

## American Milking Devon Cattle Association

*Established in 1978 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.*

*Properly cared for Milking Devons will work for you, not you work for them.-- Diurna Kibbe*

### Call For Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the position of Director (member of the Board of Directors) for the term May 2016 through May 2019. Voting will be by mail, and ballots will be counted and results announced at the Annual Meeting in May.

As an all-volunteer organization, AMDCA depends on its Directors to both manage the organization and do much of the actual work. The Board meets monthly by telephone. In addition we host one or more regional meetings each year, which the Directors are urged to attend. Directors must be voting members, i.e., must own registered American Milking Devon cattle and have paid their dues for the current year.

The terms of two incumbent Directors expire this year; both are seeking re-election. John L. Hall III, President and Treasurer of the Association is seeking re-election. Thomas Slater was appointed by the Board to fill out Bruce Balch's unexpired term and he is also seeking election.

If you wish to put a name in nomination, please submit the following information not later than Friday, February 12, 2016 to Bruce Farr, AMDCA Director, 51 Catamount Rd., Northwood, NH 03261; e-mail [farrviewsouthfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:farrviewsouthfarm@yahoo.com)

1. The nominee's full name,
2. A statement of the nominee's background, qualifications and his/her philosophy and goals for AMDCA. Please limit this information to ½ page.
3. A statement **signed by the nominee** that he/she is a voting member and agrees to serve if elected.

All nominations will be acknowledged and the Nominating Committee will ensure that all complete nominations received by the above deadline are placed on the ballot.

### **Friendly Reminders:**

- Send registrations, registration transfers, membership applications, dues, and address or email corrections to: Bonnie Hall, 610 East Pond Meadow Road, Westbrook, CT 06498 (860) 399-4611 [johnandbonniehall610@comcast.net](mailto:johnandbonniehall610@comcast.net)
- Membership dues should be sent in at the first of the year and if not received by the annual meeting, your name will be removed from the breeders and mailing lists and you will not be able to process registrations until the dues are paid.
- Make sure that all checks are made out to: “AMDCA”, not to the registrar.
- Direct questions, concerns, requests for information, etc. to Ray Clark at (802) 626-8306. Ray is the primary contact for the Association.

### **Answers to Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Registrations and Transfers**

- When selling/transferring an animal, our Association requires the SELLER to send in the **Original Registration Certificate**, along with the \$5.00 transfer fee. Please include the buyer's name, address, phone number and email address. Then the Registrar will issue a new Registration Certificate to the new owner.
- When registering an animal, please type or fill out the form in clear penmanship. When entering the names of dam and sire be sure to write the names exactly as they appear on their registration documents. Also, make sure to include any punctuation marks (apostrophes, etc.) for the sire and dam.
- Please include a phone number in case the registrar needs to call for further information.

### **Naming Protocol for a New Devon**

The official name of newly registered cattle should reflect the name of the farm the animal was born on. For example, a new calf, named Angel, was born on a farm named Devon Heaven. Angel, who has not yet been registered, was sold at six months of age to a farm named Devons Shire. In this case the registration and transfer will be accomplished with one form. When registering Angel, her name should reflect the name of the farm she was born on, not the farm she was sold to. Even though Angel is likely to live her life on Devons Shire farm, her official name should be something like:

**Angel of Devon Heaven or Devon Heaven's Angel**

### **Membership/Dues Policy**

Membership is open to any individual or organization interested in furthering the purposes of the Association. An organization shall designate an individual to represent it at business meetings of the Association.

There shall be three categories of membership;

1. Voting Members, consisting of all members owning registered Milking Devon cattle.
2. Associate Members, who wish to further the purposes of the Association.

The annual dues for these two categories as established by the Board (currently \$20) shall be due and payable on or before December 31 of each calendar year. Lapsed members shall be reinstated on payment of outstanding and current year dues.

- 3. Junior Members, a category open to those under 21 years of age for a single dues payment (currently \$20), can access all membership services at the established fees.

Only Voting Members are entitled to vote at membership meetings. Except for voting rights, no distinction shall be made between the three membership categories as to the availability or cost of services provided.

To stop receiving the newsletter or if you have suggestions, content or announcements to be included, please contact Thomas Slater at [patriotsretreatfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:patriotsretreatfarm@yahoo.com)

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Please check one.

- \$20 - Voting Member – individuals who own registered Milking Devon cattle
- \$20 - Associate Member – individuals interested in furthering the purposes of the Association
- \$20 – Junior Member (one time dues payment, non-voting, under 21 years old)

Make checks payable to the American Milking Devon Cattle Association.

Send completed form and check to:

Bonnie Hall, Registrar, 610 East Pond Meadow Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

Voting members: Please circle if you do not wish to be listed in the on-line breeder's list

[NO] Do not include me in the on-line breeder's list.

Please circle “no” below to indicate information you wish to omit from the on-line breeder’s list.

[No] NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

[No] FARM/ORG: \_\_\_\_\_

[No] ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
[No] PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

[No] E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

[No] WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: A current membership is required for inclusion in the breeder's list, for voting at the annual meeting and for registering cattle and for transferring the registration of cattle. Please ensure that your membership is up to date.**

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