

American Milking Devon Cattle Association
Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting

Tunbridge, VT May 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President John Hall at 10:00 AM.

Directors attending: John Hall, Tom Slater, Mark Winslow, Bruce Farr and Registrar Bonnie Hall.

And a total of 10 people attended.

Minutes: Bruce Farr presented the minutes of the 2022 meeting. A motion by Mark Winslow was made to accept, seconded by Steve Burton. The motion was passed.

Reports

President: John Hall reported that the Directors continue to meet monthly on a conference call to conduct association business and address items which need attention.

In addition, there have been two Regional Fairs this year, the Virginia State Fair, and the Seneca Fair in NY. He recognized and thanked the members who conducted these events.

Backyard Green Films filmed the trip John and Bonnie made to England as part of the celebration of the Devon Breed in the US and they hope to release the film later this year.

The World Devon Congress will be held in North America next year with people all over the world attending. The final day of the Congress will be in Plimouth, MA and focus on the American Milking Devon Breed.

Treasurer's report:

Was presented by John Hall

Tom Slater moved to accept the report, seconded by Steve Burton, and the motion passed.

A discussion was held on the need to have secondary signatures available on all accounts in case the Treasurer is unable to conduct business. Tom Slater moved to authorize the Board to appoint a director to be the additional signer, seconded by Bruce Farr and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Genetics: Ray Clark is unable to attend so no report given.

Registrar:

Bonnie Hall presented the Registrar report providing the number of animals registered this year

Communication: Andrew VanOrd is unable to attend so no report given.

Website: Lawrence is unable to attend, however he notified John that he would like to step down from this task. Directors have been in contact with a new designer. She is working on a new design but at this point has not provided any details. RE Synergy Foundation is providing some funding for this activity.

Newsletter: Tom Slater reported that a new addition is in development with feature articles on the Virginia State Fair, the NY Fair and the Hall's trip to England.

Old business:

Youth Ambassador Project: Bruce reported that the Youth Ambassador program was successful for the first year. The cost of the program was \$682.03, and the students involved were very appreciative of our support. There was general agreement to continue this program next year.

Fall Gatherings: Regarding a Fall Gathering, the Directors are looking for suggestions on a location and topics.

Regional Fairs: Tom moved to sponsor Seneca Fair this year as the Northeast Show, seconded by Bruce. Motion passed. In addition, we will ask Victoria Reck-Ames to consider working on hosting the Regional Fair the following year. Tom moved to support the Mid-Atlantic Show and to 50% fund the judge provided we have input on his/her selection, seconded by Bruce and motion passed.

Election Results: Bruce Farr reported that Andrew VanOrd and Ray Clark were reelected.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Bruce Farr, Secretary