

# Draft Minutes

## Annual Meeting of the American Milking Devon Cattle Association 2025

President John Hall called the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the AMDCA to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 2025, with the following Directors attending: John Hall, Mark Winslow, Andrew VanOrd, Bruce Farr, Jeremy Michaud, Steve Burton and Registrar Bonnie Hall. This Annual Meeting was virtual (Zoom) and had an additional 22 members attending.

The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were reviewed and Amended by Steve Burton, seconded by Mark Winslow to add the word **NOT** to the description of Breedmate being secure. The Amended Motion passed Unanimously.

### President's Report:

The Directors continue to meet monthly on conference calls which last anywhere from two to four hours. During that time, they discuss issues of cattle registration, on-going projects and how to advocate for the Association. During the past year priorities have been the Website upgrade, the Ray Clark Memorial Award, By-law Review, and the Youth Ambassador program. More details on these projects will be covered later in the agenda. It was noted that since we are a 501c5 Association registered with the IRS we are somewhat limited in the type of activities the Association can take part in.

### Treasurer's Report:

(see attached summaries). It was noted that due to unclaimed refunds by members the Association has an additional \$3535.88 in the account. Sam Peck moved to record that in the Donation column, seconded by Deric Miner. The Motion was Approved.

The Amended Treasurer's Report was moved to Approve by Bruce Farr, seconded by Bonnie Hall. The Motion Passed.

### Genetics Report:

Steve Burton has been researching the advantages of DNA testing for cattle which includes clearly identifying parentage. He did note that it would have a financial cost, and the Association would have to determine who owns that information. More discussion on this topic will be held at the close of this business meeting.

### Registrar Report:

(see attached summaries) It was noted by Bonnie that we have 4 Junior members not 2 as listed.

### Communication Committee Report:

Andrew VanOrd thanked Lawrence Gilley for his years of service as Webmaster. As the Directors worked to upgrade the Website, it was apparent just how much work Lawrence put into the task, and we appreciate his dedication to the Association. Dale Freier has picked up that task and is putting in untold hours getting the Website edited. In addition, Andrew noted how much we all miss the quarterly newsletter edited by Tom Slater. It was outstanding! However, no one has expressed an interest in picking up that task so he hopes the new Website can fill some of that void.

The Website Registration and Transfer process is not working effectively so it has been taken down until the issue can be resolved. In the meantime, members can print the forms off the website and mail them to the Registrar.

#### Election Results:

Andrew reported that 66 ballots were mailed out to members and 29 were returned. John Hall received 29 votes and Steve Burton received 24 votes, so both were re-elected to new terms on the Board.

#### Ray Clark Memorial Award:

Bruce Farr reported that Patty Howell and John Madden served on the Selection Committee with him. They have chosen Ian Miner to receive the award. Ian's application demonstrated his love for the Breed and his interest in continuing the tradition. He will be using the \$1,000 award to assist with tuition at Paul Smith's College.

#### By-Law Review:

John reported that the Directors have reviewed the By-laws and suggested that we Amend Article 5/Section 4 to clarify that meeting notifications can either be by US Mail or Electronic Mail (Email) (See attached By-laws). Bruce Moved to make that Amendment, Seconded by Andrew. Motion passed Unanimously.

#### Fall Gathering:

John notified the group we are interested in again having a Fall Gathering and if someone is interested in hosting, they should let John know.

#### New Business:

The Directors noted the outstanding job Bonnie has done again this year. A round of applause was given by the group to Bonnie for her efforts.

There has been an interest expressed by some members to have either a voluntary or mandatory DNA requirement for cattle registrations. John reported that the initial feedback showed there are strong opinions either for or against. In addition, there are many questions as to the details of such a program. Therefore, to ensure all members have information about any proposed program and have a chance to voice their opinion at the end of this business session there will be a round table discussion. The Directors will then

take the input into consideration as they decide how to go further in determining the wishes of the Association members. John emphasized the importance of regardless of how an individual member may feel, we must all work together to arrive at consensus.

Motion to adjourn by Bonnie, seconded by Bruce. Motion Carried.

11:30

The following is a summary of comments made by members during the DNA Roundtable:

... Over the years, there have been questions about a few members not correctly identifying cattle they want to register. A mandatory DNA program would eliminate that issue

... A DNA requirement would end the issue of missing ear tags, broken RFID chips, misapplied tattoos, etc. resulting in unidentifiable cattle

... There is a concern about getting members to pay for DNA testing when the \$5 current registration fee is a problem for some

...The DNA record may increase the value of the cattle therefore may be beneficial to the owner

... The additional cost may be prohibitive for some members so it may result in fewer cattle being registered

... Some members are very concerned the information gathered may be shared with others

... It might be a positive step to have a voluntary program for those members who wish to participate

... Even a volunteer program may start the Association down the path to a mandatory DNA requirement and some are very opposed to that

...A DNA program, voluntary or mandatory would require more action by the volunteer Registrar and Webmaster. We do not currently have the capacity to expand their roles

AMDCA Registrar

Bonnie Hall

**Report for 2025 Annual Meeting**

In 2024 there were

**219 Registrations**

**162 were females and**

**57 were males**

**125 were under one year**

**27 were one year, but less than two years**

**9 were two years, but less than three years**

**1 was three years, but less than five years**

**There were 182 Transfers**

**10 Lost Certificates were issued**

Semen Sold

**Herk: 5**

**Floyd: 0**

**Green Valley Apollo: 0**

**Axel: 8**

**Augustine: 0**

**Valentino: 0**

**TOTAL: 13**

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hall

Registrar

## **2024 Membership AMDCA**

There were **92** Members

Of which:

There are **3** Lifetime Members

There are **2** Junior Members

There are **2** Associate Members\*\*

\*\*Amended 4 Associate Members

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Hall

Registrar



AMDCA 2024 Treasurer's Report

	2022	2023	2024
<b>Balance Jan. 1</b>	12,439.01	\$7,152.67	\$11,643.24
<b>Income</b>			
Dues	1,520.00	1,300.00	1,900.00
Registrations	1,885.00	1,030.00	1,140.00
Transfers	805.00	1,040.00	910.00
Semen Sold	200.00	200.00	260.00
T-Shirts, etc.	924.00	125.00	118.00
Lost Reg. Cert.	0	50.00	250.00
Donations	.98	1,500.00	216.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$5,334.38</b>	<b>\$5,245.00</b>	<b>\$4,794.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Advertising	0	0	0
Annual Mtg/hall	50.00	50.00	50.00
Artist/Author/film	0	0	0
Attorney	0	0	0
Award	300.00	0	0
Brochures	0	0	0
Computer	0	0	0
Flowers	0	0	0
Herdbook	0	0	0
Internet/website	300.00	1,300.00	1,875.00
Insurance	698.00	698.00	698.00
Judge/Fair	750.00	0	0
Newsletter/postcards	30.72	325.98	365.00
Office Supply/Reg Forms	743.61	414.41	495.12
Registrar	475.00	0	50.00

Regional Show	180.00	0	0
Returned check/fees	0	0	0
Refunds	45.00	0	5.00
Safe	0	0	0
Semen Purchased	0	0	0
Semen Storage/NAB	516.96	511.92	505.84
Spring/Fall Gathering	400.00	0	2,500.00
Technology	0	0	0
Tee shirts, ,etc.	250.00	0	0
Scholarship Fund	0	0	0
Video Production	2,500.00	1,000.00	0
Youth Ambassador Prog	682.03	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$10,621.32</b>	<b>\$4,300.31</b>	<b>\$6,543.96</b>
<b>BALANCE December 31</b>	<b>\$ 7,152.67</b>	<b>\$8,097.36</b>	<b>\$9,893.28</b>



AMDCA  
 Certificate of Deposit Analysis  
 2024  
 Deposited at Essex Savings Bank  
 Plains Road  
 P.O. Box 950  
 Essex, CT 06426

	<b>CD #1</b>	<b>CD #2</b>	<b>CD #3</b>
Opened	08-20-07	01-9-09	07-25-14
Initial Deposit	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Current Interest Rate	4.75%	4.77%	4.40%
Maturity Date	9-30-25	1-21-26	9-29-25
Length of Deposit	9 months	9 months	9 months
2024 Interest	\$95.17	\$183.30	\$232.54
<b>12-31 Value</b>	<b>\$5,751.15</b>	<b>\$5,540.35</b>	<b>\$6,191.06</b>
<b>Total Interest</b>	<b>\$511.01</b>		
<b>Total CD Value as of 12-31-24</b>	<b>\$17,482.55</b>		