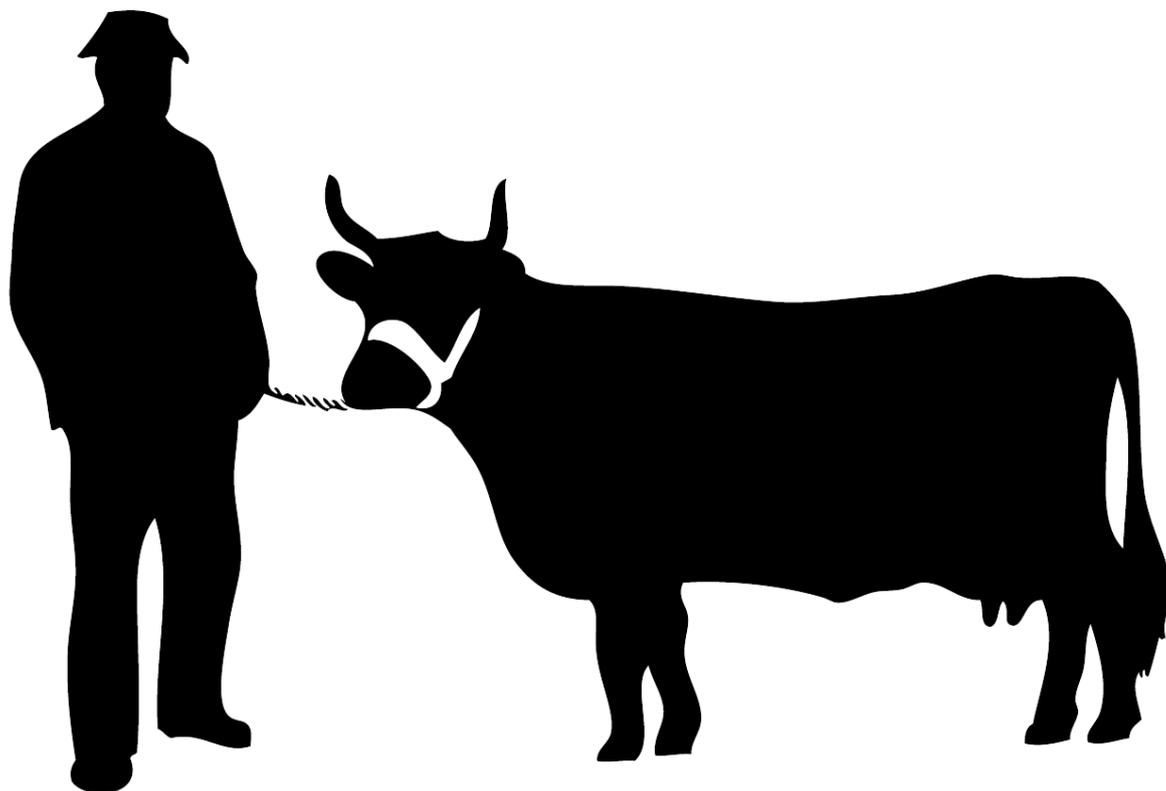


Dexter Cattle Society

New Zealand (Inc)



2016

Annual General Meeting

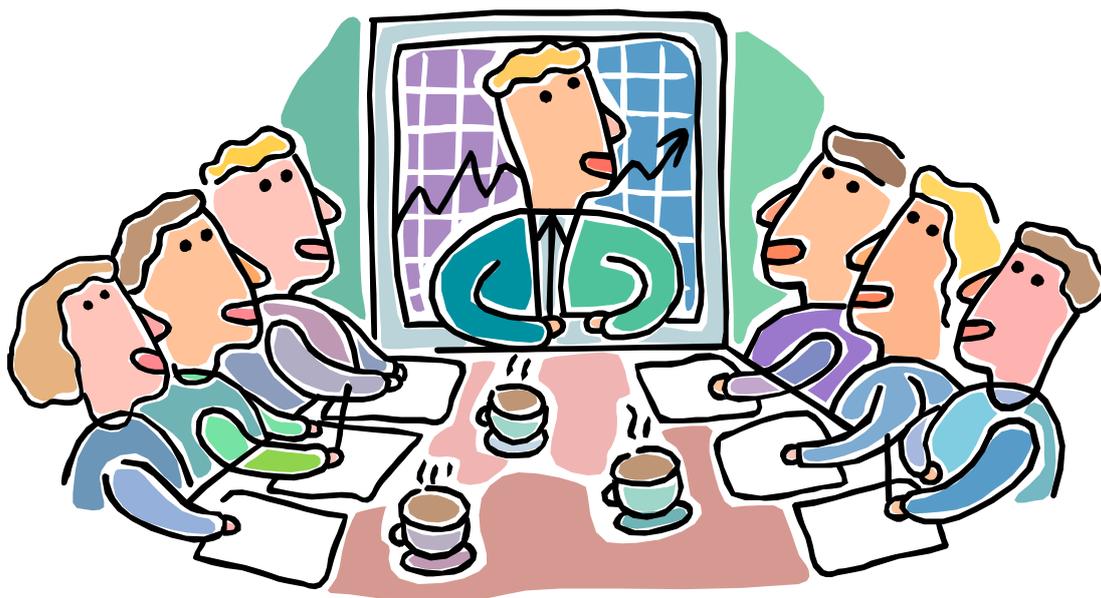
11 June 2016

Trailways Hotel

66 Trafalgar St

Nelson

2016 AGM Programme



FRIDAY, 10 JUNE

Travel to Nelson

Café Affair, 295 Trafalgar St, Nelson (650 metres from Trailways Hotel)

7:00pm Informal, casual get together over dinner (at own cost)

SATURDAY, 11 JUNE

Trailways Hotel, 66 Trafalgar St, Nelson

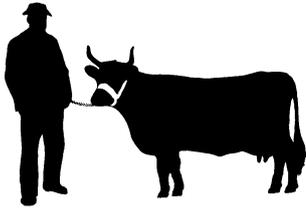
8:30am	Registrations
9:00am (sharp)	AGM Commences
10:00am	Morning Tea (complimentary)
10:20am	AGM Continues
12:00pm	AGM Finishes
12:30pm	Lunch (complimentary)
1:30pm	Workshop 1 starts: Chondrodysplasia / Website / Colour Genetics
2:15pm	Workshop 1 finishes
2:30pm	Workshop 2 starts: Chondrodysplasia / Website / Colour Genetics
3:30pm	Workshop 2 finishes
6:30pm	Meet in Bar for pre-dinner drinks
7:00pm	Dinner (\$43.90 per person, members to pay hotel directly)

SUNDAY, 12 JUNE

9:30am The bus will collect everybody from Trailways Hotel before the trip commences. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Please bring warm clothes! (Returning no later than 2:30pm).

Annual General Meeting Agenda

1. Open Meeting
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Dexter Cattle Society

New  Zealand (Inc.)

Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Inc. Held at Salt Conference Centre, Napier, 6 June, 2015

Council June 2014 – June 2015

President - Betsy Smith
Treasurer - Grant Keymer
Secretary - Robyn Snelgar
Membership - Maureen Pettersson
Showing & Judging - Betsy Smith
Area Groups/Promotions - Garth Woodward
Dispatch Liaison - Maureen Pettersson
Webmaster - Grant Keymer & Simon Stokes

Positions Held off Council

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke
Herd Registry Assistant - Mary Howard
Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Complaints Officers - North Island – Maggie Bentley
- South Island – Di Burgess

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

PRESENT:

Betsy Smith, Robyn Snelgar, Grant Keymer, Maureen Pettersson, Simon Stokes, Brenda Batchelar, Dave Howard, Mary Howard, Steve Snelgar, Inger Keymer, Sue Monk, Tony Houlbrooke, Vicki Houlbrouke, Marti Winn, Jo Brightwell, Don & Janice Viles, Margaret Perry, Shirley Spik, Sue Lock, Peter Lock, Jacky Carbin, John Carbin, Don Viles, Janice Viles, Lucy Raisebeck, Simon Raisebeck, Trudy Robertson, John Walst, Jillian Walst, Sue Lock, Peter Lock.

APOLOGIES:

Garth & Jean Woodworth, Peter & Merrial Lucking, Heather Cunningham, Ron & Kerrin Mazey, Anne & John Collumbell, Jackie Thomas, Dayle Flannagan, Wayne Pettersson, Maria Hamilton, Merrelies Reebeck, Lynette Winters, A & M Marfell-Jones, Alan Rothwell, Daniel & Jean Ward, Stu & Delwyn Bailey, Keith & Heather Wratt, Stan Smith, R Moran, Maria Hamilton.

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Janice Vilescarried unanimously

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

Betsy Smith the President declared the meeting declared open at 9.00am. She welcomed everyone and went over the house keeping for the day. She thanked Maureen Pettersson and Maria Hamilton for organizing the AGM. She also thanked Jo Brightwell for organising and displaying the photo competition.
Jo Brightwell has given a numbered slip of paper to all attendees to vote for the people choice section in the photo competition. She explained the process.
Betsy asked if there were any bereavements to report so this could be acknowledged. There were none that were known of.

Confirmation of Agenda

Betsy asked if there was anything to add to the agenda.

THAT the agenda be accepted

Moved by Marti Winn/Sue Monk.....carried unanimously

MINUTES OF THE 15th AGM June 2014:

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting as published and circulated held at the Butterfly Creek , Auckland on June 07, 2014 be accepted.

Moved by Tony Houlbrouke/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Auditor Paul Woolaston confirming our 2014/15 financial reports.

THAT the correspondence be accepted

Moved by Grant Keymer/Jo Brightwell.....carried unanimously

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Nil

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Betsy Smith

Betsy directed the members to her printed report and gave a few minutes to read it and then ask any questions.

Tony asked about the Genomnz time frame for changing their processes. Grant has been in contact with them so explained that to date there has been no change but we are in the process of making plans to change to University of Queensland as they also do BD1 & BD2 testing which would be more convenient for the society. Betsy has the for UQ forms if anyone is interested. UQ also deals with tail hair samples which helps the members rather than using tissue samples.

Tony has had dealings with University of California and finds them very good to deal with. They have no problem posting tail hairs to US.

Trudy Robertson is also a member of the Hereford Assn and says they use Massey University and asked why we are not using a local provider. It is another option we can look at. She will find out the details.

There is still some more investigating to do on this but we do have time.

.Janice Viles congratulated and thanked Betsy on a very comprehensive report.

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

Moved by Betsy Smith/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

WEBSITE REPORT: Grant Keymer

Grant Keymer did a Powerpoint presentation on the website. He talked about the website and the constant updates that he does. There is now the ability to add photos to listing requests. Simon Stokes designed a form to use for listing cattle for sale on the website. And then Grant showed how this will look on the website.

He encouraged members to have a look at the website and market place.

Simon has observed that there are some vulnerabilities in our website by hackers.

Our website host WebArts has asked us to take steps to prevent this from happening. Grant & Simon have begun to make enquiries about to go about doing the security upgrade and the cost involved.

Use of the website on mobile phones and Ipad is not user friendly and many of the functions don't work well.

Our current website is ranked as mobile unfriendly by Google so we have been moved down the search result list.

Mobile capability is not working as well as it should so this will be part of the upgrade needed.

Mobile and Tablet is increasingly becoming the first port of call so it is important to keep up with technology.

Jo Brightwell asked how many hits we are getting on the website. Grant said that the amount of time visitors spent on the website and what they are doing is more important these days, because the hits figures are dominated by search engines crawling our site to index the pages, rather than actual visitors. In Grants presentation he went over the costs involved in this upgrade. It is quite involved and there is some work that cannot be quoted on without actually commencing some of the upgrade. Grants presentation broke down the costing – Migration from Old website \$575, Upgrade of main website \$950, Mobile Website \$425, Total \$1950

Maureen Pettersson made the comment that in her opinion our website is the best Dexter site in the world.

John Walst asked about mobile upload and also if the society had thought about charging for market place listings.

Betsy and Grant both said that we didn't feel that we should charge for this service as the biggest cost involved in this is time not money. Trudy said mobile upload is possible. She also asked about an automatic linking function to the pedigree on the market place. Grant said this could be done but he hasn't had any requests for this to date. Simon Stokes said that this link could be done and so this will be looked into.

THAT the required expenditure of \$1950 be approved to make the necessary upgrades of the website

Moved by Grant Keymer/Simon Stokes.....carried unanimously

Access to the membership directory was talked about. This is password protected to members only as the privacy of members and protection from spammers is important.

Grant continued to explain a proposed new upgrade to the membership directory. He also talked about Area Reps that still do not have internet or have computer difficulties. He said the upgrade will simplify the processes for Area Reps needing to print out a list of members in their area, and also for members searching for other members and cattle ownership queries. Public access to member details was discussed. It is difficult to keep the privacy of members and also be able to promote studs. Area reps possibly promoting their own studs rather than putting enquiries out to the members in their areas was discussed.

Grant proposed upgrades to the Herd Registry and Member directory. He explained each new screen and the cost involved
Login Screen - \$575
Member Listing - \$863
Final Testing – 287
Total \$1725

THAT the society enhances the Herd Registry to include member detail display with a total cost of \$1725.00
Moved by Grant Keymer/Mary Howard..... carried unanimously

Betsy thanked Grant for all the time and effort that has gone into researching this project.

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

Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.20am
Meeting reconvened at 11.00am

TREASURERS REPORT: Grant Keymer
Grant went over the financial report.

Membership – It was noted that less members are leaving or resigning but also there is a drop in new members as well.
membership - Net income \$16050 13% below budget. We are saving a lot on Dispatch printing costs.
Net cost \$7140 about \$300 less than budget. Thanks to Maureen for drumming up advertising and keeping costs down.
All issues are now in full colour at an extra cost of about \$1000 each year. The members are very happy with the quality of the Dispatch
Promotions & Showing – Total Cost \$3656 – showing costs were down as were area groups.
Herd Registry – Net Income \$6825 down 20%.
Administration - \$6824 budget \$8961.
Income statement - \$3603 surplus.
Total Funds \$43,111.00

Each new member costs about \$3.80 for the membership pack – including a Dispatch, Breeders Handbook, bumper sticker, Dexter pen, Gestation book mark.

Given the drop in membership the finances are in great shape.

John Walst queried the auditor cost. It is a very good arrangement, compared to other societies.

THAT the Financial Accounts and Auditors Report for year ending March 31, 2015 as attached and circulated at the meeting be accepted.

Moved by Grant Keymer/Dave Howard.....carried unanimously

Everyone thanked Grant for his work on the finances

2015/2016 BUDGET

Grant went over the budget. Rather than going over the entire budget line by line he just highlighted items that are proposed to change.

The costs involved in dna testing and the proposed changes to labs in the future were discussed.

This was discussed because Grant has budgeted \$1500.00 to set up any new dna processes that may be necessary.

There will be 2 new council members so there will be additional council travel expenses – noting that Simon Stokes did not claim any travel expenses as he was able to fit it in with his business commitments.

To finish Grant said that we have a very healthy bank balance.

He informed the members that council would like to discuss the possibility of the society making a subsidy of \$50 per person to cover costs to attend the AGM next year as a way to encourage attendance to the AGM and to give something back to the members.

John Walst commented that \$50 wouldn't make much difference and thought that making the actual meeting more memorable would be a better idea.

Sue Monk thought it would be better to spend more on a National Open day.

Maureen talked about how the last National Open Day went as a whole.

Sue also said maybe offer 1 free membership to anyone that gets a new member.

Peter Lock suggested a celebrity speaker may attract more members. Grant said these people do not come cheap.

Trudy suggested seeing more studs on the Sunday trip. A Dexter stock showing on the meeting of the AGM was suggested.

Jo suggested to continue to charge for attending the AGM dinner to make sure people do front up but to provide a very good speaker instead.

Tony said that the thought of a 'meeting' is off putting. Robyn suggested changing the name of the weekend to 'Annual Conference & AGM'.

Trudy suggested asking for feedback on our FB page and e-newsletter to see what members want.

Sue Lock suggested also putting something in the Dispatch.

Robyn suggested a Gala dinner to make it a bit more up-market.

Mary noted the general attendance is decreasing.

Janice commented that people are very busy and the meetings are often 2nd in line.

Follow up to members that do not renew memberships was queried. Maureen answered this.

It was suggested that a livestock auction, judging on the AGM weekend.

Council will discuss options to improve the AGM weekend at a later date.

THAT the budget for 2015/2016 be adopted

Moved by Grant Keymer/Shirley Spik.....carried unanimously

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

Moved by Grant Keymer/Jo Brightwellcarried unanimously

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Maureen Petersson

Maureen talked about the trend in all breed societies of decreasing memberships. We are in a good position with this in mind.

Total Current/Life - 315

Total Resigned - 312

Total Lapsed – 471

Deceased Merged - 6

Total Membership to date –1104

Betsy suggested including resigned members from the previous year in future reports. Maureen asked Grant to look it up on the website and found that 36 members had resigned in the last year. Most do not notify Maureen that they are resigning they just let their membership lapse.

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

Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Janice Viles.....carried unanimously

SHOWING AND JUDGING REPORT: Betsy Smith

Betsy asked members to spend a few minutes and go over her published report.

Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy.

The SNOWLINE TROPHY was won by Awaroa Stud, Sue & Peter Lock, with 15 points.

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

The TUROA YOUTH TROPHY was won by Michelle Clark who shows Dexters for Rosalie & Arjan Pederson with 150 points.

Betsy talked about the trophy, the criteria and its origin.

Betsy showed the banner displayed to the members so they could see that these are available for individuals and may purchased by the Area Rep to be used at A&P Shows or Open Days. These are paid for by the society and may be on permanent loan to any member and returned at such time as it is no longer required or the member resigns. The cost is to come out of Area group funding. Members may also purchase banners with their own stud names printed on them through the area rep. This is to be at the member's expense.

THAT the Showing & Judging report as published on the website and in the AGM Booklet be accepted..

Moved by Betsy Smith/Simon Stokes.....carried unanimously

PROMOTIONS & AREA GROUPS REPORTS: Betsy Smith

Betsy spoke on Garth’s behalf. He was unable to attend the meeting due to health issues.

The members read over the reports.

Dave Howard thanked Garth for his work as Area Co-Ordinator.

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

Moved by Betsy Smith/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

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

Moved by Betsy Smith/Marti Winn.....carried unanimously

Betsy will present Garth with a token of appreciation from the society.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm

Meeting reconvened at 1.25pm

After a technical glitch in Grant’s earlier presentation he was able to rectify it so gave a further presentation of the new market place functionality on a mobile phone.

HERD REGISTRY REPORT: Tony Houlbrouke

Tony Houlbrooke thanked Mary for the work she does as his assistant. She checks all the paper work is correct, collects all data for dna testing, registrations and transfers & processes payments.

Tony thanked his wife Vicki for the help he has from her with the paper files.

Tony reported back on the Herd Registry survey done last year to update individual members herd numbers.

After the initial survey went out Grant Keymer, Mary Howard, Brenda Batchelar and Jo Robb had the job of contacting individual members to get their herd updates.

Based on the results the Dexter Breed is classed as a minority breed. Inger Keymer suggested sending the numbers to Ava Hunt of the Rare Breeds for the official record.

Tony talked about the ongoing change to the Herd Registry with ongoing births and deaths. Many deaths and culls not being notified. The total National Herd is between 1404 – 1735. There were some members that would not co-operate with the survey so the number will never be 100% accurate. The average herd size is about 5.

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

Moved by Tony Houlbrooke/ Jacky Carbin.....carried unanimously

DISPATCH REPORT: Maureen Pettersson

Maureen made a correction to her report. She has been Editor since 2013, not 2014.

She talked about where she gets the information and stories from for the Dispatch. Maureen sends all overseas contributors a couple of copies of our Dispatch as a thank you.

Inger Keymer had feedback from a Murray Grey breeder who said our Dispatch is very good.

Betsy thanked Maureen for her work on the Dispatch

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

Moved by Maureen Pettersson/Marti Winncarried unanimously

NEW COUNCIL:

Garth Woodward has resigned from council. Maggie Bentley has also resigned as NI Complaints Officer.

Betsy thanked them both for their contribution. Robyn will send a small token of appreciation to Maggie.

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

President	Betsy Smith	(unopposed)		
Council	Robyn Snelgar	(sitting)	Maureen Pettersson	(sitting)
	Grant Keymer	(sitting)	Sue Monk	(unopposed)
	Alison Rowe	(unopposed)		

THAT the President nomination is accepted

Moved by Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

THAT the council nominations be accepted

Moved by Marti Winn/Brenda Batchelar.....carried unanimously

Elected Positions held Off Council:

Complaints Officers – Grant Conway – (new) – North Island Di Burgess - unopposed - South Island

THAT the Complaints Officers be accepted

Robyn Snelgar/Maureen Pettersson.....carried unanimously

Other Positions held Off Council (non elected):

Herd Registrar - Tony Houlbrooke

Assistant Herd Registrar - Mary Howard

Dispatch Editor - Maureen Pettersson

Research - Brenda Batchelar

REMITs

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.

For 28.....carried unanimously

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

For 28.....carried unanimously

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

For 28.....carried unanimously

Remit 4 – Signing and Seconding of Remits - Proposed by council

THAT all remits must be signed by the submitter and the seconder.

Rationale: To ensure compliance with Regulation 6.1 (i) iii - Each remit will require to be submitted and seconded by financial voting members. Separate signed copies of the said remit will be accepted.

Jo Brightwell asked what was different. Proposed remits have been sent without 2 signatures.

For 28.....carried unanimously

Remit 5 – Complaints Process Update- Proposed by council

THAT Regulation 3 MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS– Complaints Procedures be replaced as follows

Complaints Procedure –

MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS– Complaints Procedures

A complaint may be made against any Member who does not 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 Council that the conduct of a member of the Society is or has been injurious to the Society. Every such complaint must be in writing and will only be accepted as an official complaint if delivered to the Secretary on the official complaints form within 30 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 same manner.
- (c) If a complaint is made against any council member, their spouse/partner or immediate family of that member will be excluded from any deliberation pertaining to this matter.
- (d) The Secretary or President (as applicable) will advise Council of any such complaint within 7 days.
- (e) The subject of the complaint will be notified by the Secretary or President (as applicable) and invited to submit a response in writing within 10 working days.
- (f) There will be no correspondence between the parties once a complaint has been notified.
- (g) Neither party will communicate with the wider membership regarding the complaint once it has been notified.
- (h) If Council is able to assist in a resolution, all practicable steps will be taken to do so.
- (i) If the dispute is not resolved as in (h), Council will refer the matter to the Complaints Officers to investigate. The Complaints Officers will report their recommendations to the Secretary or President (as applicable) within 30 days.
- (j) Council will consider the Complaints Officer's report and will make a decision. Both parties will be notified in writing of council's decision by the Secretary or President (as applicable). This notification will be made within 10 working days. The decision will be binding on both parties and may include suspension or cancellation of the offending party's membership. The sanction for a council member may include removal from office.
- (k) No counter complaint will be accepted until a resolution to the original complaint has been reached.
- (l) If a complaint becomes a Dispute it will be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution.

For 28.....carried unanimously

The revised **Complaint Lodgement Form** may be downloaded from the Members Area of our website.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

AGM/Conference

Jillian Walst suggested cutting down the business side of things to a minimum.

Holding workshops in the afternoon was suggested.

Maureen talked about AGM's and how workshops and speakers have gone in the past.

Marti talked also about how meetings go when there are sensitive topics and that discussion cannot be cut short. It was also noted that the AGM business is the reason we are here. Anything further is a bonus but must be interesting.

The discussion continued with various suggestions to entice members to attend the AGM. This will be discussed further at council f2f meetings.

A survey (much the same as the Herd Registry survey) for members to ask what would make them attend the AGM was suggested.

Revival of topics already done in the past may be a good idea for newer members.

Janice Viles suggested the Area Reps at the AGM get together after the meeting to exchange ideas.

There was a query about society sponsorship at A&P shows.

2016 AGM

Council has discussed the venue for next year and put their suggestion to the members

The suggested venue for 17th Annual Conference on 11 June, 2016 will be held at Nelson.

Note -

SPECIAL SERVICES TO DEXTERS AWARD

This was awarded to Shirley Spick at the AGM dinner.

Meeting closed 3.00pm.

President

Betsy Smith.....

Date

Secretary

Robyn Snelgar.....

Date

President's Report

Acting on a suggestion made at the last AGM, Council has changed the Saturday format and overall name of this AGM to 'Conference & AGM', which will hopefully encourage more members to attend the weekend. With the meeting completed before lunch, it is hoped that the workshops offered in the afternoon will be of interest to members.

Council produced a set of Conference & AGM Guidelines in time for this year's event, to assist organisers in keeping some consistency from year to year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marion Mangnall and her team for organizing this year's Conference & AGM.

I would also like to thank fellow Council members and office-holders for all the hard work they do to keep the Society's 'wheels in motion' throughout the year. Without members being prepared to fulfill these voluntary positions, there would be no NZ Dexter Society. Recognition must also go to those members who promote the breed in a variety of ways, both locally and nationally.

Council met 3 times over the past year, as has been the pattern for several years now. These F2F (face to face) meetings are invaluable opportunities for all Council members to discuss important society matters. For the rest of the year, Council's main method of communication is by email. As has also been the case for several years, the F2F meetings were held at the home of Robyn & Steve Snelgar, thus reducing the accommodation cost to the Society. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn & Steve for hosting Council F2F meetings and for allowing us to take over your house for those weekends.

Unfortunately, Alison Rowe, one of the members who joined Council last year, resigned later that year due to family commitments. This has meant that Council has had only 5 members for most of the year, all from the North Island. It will be good to have representation from the South Island again, with Lucy Raisbeck's nomination this year. There are still more places available on Council, however.

I would like to thank Di Burgess, who is stepping down as the SI Complaints Officer, due to family commitments. This position is currently open. I'm hopeful that it will be filled as the DCSNZ Constitution requires the appointment of a SI Complaints Officer.

It is pleasing to note that the Society remains in a very favorable financial position, continuing the trend from last year. Grant will give more details in his financial report.

The DCSNZ Website is a 'living document' and as such, Grant has made some more improvements over the past year. An additional function has been added to the Members' Area, where members' surnames are now listed alphabetically, making it easy for members to look up others in their area.

As has been the case throughout the history of the Society, members have left over the year while new members continue to join. This seems to be due in large part to the fact that the majority of Dexter Society members live on lifestyle blocks, which is a sector of real estate that has traditionally had a more transient population than larger blocks of land.

The most significant change affecting members this year has been the need to transition from Genomnz to other service providers for DNA testing of cattle. I reported last year that Genomnz had indicated their intention to cease micro-satellite testing in the near future. This occurred in the New Year.

The requirement for members to arrange their own DNA testing, from one of the 3 publicised service providers, has been a smooth transition. The majority of members have been using Massey University. DNA results are sent to the submitter and to Tony Houlbrooke (Herd Registrar). Tony matches the data up with the registration applications as they're received from members and uploads the DNA profiles to the Registry as he receives them.

Following the huge task of the Herd Registry 'tidy-up', I would like to reiterate that it is the members' responsibility to ensure the accuracy of the Registry is maintained. Regulations state that the Herd Registrar must be notified when animals are culled/deceased or sold, whether to members or non-members. Animals sold to non-members, as well as those whose status has not been notified, are coded 'ON HOLD' in the Herd Registry. This indicates that the animal is not 'active' in the Registry and is therefore not counted in the tally of registered stock.

— Betsy Smith

Treasurer's Report 2015/16

On following pages you will find an audited copy of the society's accounts to 31/3/16, and the proposed budgets for the coming year to 31/3/17. Here is my analysis of the accounts for the year that has passed:

Membership Functions

- Subscription Renewals were \$1200 behind last year due to 33 members who let their membership lapse. This compares with 40 last year, and 44 the year before.
- New member signups of 23 for the year just ended, compare with 31 last year, and 45 the year before. It appears that the drop in existing members is levelling out, but we are not picking up new members as quickly as in the past.
- Net income from Membership was 8% below budget and about 11% behind last year.

Cattle Functions

- Income from Registrations and Transfers was about \$1200 less than last year. However, even after paying almost \$4000 for the Herd Registry upgrade, we still made a small surplus of about \$300 from the Herd Registry which is very encouraging.

Admin Functions

- Council Travel expenditure was below budget this year because we have had no councillors from the South Island.

Summary

- Overall the Society made a surplus of \$190 against a budgeted deficit of \$1421 for the year.
- On the BALANCE SHEET, Accumulated Funds total \$43,301 which is about \$200 more than at the beginning of the year. This is an outstanding result considering we have spent almost \$4,000 on Website upgrades.

Budgets for 2016/17

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

Assuming that Remit 1 is passed at the AGM, Membership Renewal Fees will be waived for the year. However, fees applicable to new members will remain unchanged. The society currently has surplus funds and Council sees this as an equitable way of returning them to all current members.

Postage costs are set to rise significantly in July this year, so we have taken the opportunity to purchase in advance two years' worth of stamps for the Dispatch.

Cattle Functions

There is no budgeted income or expenditure for DNA Profiling as that responsibility has been passed back to members, with a choice of 3 different providers available. We don't need to buy any Brass Tags this year as there are plenty in stock. We have purchased 500 promotional pens costing \$455 for use at future AGMs and A&P shows. RAS Affiliation Fees will be a bit lower this year in line with the drop in our membership and we will not be attending the 2016 RAS Conference.

Admin Functions

An increased amount has been budgeted for Council Travel this year, allowing for the addition of Lucy Raisbeck from the South Island.

The net cost of this year's Nelson AGM to the society is expected to be about \$1000 more than last year for a variety of reasons. Due to the South Island location, fewer members are likely to attend, so it seems prudent to use a more conservative estimate of the likely proceeds from fund-raising. Venue costs will also be higher than last year.

Summary

This year's projected deficit is about \$17,500 in line with the return of surplus funds to current members proposed in Remit 1. Should this remit be passed, the society will have \$16,000 on term deposit at the end of the financial year, and about \$9,000 spread between the cheque and savings accounts. This amount is ample to cover the year's expenses, and also to pay for the 2017 AGM which will take place before we receive further income from membership renewals between July and September 2017.

The stock of stamps purchased this year should allow us to run small surpluses for the next 2 years, although this could be eroded somewhat if membership continues to decline significantly.

Overall, the society is expected to be in a very comfortable financial position, even after the proposed return of surplus funds to members.

— Grant Keymer

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2016

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DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2016

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 16 Kerswell Terrace Tihiotonga Rotorua 3015

AUDIT REPORT

To The Members of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated

I have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9, which provides information about the past financial performance of the Dexter Cattle Society New Zealand Incorporated and its financial position as at 31 March 2016.

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 2016.

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 2016.

My audit report was completed on 16 May 2016 and my qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Wollaston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Wollaston B.Com, CA

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Membership Functions for the year ended 31st March 2016

	2015/16 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			
Income			
Subscription Renewals	\$12,500	\$13,735	\$13,500
New Members	\$1,290	\$1,765	\$1,500
New Herd / Stud Registration	\$442	\$550	\$500
	\$14,232	\$16,050	\$15,500
Expenses			
Breeders Handbook			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$189		\$600
General Expenses			
	\$189		\$600
Surplus	\$14,043	\$16,050	\$14,900
<u>DISPATCH</u>			
Income			
Advertising	\$180	\$243	\$200
	\$180	\$243	\$200
Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$29	\$4,244	\$100
Printing	\$3,529	\$3,139	\$3,600
Travel			
	\$3,558	\$7,383	\$3,700
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,378)	(\$7,140)	(\$3,500)
MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$10,665	\$8,910	\$11,400

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Cattle Functions for the year ended 31st March 2016

	2015/16 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget
<u>HERD REGISTRY</u>			
Income			
Registration Fees	\$2,760	\$3,040	\$3,000
Transfer Fees	\$2,045	\$2,945	\$2,900
DNA Profiling	\$840	\$810	\$800
Brass Tags	\$5	\$30	
	\$5,650	\$6,825	\$6,700
Expenses			
General & Travel Expenses		\$200	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$252	\$509	\$500
DNA Profiling	\$807	\$518	\$1,500
Brass Tags	\$330		\$320
Website Enhancements	\$3,963	\$426	\$3,963
	\$5,352	\$1,652	\$6,283
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$298	\$5,173	\$417
<u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u>			
Income			
Merchandise Sold	\$15	\$364	
	\$15	\$364	
Expenses			
Advertising	(\$47)	\$52	
Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs	\$1,155	\$337	\$1,161
Brochures & Promotional Flyers			
Website	\$794	\$380	\$794
Merchandise Purchased		\$642	
Cost of Stock sold / gifted	\$140	\$430	\$141
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$12	\$38	\$100
RAS Affiliation / Delegate Fees	\$1,737	\$1,421	\$1,833
Area Group Support	\$712	\$720	\$1,000
	\$4,503	\$4,020	\$5,029
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,488)	(\$3,656)	(\$5,029)
CATTLE FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,190)	\$1,517	(\$4,612)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Administration

for the year ended 31st March 2016

	2015/16	2014/15	2015/16
	Actual	Actual	Budget
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Income			
Interest Received (incl. Savings account)	\$977	\$1,063	\$1,000
Interest Accrued (Term Deposits/Savings)	\$200	\$200	
	\$1,177	\$1,263	\$1,000
Expenses			
Accountancy Fees	\$272	\$279	\$280
Bank Charges	\$169	\$169	\$170
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$36	\$22	\$50
Travel Expenses			
	\$477	\$470	\$500
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$700	\$793	\$500
<u>COUNCIL</u>			
Income			
Expenses			
Meeting Expenses	\$1,427	\$1,359	\$1,380
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$31	\$49	\$100
Travel Expenses	\$3,503	\$3,326	\$4,639
General Expenses	\$152		
	\$5,113	\$4,734	\$6,119
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$5,113)	(\$4,734)	(\$6,119)
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>			
Income			
Dinner	\$1,360	\$1,240	\$1,200
Raffle and Sponsorship	\$901	\$1,372	\$1,000
	\$2,261	\$2,612	\$2,200
Expenses			
Booklet Printing			
Nomination Forms			
General Expenses	\$1,877	\$1,861	\$2,210
Venue Costs and Speaker	\$2,258	\$3,633	\$2,580
	\$4,134	\$5,494	\$4,790
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$1,873)	(\$2,883)	(\$2,590)
ADMINISTRATION			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,286)	(\$6,824)	(\$8,209)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Income Statement for the year ended 31st March 2016

	2015/16 Actual	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Budget
<u>SUMMARY</u>			
Surplus / (Deficit) from -			
Membership Functions	\$10,665	\$8,910	\$11,400
Cattle Functions	(\$4,190)	\$1,517	(\$4,612)
Administration	(\$6,286)	(\$6,824)	(\$8,209)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$190	\$3,603	(\$1,421)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2016

	Note	2015/16	2014/15
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Bank Cheque Account	2	\$750	\$35
Savings Account	2	\$27,698	\$28,123
Term Deposits	2	\$14,500	\$14,500
Accrued Interest	2	\$200	\$200
Stock on Hand (at cost)	3	\$153	\$293
Prepayments - 2016 AGM		\$0	\$200
Total Current Assets		\$43,301	\$43,351
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred Revenue - 2016 AGM Raffle etc		\$0	\$240
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$43,301	\$43,111
Represented by:			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Opening Balance		\$43,111	\$39,508
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)		\$190	\$3,603
<u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		\$43,301	\$43,111

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31st March 2016

	Note	2015/16	2014/15
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>			
Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members		\$18,595	\$21,485
Receipts from providing goods or service		\$4,082	\$5,816
Interest received		\$1,177	\$1,263
		\$23,855	\$28,564
Payments to Employees & Suppliers		\$23,565	\$23,618
		\$23,565	\$23,618
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		\$289	\$4,946
<u>Cash Flows from Investing & Finance Activities</u>			
Purchase of Term Deposits		\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0
Net Cash Flows from Investing & Finance Activities		\$0	\$0
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash flows		\$289	\$4,946
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		\$42,659	\$37,713
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	2	\$42,948	\$42,659
 Cash Flow Reconciliation			
Reconciliation from the Net Surplus to Net Operating Cash Flows			
Net Surplus		\$190	\$3,603
Add / (Less) Non Cash Items			
Depreciation		\$0	\$0
Gain / (loss) on Sale of Fixed Assets		\$0	\$0
Add / (Less) Movements in Working Capital			
(Increase) / Decrease in Accrued Interest		(\$1)	(\$0)
(Increase) / Decrease in Stock on Hand		\$140	\$430
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments		\$200	\$778
Increase / (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(\$240)	\$135
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		\$289	\$4,946

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2016

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 5/4/16.

Term Deposits	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Accrued Interest at 31/03/16</u>	<u>Balance 31/03/2016</u>	<u>Balance at 31/03/15</u>
Westpac	29-Mar-17	3.35%	\$2	\$8,500	\$8,500
Westpac	12-Jun-16	4.10%	\$198	\$6,000	\$6,000
				\$14,500	\$14,500
Savings Account (Westpac)		0.75%		\$27,698	\$28,123
Cheque Account (Westpac)		0.00%		\$750	\$35
			\$200	\$42,948	\$42,659

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 31/3/15</u>
Number Plate Surrounds	\$10.81	\$15.00	0	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$32.43
Bookmark / Gestation Calendar	\$1.01	\$1.50	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.14
Vehicle Sticker	\$2.50	\$3.00	38	\$0.00	\$95.00	\$152.50
Dexter Society Brochures	\$0.27	\$0.30	219	\$0.00	\$58.36	\$93.80
				\$15.00	\$153.36	\$292.87

4 Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at year end (2015: nil).

5 Commitments

The society did not have any capital commitments at year end (2015: nil).

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Membership Budget for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2015/16 Budget	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Budget
MEMBERSHIP			
Income			
Subscription Renewals	\$13,500	\$12,500	
New Members	\$1,500	\$1,290	\$1,200
New Herd / Stud Registration	\$500	\$442	\$400
Donations			
	\$15,500	\$14,232	\$1,600
Expenses			
Breeders Handbook			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$600	\$189	\$200
General Expenses			
	\$600	\$189	\$200
Surplus	\$14,900	\$14,043	\$1,400
DISPATCH			
Income			
Advertising	\$200	\$180	
	\$200	\$180	
Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$29	\$5,200
Printing	\$3,600	\$3,529	\$3,600
Travel			
	\$3,700	\$3,557	\$8,800
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$3,500)	(\$3,377)	(\$8,800)
MEMBERSHIP FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	\$11,400	\$10,666	(\$7,400)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Cattle Budget for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2015/16 Budget	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Budget
<u>HERD REGISTRY</u>			
Income			
Registration Fees	\$3,000	\$2,760	\$2,500
Transfer Fees	\$2,900	\$2,045	\$2,000
DNA Profiling	\$800	\$840	
Brass Tags		\$5	
	\$6,700	\$5,650	\$4,500
Expenses			
General & Travel Expenses			
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$500	\$252	\$300
DNA Profiling	\$1,500	\$807	
Brass Tags	\$320	\$330	
Website Upgrades	\$3,963	\$3,963	
	\$6,283	\$5,352	\$300
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$417	\$298	\$4,200
<u>PROMOTIONS/SHOWING, JUDGING</u>			
Income			
Merchandise		\$15	
		\$15	
Expenses			
Advertising		(\$47)	
Banners, Trophies, Badges, Show Costs	\$1,161	\$1,155	\$1,500
Brochures & Promotional Flyers			\$455
Website	\$794	\$794	\$700
Merchandise Purchased			
Cost of Merchandise sold	\$141	\$140	
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$12	\$100
RAS Affiliation / Delegate Fees	\$1,833	\$1,737	\$891
Area Group Support	\$1,000	\$712	\$1,000
	\$5,029	\$4,503	\$4,646
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$5,029)	(\$4,488)	(\$4,646)
CATTLE FUNCTIONS			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,612)	(\$4,190)	(\$446)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

Administration Budget for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2015/16 Budget	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Budget
<u>TREASURY</u>			
Income			
Interest Received (incl. Savings account)	\$1,000	\$977	\$500
Interest Accrued (Term Deposits/Savings)		\$200	
	\$1,000	\$1,177	\$500
Expenses			
Accountancy Fees	\$280	\$272	\$280
Bank Charges	\$170	\$169	\$170
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$50	\$36	\$50
Travel Expenses			
	\$500	\$477	\$500
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$500	\$700	
<u>COUNCIL</u>			
Income			
Expenses			
Meeting Expenses	\$1,380	\$1,427	\$1,500
Postage, Stationery and Phone	\$100	\$31	\$100
Travel Expenses	\$4,639	\$3,503	\$4,500
General Expenses		\$152	
	\$6,119	\$5,113	\$6,100
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,119)	(\$5,113)	(\$6,100)
<u>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</u>			
Income			
Dinner	\$1,200	\$1,360	
Raffle and Sponsorship	\$1,000	\$901	\$500
	\$2,200	\$2,261	\$500
Expenses			
Booklet Printing			
Nomination Forms			
General Expenses	\$2,210	\$1,877	\$2,280
Venue Costs and Speaker	\$2,580	\$2,258	\$1,779
	\$4,790	\$4,134	\$4,059
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,590)	(\$1,873)	(\$3,559)
ADMINISTRATION			
Overall Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,209)	(\$6,286)	(\$9,659)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
Budgeted Income
for the year ended 31st March 2017

	2015/16 Budget	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Budget
<u>SUMMARY</u>			
Surplus / (Deficit) from -			
Membership Functions	\$11,400	\$10,666	(\$7,400)
Cattle Functions	(\$4,612)	(\$4,190)	(\$446)
Administration	(\$8,209)	(\$6,286)	(\$9,659)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(\$1,421)	\$190	(\$17,506)

DEXTER CATTLE SOCIETY NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED
Budgeted Balance Sheet
as at 31st March 2017

	Note	2016/17	2015/16
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		Budget	Actual
Bank Cheque Account	2	\$100	\$750
Savings Account	2	\$9,091	\$27,698
Term Deposits	2	\$16,000	\$14,500
Accrued Interest	2	\$451	\$200
Stock on Hand (at cost)	3	\$153	\$153
Prepayments			
Total Current Assets		\$25,795	\$43,301
<u>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>			
Deferred Revenue			
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		\$25,795	\$43,301
Represented by:			
<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>			
Opening Balance		\$43,301	\$43,111
Current year Surplus / (Deficit)		(\$17,506)	\$190
<u>CLOSING ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>		\$25,795	\$43,301

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Date: _____

Membership Report 2015/16

As of the 1st April 2016 we have 279 Financial Members and 5 Life Members.

There were a total of 23 new members which is 8 less than last year but the Lapsed and Resigned Members were down this financial year by 20.

As at 1st April 2016		1st April 2015
Financial Members	279 (23 new members)	31 new members
Life Members	5	5
Resigned Members	331 (16 this year)	31 last year
Lapsed Members	33	38
Lapsed Past Members	471	438
Deceased/Merged	8 (1 this year)	7
Total number of Members in file	1127	

Unfortunately, we lost a long term Member this year: - Terry Arthurs #228 from Masterton.

The Dexter Membership is still very much in a healthy position and when asked by other cattle owners around New Zealand and overseas, they are surprised that we have so many.

In the first 2.5 months of the 2016/17 year we have a further 5 members, so they are still coming in.

If Remit 1 goes through at this AGM, the only income from Membership will be from New Members. All current Financial Members that have prepaid for 2016/17 year will be transferred to the following year.

— Maureen Pettersson

Showing and Judging Report 2015/16

The past year has shown a similar trend to recent times, with some A&P Shows having a good number of Dexter entries and others struggling to run a Dexter Section. Well done to those of you who helped in any way with showing and to those who exhibited Dexters at shows last season, with a special welcome to those who entered for the first time. I haven't had feedback from other areas but do know that there were 3 new members showing in the Waikato region last season.

The Society sponsored an Australian Judge (Troy Nutridge) to judge at the NIBS in Hamilton at the end of October. Some members who had indicated that they would enter didn't turn up, however there were 9 animals entered by 2 exhibitors. Troy was very impressed with the standard of entries and the quality of the Dexters exhibited.

Thanks to the many members, from the Waikato, Manawatu, Franklin & Northland areas, who assisted on the day – setting up and 'manning' the promotional display, grooming and leading Dexters in the ring, taking photos and stewarding. Your willingness to help contributed to the smooth running of the NIBS. A number of members joined Troy for a meal at a local eatery on the Saturday evening, concluding a most enjoyable event.

Dexters were also the Feature Breed at the Waikato A&P Show last season; a special sash in 'Waikato Colours' was awarded to the Supreme Champion Dexter. After the Show the Waikato A&P Association Secretary requested a photo of the Supreme Champion Dexter/Feature Breed Supreme Champion to add to their website. To my knowledge this is the first time a Dexter has featured on the website with other beef breeds.

The 2016/17 NIBS will be held at Rotorua.

The SIBS held at the Otago/Taieri A&P Show in Mosgiel unfortunately had only one exhibitor, showing 3 Dexters. Given the current reduced interest in the SIBS, there has been a suggestion that this event be put into recess until there's an expression of interest from SI members. If this were the case, Council would hold the SIBS Shield until further notice. The future of the SIBS will be discussed later in this meeting.

Entries in the Dexter ring at the Royal A&P Show in Hastings on 21-23 Oct were also low, with one exhibitor entering 2 cattle. The Royal Show will be held at Hastings again next year; hopefully the number of entries will be greater than they were this season.

There was no Dexter ring at the Paeroa A&P Show this season; however a promotional display attracted a steady stream of people. All members exhibiting Dexters or displaying them where there is other stock, are reminded to protect their cattle from Theileria by applying pour-on several days prior to the event.

A&P Shows, Show results, past trophy winners and a judges' list can all be found on the DCSNZ website. A Dexter judges list is also in the RAS website.

In addition to NIBS & SIBS shields and a DCSNZ Royal Show Trophy, the Society has 2 show trophies which are awarded at the AGM, on points accrued over the season. The winners of the Snowline Trophy and Turoa Youth Trophy will be announced at this Conference & AGM.

Herd Registrar's Report 2015/16

- ***Keeping the register in shape***

Prior to last year's AGM there was the "purge the register" operation which removed a large number of animals that were long since dead. This resulted in the register reporting that there were 1735 live animals at that point (May 2015). Twelve months on the current live animals (at the time of writing) is 1624. So we can say that we have continued to hold the numbers in check.

We are continuing to remind members to advise us when they cull animals. When a breeder registers or buys an animal and papers are sent out we note the current numbers they have registered to them.

- ***Online versus standard mail***

The use of online registration has become more and more the favoured way to register animals – possibly two thirds are registered in this manner. Discussions have been under way to find a workable online transfer system. We may have this up and running soon.

It is also an acceptable practise, decided by Council, to allow scanning and sending transfers attached to emails – thus saving the postage cost and time lag.

We do need to continue and maintain the physical records also – it is surprising how often they need to be accessed to verify when and how something was actioned in the past.

- ***Brass Tags & Identification of animals***

Brass tags continue to be issued with each registered animal though it is debatable how many find their way into ears. I personally think that less than one third are applied. This means we need to be vigilant in gathering secondary physical identification. Obviously NAIT tags are in the ears of every animal and we need to encourage those numbers to be included with registration. Many members are doing this now – often having no other tags (that is personally numbered ones).

In the cases where tags are not conclusive in providing ID of an animal occasionally DNA profiling can assist.

- ***Simultaneous registration & transfer***

At some point in the past this practise has been approved, but I do see it as having dangers. Inevitably what happens is that an animal leaves a property without ID (it will have NAIT) and often it is some months before the registration/transfer is actioned. Then the tag and registration papers are sent to the new owner. I would prefer that the ID is established by the breeder and the transfer done separately from the registration after the breeder applies the tag!

Whatever, it is a big hole where the ID of the animal could be compromised.

- ***New DNA test arrangements***

The new arrangements for DNA profiling have been in place since the start of this year. The Genomnz decision to cease doing satellite testing necessitated exploring other providers. Along with change of provider the decision was made that members take responsibility to send in tail hairs directly and action their own DNA tests.

Massey is suggested as being the recommended provider (with UQ & UC Davis as other alternatives). There have been a few bugs with the reporting of results from Massey. Unfortunately, the results are on 2 pages – DNA certificate on one page and sire verification on the second page. Can we get by with one page in our records? Page 2 while not the formal certificate does contain the certificate number & the profile (as well as the bull profile that it is compared against).

Coupled with this 2 page issue we have had problems getting the results sent to the herd registrar from the Massey test person – and sometimes only one page is being sent!

Registrations of bulls are still requiring a certain amount of work from the registrar – locating a profile of the sire often being needed – and there are still sires out there who were profiled under Genemark's G3 (SNP) profiling. These cannot be converted and must be re-profiled with tail hairs and a satellite test.

- ***A2 testing & reporting***

There are a number of breeders who are testing animals for A2 beta casein. The test results return if an animal is A1/A1, A1/A2 or A2/A2 – the last being the desired A2 animal. It may be of interest for other breeders to have this information recorded on the animal's online record in much the same way that BD1, BD2 and PHA are recorded by some breeders. In fact, it could be included in the same field.

— Tony Houlbrooke

Dispatch Report 2015/16

I am still enjoying hunting, finding articles, editing and putting the Dispatch together for you the members.

I have been in contact with so many people over the last 3 (almost) years from all over the world. Many of these Dexter owners and some non-Dexter owners have given their time writing articles just for you. Something that most of these people have been very happy to do for me; the only thank you is a copy of the Dispatch sent to them.

It would be great to get more from New Zealand but many of our members work full time and don't have the time to do this.

The printers have been great to work with; I send everything by email, so there are no costs for petrol going backwards and forwards. I actually don't know what I would do without their keenness to work with me.

Thanks to Brenda Batchelar for her great contributions as Research Officer for the Dispatch. I am sure many of you have been helped from some of her articles; some that we don't even think about unless we or a neighbour etc has issues.

I thank those of you for your positive feedback and I am sure that The Dexter Dispatch will get even better!

— Maureen Pettersson

Website Report 2015/16

It has been a very busy year for the website, covering security upgrades, development of a mobile-friendly framework and improvements to the members directory. All of these improvements have been working successfully for many months now and we aren't contemplating any further capital expenditure this year.

However, there are some small improvements we can build in-house to make life easier for members. The following additions are planned:

- **Online Transfers.** Following the addition of Online Registration some years ago, we will soon be ready for Transfers to be completed online. This will be done in two parts with both the Seller and the Buyer needing to complete an online form. Payment can be made electronically and the green registration certificate should then be destroyed.
- **Online Service Certificates.** This will allow bull owners to complete a service certificate which is then emailed to the Herd Registrar, saving the need to fill out a paper form. The finer points of this are still being worked out.

Finally, some of you may have noticed the 'Flag Counter' on the home page of our website. This shows the total number of visitors since July last year, and further details are available by clicking on the box at the bottom. It is interesting that Brazil is consistently our second most frequent source of visitors, rather than the US or Australia as might be expected. Instead, they are at numbers 3 and 4 in the list respectively, followed by Italy and the UK.

— Grant Keymer

Elections 2016

This year, 4 nominations were received for Council and one nomination for President, along with one nomination for Complaints Officer. Our regulations state that Council should be a maximum of 8, so we have no need for an election this year.

All nominations will be ratified at the AGM.

Betsy Smith #329 – President – Nominated by Jeanette Ward #1067

My husband Stan and I have bred Dexters at Cherry Oak Stud in Matangi since 2002. We've shown our cattle since 2005, enjoying much success over the past 11yrs.

My interest in Dexters began in 1998 when I bought my first 2 weaner heifers. The focus of Cherry Oak Stud has always been to breed animals of sound conformation and temperament. Our foundation herd was black; through selective breeding all our Dexters are now either red or carrying red.

Since retiring at the end of 2014 after 37yrs in education, I have certainly had no time to be bored!

I have continued to value my involvement on Council and have an interest in assisting the Society to keep up to date with current trends of the digital era.

I am happy to accept this nomination and if elected for a further term as President, would endeavor to continue to act in the best interests of the Society and its members.

Robyn Snelgar #221 & #449 – Council – Nominated by Stan Smith #329

I have been breeding Dexters with my husband Steve since 1999. Our studs Pohutukawa and Ardmore Heights have around 35 Dexters at Ardmore, South East of Auckland. Steve rears a few pigs and we also have chickens, a few ducks and geese, and a goat. We also breed German Shepherds and also have a small dog and a number of tamed feral cats. 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 (13 years) and have had the role of secretary since 2007 (9 years) which I enjoy very much. I have offered my home as the venue for council meetings for the last 8 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 and would love to see other members join the DCSNZ council and participate in the running of our society.

Lucy Raisbeck #1101 nominated by Maureen Pettersson #369

I'm originally from the UK, with a background of farming and trained as an Horticulturist. In 2007 I emigrated to NZ and now live on a lifestyle block in rural Canterbury with 4 Dexters, miniature horses, Finn sheep and a large number of hens for free-range egg sales. I work locally as an Office Manager.

I've had many years' experience (20 plus) with shows and showing, mainly poultry and horses, and was secretary for Ashburton A&P show for 2 years. Although relatively new to the Dexter breed, I'm passionate about livestock and the land and have always been interested in animals of all types.

Grant Keymer #326 nominated by Vicky Tribe #172

I have served as Treasurer and Webmaster of the society since July 2011 and it is now time for me to 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 30 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 3 bulls (one of each colour). We also have about 30 sheep; most of them Wiltshires which shed their own wool, in addition to Chooks, Ducks and Geese.

Maureen Pettersson #369 – nominated by Julie Rush #1127

My husband Wayne and I own a small herd of Dexters in Upper Hutt north of Wellington. We have a 14 year old Labrador, 2 cats and I breed Silkie chickens for their fertile eggs, which I send all over NZ. We also own Alpacas and 2 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 forty plus years, both in New Zealand and the UK.

Over the past 8 years I have held the position of Membership Secretary, which I enjoy and 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 8 years and Editor of the Dexter Dispatch for almost 3 years, 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.

Grant Conway #945 – NI Complaints Officer – Nominated by Wayne Pettersson #369

I have been a member of the DCSNZ since 2011 and along with my son Andrew and extended family have been breeding our lovely Dexters under the name of Pukerau Stud, on a small lifestyle block near Upper Hutt. I work as a counsellor in the Upper Hutt community and am happy to take on the role of North Island Complaints Officer.

Remits 2016

Remit 1 – Membership Fees

Proposed by Council

THAT membership renewal fees be waived for the 2016/2017 financial year with fees applicable to new members remaining unchanged.

Rationale: The society currently has surplus funds. This has arisen due to the greatly reduced costs of printing the Dispatch over the past 2 years. Council sees this is an equitable way of returning surplus funds to all current members.

NOTE: Remit 1a will not be necessary if Remit 1 is passed.

Remit 1a – 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 – Membership Categories

Proposed by Council

THAT Regulation 2.1 - Membership be updated as follows:

2.1 Categories of Membership:

Membership shall be divided into the following categories:

(A) MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS: Limited to residents of New Zealand who belong to one of the following categories

Full membership, 1 vote per stud - \$50.00

Be changed to:

Full membership, 1 vote per person - \$50.00

Rationale: To ensure a quorum is met at the AGM by allowing all current Full Members voting rights.

Remit 5 – Amendment of Regulation 9.7

Proposed by Council

THAT Regulation 9.7:

9.7 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 one but preferably both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph.

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

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. For 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.

Be amended to read as follows:

9.7 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 one but preferably both ID tags registered with the DCSNZ – Nait tag and/or DCSNZ brass tag. To be confirmed by photograph.

Any registration forms are to be returned to Herd Registrar.

Any calves born whilst cow in non-member ownership cannot be registered. For 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: The society has no jurisdiction over non-members to pay the transfer fee. The buyer (member) has not created the situation therefore should not be asked to pay a fee.

Remit 6 – Members Selling to Non-members

THAT Regulation 9 **Transfer of Ownership of Cattle** have a section added to cover the fees due for members selling to non-members. The new section being:

9.8 In the event of a member selling to a non-member no transfer fee will be payable. The seller must sign, scan/email or post the green form to the Herd Registrar within 30 days of sale.

Rationale: The process has been unclear and transfer fees have frequently been unpaid in these circumstances.