

## 2021 Annual AMDCA Meeting

The annual meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> via conference call due to COVID restrictions

Directors Attending: Tom Slater, Bonnie Hall, John Hall, Dexter Randal, Ray Clark, Bruce Farr and Andrew Van Ord

Members attending included: Victoria Reck-Ames, Wayne Hawkins, Richard Larson, Elaine Shirley, and Steve Burton

Agenda:

Welcome by President John Hall

He noted this was not an official meeting because attendance cannot be verified so no votes will be taken, however the Directors will report on the Associations activities over the last year.

Presidents Report

John thanked the directors for a successful busy year. Backyard Greens Films was a high point of the year with several films being done and more in progress. These were funded by the Livestock Conservancy and our treasury.

Steve and June Burton hosted a seminar conducted by Drew Conroy focusing on developing a pool of judges because we need people who know Devons and we need to involve the next generation

Conferences calls have been conducted throughout the year.

The breed standard has been updated and a conference call for input was held. Now the new standard will be presented for a vote when we have an official annual meeting.

We replaced the computer and printer for Bonnie for use as our Registrar.

The Association added three new bulls to the Semen Bank based on the Livestock conservatory recommendation for more diversity. John, Bonnie and Andrew inspected actual bulls and then we selected four bulls for drawing. Also, Sue and Clayton Randall donated semen from their operation to the Association.

The US Postal Service has a new run of stamps and on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Mount Vernon they will have an official unveiling. John and Bonnie will attend, and others are welcome.

Richard will report on the Virginia State Fair later in the meeting.

Our Herd book has been updated.

The Directors have received positive feedback on the Card grading video and it has been used by many throughout year.

Moving forward in 2023, there will be a celebration about the arrival of Devons at Plimouth. More information to come.

We continue to research working with the University of Utah on milk and meat samples We have a figure of \$25,000 for a study on lab animals regarding our meat/milk and Cancer prevention. We are looking for funding.

In order to take grants a 501c needs to be created. We are studying the pro/cons.

Richard Larson:

Richard is working with the Virginia State Fair and there will be a livestock show Sept 24-26. The Mid Atlantic Regional show will happen. It will be a Competitive show, but they are also looking at an oxen event which would be open to all breeds.

The Association will send out an email blast supporting the show.

Treasurer Report: John presented the treasurer's report and reviewed the expenses and income

Registrar Report:

2020 corrected report: We had 71 members in 2019 and 74 members in 2020

Open discussion:

Thanks to the Board for conducting activities even during Pandemic: Elaine

Newsletter Feedback: Thanks to Tom for an outstanding job with both a variety of articles and the Bulls article: Richard

Videos: Liked the videos and reposted them on their farm page: Wayne

Fantastic videos, money well spent. I found them informative and entertaining: Steve

Can Steve Burton's videos be linked to our website? They are Informative and, they provide a look at life with Devons. Also, how about Bonnies videos, they personalize our breed: Victoria

Fall Gatherings: We are looking for new locations to talk with interested people. We are looking for someone to host.

Steve Burton would welcome us again and wanted to know if the time/schedule is fluid. Yes, it is depending on needs of host. The time window is Sept through November.

Tom will add a newsletter article to describe our expectations so people know it is doable and this may encourage people to volunteer to host.

Wayne would be willing to host but limited members in his geographic area. In 2011 Missouri did get 30 attendees

Ballot report:

2019 and 2020: 2 directors were up for election each year and 17 ballots were received for all current directors with no write ins and no absentee ballots

Addition Comments:

Richard wanted to support future meetings being held both In person and via telephone. The Directors will continue to work on this.

Conference call topics were requested: no input was provided.

A short discussion on the value of the stamps for breed promotion was held.

The meeting adjourned 10:45

Submitted by Bruce Farr, AMDCA Secretary

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