

**2008 CDC BOARD FALL
TELE-CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2008
8:00 PM EST**

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Galleher at 8:01PM EST. Others on-line were: Directors Tom Diel, Larry Hunter, John Monahan, Frank Tiffany and Melanie Barkley. CDC Exec/ Sec/Treas. Deb Hopkins was also on-line to take minutes.

Secretary's Report: Deb Hopkins presented in writing the meeting minutes from the 2008 Annual Board Meeting held June 26, 2008 in Sedalia, MO. Larry Hunter moved to accept the minutes as printed. Melanie Barkley seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Hopkins presented the current fiscal report for the time period from September 1, 2008 to December 1, 2008. It was reported that total income was \$16,103.76, total expenses were \$27,402.13 for a net loss for the period of \$11,298.37. Account balances were: Checking \$6,513.53, Money Market \$10,659.74, CD \$24,008.45, Junior Association \$10,659.74 for a total of \$51,119.02 on hand. Larry Hunter moved to accept the treasurer's report. Frank Tiffany seconded. Motion carried. Deb Hopkins reported that the 07-08 fiscal records are at the accountants for the annual report and annual tax from filing but noted that the association will lose approx. \$3000 this year. Deb Hopkins asked the group their pleasure in re-investing the CD. Frank Tiffany moved to allow the secretary/treasurer to research the best rates available and split up the CD \$5000 short term and the balance into longer terms for a better rate and to notify board of options before action. Tom Diel seconded. Motion carried.

CDC Stats: Deb Hopkins reported the current 2008-2009 stats and 775 head have been registered to date and 555 head transferred. Deb Hopkins also reported the year-end stats for 2007-2008. There were 7,434 head registered (down 391 head from the previous year) and transferred 3,680 head (down 393 head from the previous year). The top fifteen states in registrations were: 1)Pennsylvania 785 head; 2) Indiana 776; 3)Ohio 612; 4)Illinois 589; 5)Iowa 541; 6)Minnesota 461; 7)California 388; 8)Wisconsin 366; 9)Oregon 364; 10)Oklahoma 284; 11)Missouri 235; 12)South Dakota 215; 13)New York 212 ; 14)Virginia 206; 15)Nebraska 201. The top fifteen individual registrars were: 1)Jeffrey A. Hunter, Lafayette, IN 280 head; 2)Karen E. Nichols, Corvallis, OR (Horned) 200; 3)Superior Farms, Yukon, OK 134; 4)Roger Huntrods & Sons, Collins, IA 121; 5)Spilde Brothers, Stoughton, WI 100; 6)Olivia Waggoner, East Berlin, PA 93; 7)U.S. Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, NE 83; 8)Riverwood Farms, Powell, OH 76; 9)H.F. Sanford & Sons, Faribault, MN 71; 10)Tie: Paul R. Cassell, Wytheville, VA (Horned) 55; 10)Tie-Erin M. Field, Lincoln, CA 55; 12)Steven L. Smith & Family, Piqua, OH (Horned) 53; 13)Tie-Thomas J. Dagel, Watertown, SD 48; 13)Tie-Mithoefer Dorsets, Lafayette, IN 48; 15)Tie-Lauden Acres, Dalmatia, PA 47; 15)Tie-J.L. Thornsborough, Rossville, IL 47.

Correspondence:

-Deb Hopkins reported that she has received many thank-you notes and letters from participants in the Louisville judging contests including the 4-H Skil-athon Contest as the CDC sponsors awards in all of the judging events in Louisville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-Dorset Futurity: Mike Galleher and Melanie Barkley presented the final futurity standings for the 2008 program. Melanie complemented the youth for the quality of ewe lambs that were shown at Louisville in the program and Mike congratulated the horned breeders and youth exhibitors for having a successful first year. A total of \$4,225 was paid out to 26 participants. Average payout was \$162.50. Awards and rosettes were presented to regional and national winners. There were 202 polled ewe lambs nominated for the program taking in \$4,675 in nomination fees. 70 polled ewe lambs were tattooed for participation. The yearling ewe program had 4 nominations taking in \$100 in nomination fees. The horned ewe lamb futurity had 25 ewe lambs nominated taking in \$600 in nomination fees. 16 horned ewe lambs were tattooed for participation. Discussion allowing horned ewes into the yearling ewe futurity program took place to get more participation in that division. John Monahan moved to include horned ewes into the yearling ewe futurity program and continue with the one national payout. Melanie Barkley seconded. Motion carried. Discussion on a wether dam ewe lamb futurity was also discussed was decided to put on hold and find out if the breeders would be willing to nominate ewe lambs for the program.

-Breed Standard Education: Tom Diel reported on the recent breed type inspections at Louisville. Things went well, and he thanked John Eaton and Nick Minter for doing a good job. Tom asked the group whether to continue the breed inspections at Louisville as many breeders think it has served its purpose. Larry Hunter moved to discontinue breed standard inspections at all national shows and sales. After much discussion the motion died for a lack of a second. Tom Diel moved to discontinue the breed type inspections at the National Show in Louisville. Larry Hunter seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1. Deb Hopkins asked for suggestions for Reno inspectors: Billy Cox and Kim Stackhouse names were given. Melanie Barkley moved to drop the star evaluation system of breed types from the inspection process. Larry Hunter seconded. Motion carried 4 to 1. Larry Hunter moved to accept Mike Wright to the certified judges list. Frank Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

-Newsletter/Webpage: Deb Hopkins gave a financial report on the 2008 Fall Issue in which the CDC almost broke even with a slight \$182.68 loss. Plans are underway for the Winter 2009 issue as the advertiser letters have been mailed out and Deb has 10 pages committed advertising so far. Melanie Barkley noted that she received several inquiries from their last ad and thinks the newsletter is doing its job very well. Frank Tiffany reported on the web page. The terms and conditions of use have been posted, a recent update of the breeders directory was done, all of the Louisville results and

pictures have been updated. Frank will look into developing a blog for the website. Contacts have been made to sale managements to post major Dorset sale catalogs on the CDC website. Frank asked about creating income from the website. Deb will follow through on billing links annually. Frank and Deb will work on a proposal for selling advertising space on the homepage. Mike Galleher thanked Frank for all he does on the website.

-Dorset Breeder Excellence Program: Mike Galleher reported that the CDC is waiting for entries as the deadline is the end of the year. Melanie Barkley suggested that each director makes contacts to encourage participation in this first year.

-All-American Junior Show: Deb Hopkins reported that the 2009 All-American will be held in Greenville, Ohio at the Darke County Fairgrounds July 3-5, 2009. Polled and Horned Dorset will be included with the additional of some slick shorn classes. Our breed commitment will increase due to slick shorn classes so Deb Hopkins will once again solicit class sponsors. Two ewe lambs need to be auctioned off once again also. Deb Hopkins has approached Twin Oaks for a polled ewe lamb and Mike Galleher will locate a horned ewe lamb. Deb reminded that donated lambs can be sold at any sale so spring born ewe lambs can be utilized also. The Ohio breeders have been very supportive and are working with the All-American committee on having a very successful show for the exhibitors. Evan Snyder and Eric Bruns have been contracted to judge. The 2010 show will be back at Michigan State University. John Monahan moved to include All-American Raffle Tickets to be mailed out with breeders first work returned from the CDC office. Frank Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

-National Junior Dorset Association: Deb Hopkins reported they had a good meeting and the meeting & pizza party was well attended in Louisville. The group appeared very interested and enthusiastic. The association awarded one \$1000 College Scholarship to Taylor Wilson, Colfax, Iowa. To keep generating funds for the scholarship program the group will be doing a fundraising activity in the upcoming year. This fundraising will supplement the already generous annual national sale percentage that goes into the fund. The group also expressed an interest in a blog being developed on the CDC website. The new 2008-2009 Officers are: President & Great Lakes: Sierra Inbody, OH; Vice President & North Central Director: Sarah Bush, MO; Sec/Treas. & Eastern Director: Troy Longenecker, PA; New England Director: Kaitlin Lewis, NH; Great Plains Director: Monica Ebert, KS; Western Director: Johanna DeJoria, OR; Director At-Large: Kaitlyn Verhaeghe, IN.

-OLD BUSINESS:

-Production Committee: Melanie Barkley reported that another committee meeting has not been set up but the group will continue to encourage producer advertising in the newsletter, publishing commercial related articles in the newsletter and encouraging participation in slick shorn classes.

-Nebraska State Fair 4-H Show Issue: Deb Hopkins reported that she had received a letter from the extension educator involved with the show, thanking the CDC for their inquiry and said that they have done an investigation of the coloration issue and have resolved the issue.

-Registry Program Development: Deb Hopkins reported that Karey Claghorn is developing a web based program and will be getting her the details if we would be interested. Deb is still looking into other possibilities and will continue to do so as the board would like to have their own program without having to pay annual usage fees.

-2009 New England & Great Lakes Director Elections: Deb Hopkins reported that the committees were announced in the last newsletter, letters of direction sent to the committee members and slates of nominees are due in the office by January 15th, so the balloting can take place during February.

NEW BUSINESS:

-2009 National Sale & Annual Meeting: Deb Hopkins reported that plans are in development for the 2009 National Dorset Sale to be held in conjunction with the Nugget All-American Sale in Sparks, NV. Judges are being contacted from our suggested list to judge the event. The sale shows will be Thursday and Friday, May 28 & 29. The sale will be Saturday, May 30th. A room has been reserved for the CDC Annual Meeting Thursday evening. The board decided to have their board meeting Wednesday evening. The breed inspection will need to take place on Wednesday afternoon. The board would like polled slick shorn classes for: yearling ewe, fall ewe lamb, wtr./spring ewe lamb, fall ram lamb, wtr./spring ram lamb and a horned yearling ewe, ram lamb and ewe lamb class. Deb will contact sale management with this information.

- NAILE National Dorset Shows: Board members thought the judges did a good job in both the open and junior shows, horned and polled. Some questions were brought forth. The participation in polled slick shorn classes was less so it was proposed to combine some of the classes in the open polled show and to add slick shorn lamb classes in the open horned and junior horned shows. Money spent would even out. To increase participation in group classes, maybe list that group classes would be included in premier exhibitor configuration. Board members will contact exhibitors to see how they would feel and let Deb know by March. It was also noted that the Dorset market lamb class was not split so all 43 Dorset lambs were shown together in one class with a 60 pound spread. Deb will issue complaint at next NAILE meeting. Judge selections to be put on ballot for 2009: Polled Dorsets-Craig Beckmeier, Terry Burks, Mark Chapman: Horned Dorsets-Paul Cassell, Billy Wade, Doris Powell.

-2009 Regional Junior Dorset Show Sites: The sites for the upcoming 2009 Regional Dorset Shows are:

- New England: Northeast Youth Sheep Show, West Springfield, MA July 17-19
- Eastern: Delaware Junior Livestock Exposition, Harrington, DE Oct 9-11
- Great Lakes: Indiana site, exact details unknown at this time
- North Central: Illinois State Fair, mid-August
- Great Plains: Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa OK September 27

-Western: Oregon State Fair, Salem, OR late August & early September

The New England, Great Lakes and Eastern Regional Shows will also feature separate classes for Horned Dorsets based on need.

-Midwest Sale 1%: The CDC has received a letter from Larry Mead wanting to know if the CDC would like to continue receiving a 1% from the Midwest Sale Dorset gross even though it is not a National Sale. Tom Diel moved to continue with the 1% sale gross deduction at the Midwest Sale for junior activities. John Monahan seconded. Motion carried.

-Breeder Survey: Mike Galleher presented a breeder survey on important issues concerning the direction of the breed that he would like to include in the next newsletter and post on the website to get opinions of Dorset breeders. The rest of the board members will get their corrections and additions to Mike and he will send out a final survey for approval by the board before publishing. Frank Tiffany will set-up survey online also. Member ID# will be used to make sure the CDC board is only getting one survey back per membership.

-Ideas To Cut Office Spending: Deb Hopkins presented a list of items to help free up some money in the budget for special projects. The board went through the list to free up approx. \$2000 to go towards other projects like purchasing a new digital camera, re-printing of Dorset ideals, re-publishing of constitution and by-laws, etc.

Tom Diel moved to adjourn the meeting. Larry Hunter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 PM.