

# MEET YOUR NEW CDC DIRECTOR & BOARD NEWS



## NEW ENGLAND REGION DIRECTOR RACHAEL GATELY

I was born and raised in north-central Connecticut where I started raising Polled Dorsets at 7 years old (1993). It has been a rollercoaster ride growing from 2 brood ewes that year to near 50 in the late 90s. We added a small group of purebred Texels in the late 90s as well. I attended the University of Rhode Island from 2004 to 2008, and I came home virtually every weekend to tend to the sheep. I was avidly showing the Dorsets locally with a few trips to the NAILE junior show during college. We decreased numbers and stopped showing when I headed off to Texas for veterinary school in 2008. I graduated from Texas A&M University with my doctorate in veterinary medicine in 2012 and returned home to Connecticut to join Tufts Veterinary Field Service. I practice generalized large animal medicine, but spend most of my time working with dairy cattle, sheep, and goats. I have a special interest in advanced reproductive techniques in small ruminants and have been working to develop a specialty service at our clinic.

Shortly after returning home from veterinary school and revving up to jump back into the show world with my Polled Dorsets, we were hit hard by copper poisoning in the flock and lost the entire lamb crop plus some of my top brood ewes. I spent 2015 acquiring a small and elite set of Polled Dorsets to rebuild my show flock. We jumped back in to showing

in 2016 and are excited where we are currently running approximately 15 quality Dorset brood ewes in Connecticut. I am also currently serving as Polled Dorset breed secretary of the New England Regional Dorset Junior Show held annually in conjunction with the North East Youth Sheep Show in Massachusetts.

As I dive back into the world of Dorsets full bore, the opportunity to serve on the board only seems fitting. I would be honored to work with the group only to better the Dorset breed!



## RETIRING NEW ENGLAND REGION DIRECTOR MIKE WRIGHT

After, six years of service to the CDC Board of Directors, Mike Wright is retiring as the New England Director. Pictured above is Mike receiving his plaque of appreciation at the recent New England Regional Junior Dorset Show from the newly elected New England Director Rachael Gately. Thank you Mike for years of service to the Dorset breed!

## WESTERN & GREAT PLAINS NOMINATING COMMITTEES

The Western & Great Plains Regions will be electing directors next year. Following are the nominating committees for these elections:

**\*Western Director Nominating Committee:** *Chairman:* Jerry Dean, 9225 N Santa Margarita, Atascadero, CA 93422, (805) 466-9721, dorset4u@gmail.com  
-Linda Pauly, 3150 S 2500 W, Delta, UT 84624, (435) 864-1884, lpaul44@gmail.com  
-Dwayne Fisher, 17555 Hwy 95, Wilder, ID 83676, (208) 573-2825, dfisher@championproduce.com  
**\*Great Plains Region Director Nominating Committee:** *Chairman:* Jerry Gross, 3750 CR 29, Kennard, NE 68034, (402) 720-9198, gtgross@abbnbraska.com  
-Casey Sidwell, 31306 WCR 57, Gill, CO 80624, (970) 302-9451, csidwell97@yahoo.com  
-Lauralee Martin-Prough, 960728 S 3390 Rd., Chandler, OK 74834, (405) 240-6333, martins4mbranch@yahoo.com

**If you are interested in running for director and reside in one of these regions please contact a member of the appropriate nominating committee by January 1, 2019.** These committees need to have their slate of nominees with resumes into the CDC Office by January 15, 2019. The CDC adult membership in these districts will be voting in February for their directors. The newly elected directors term will take effect as of September 1, 2019.

The regional director is asked to attend at least two board meetings per year, one in person at the National Sale site and at least one tele-conference. They are also responsible for organization of the regional junior Dorset show in their region.

Current Great Plains Director Jerry Gross is retiring off the board. Thank you Jerry for your great service to the board and the Dorset breed! Current Western Director Bob Heuvel is just coming off his first term and is eligible to run again for a second term.

The CDC needs interested breeders to help navigate the Dorset breed through these changing times in the purebred sheep industry. If you are  
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## **CDC BOARD NEWS, continued**

If you are interested in becoming a CDC director please contact a member of the nominating committees. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. The CDC board consists of 6 members and it is highly important that folks step up to serve to ensure the progress of the Dorset breed into the future.

### **CONTINENTAL DORSET CLUB 2018 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by President Dick Reece on June 28, 2018 at the State Fair Best Western, Sedalia, MO. Directors Michael Pope, Jerry Gross, Glenn Stunkel, Bob Heuvel and New England Director Elect Rachael Gately were in attendance. Director Mike Wright, was on the telephone. CDC Exec. Sec./Treas. Deb Hopkins was also present.

**-Secretary Minutes:** Deb Hopkins presented in writing the minutes from the 2017 CDC Fall-Teleconference Meeting held December 12, 2017. Bob Heuvel moved to accept the minutes as written. Michael Pope seconded. Motion passed.

**-Treasurer's Report:** Deb Hopkins presented the financial report for the fiscal 2017-2018 year to date as of June 18, 2018. Total income is \$74,847.70, total expenses is \$70,896.75, for a current net cash income of \$3,950.95. Account balances - Checking Account: \$47,122.54; Savings Account: \$25.00; CD: \$26,205.01; Money Market: \$10,155.18; Junior Association \$32,587.57 for total cash assets of \$116,095.30. Jerry Gross moved to accept the treasurer's report. Michael Pope seconded. Motion passed. Deb Hopkins also presented a proposed budget for 2018-2019 for the board to review as it goes through the meeting.

**-CDC Stats:** Deb Hopkins presented the 2017-2018 statistics to date. As of June 18, 2018: 3898 head have been registered and 2087 head have been

transferred. The registrations are down 10 head from the same period last year and the transfers are up 244 head from the same period last year. In the Dorset Advantage registry, 466 head have been registered to date and 248 head have been transferred. The registrations are up 94 head from the same time period last year and transfers are up 65 head from the same period as last year.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**-Dorset Futurity:** Deb Hopkins reported that the Online Sale Futurity Nomination Forms have been pretty well received and has helped out a lot in keeping track of animals nominated in online sales, and also in the collection of those nomination fees. To date there has been 113 polled ewe lambs nominated, 26 horned ewe lambs, 12 Dorset Advantage ewe lambs for a total of 151 ewe lambs. 5 yearling ewes have been re-nominated for the yearling ewe division. Of the ewe lambs approximately half of them have been bought by junior buyers. There were 75 ewe lambs nominated in online sales. At the National Dorset Sales in Sedalia, 22 more polled ewe lambs have been nominated, 7 horned ewe lambs and 3 Dorset Advantage bringing the total number of ewe lambs nominated to 183. It should be a good payout for the participants this year.

**-Breed Standard Education:** Discussion was held on the emergence of black color in the haired portion of the legs on Dorset sheep, as the board has had communication from breeders on the issue. A letter from a breeder was presented to the board. After much discussion Glenn Stunkel moved to create a breed standard review committee to particularly reference the highly objectionable and disqualifying color. The committee is to consist of the board and other regional breeder representatives to make up a committee of 12 people maximum. Michael Pope seconded. Motion carried. The board members will talk to breeders in their regions get names gathered of interested folks to nominate for the committee. This meeting

### **CDC FALL BOARD TELEPHONE MEETING**

**December 6, 2018**

**7:30 PM EST**

**If you have any item you would like to be addressed by the CDC Board please contact a director before this date. Your input is very important to the functionality of this breed association!**

will take place in August so the actual committee can meet in September so as to get recommendations to the board for the fall teleconference meeting. It was also brought up to do more educational efforts on Online Selling and Buying for breeders and buyers. Mike Wright moved to accept the following names to the CDC Certified Judges List: Kelly Bruns, Joel Parker, Katherine Kuykendall, Alex Wolf and Richard Jacobsen. Michael Pope seconded. Motion carried.

**-Production Committee:** It is the recommendation of Bob Heuvel, who attended the NSIP meeting last fall, that the CDC put the Lambplan ID# number on the papers with an explanation of where to go to get the most current up to date performance data on that animal. Deb will talk to Frank Tiffany and get the registry program and registration papers re-designed to provide that information.

**-Dorset Youth Grant Program:** The 2018 winners were selected: Junior: Mason Solem, Dawson, MN; Intermediate: Mariah Troutwine, Ansonia, OH and Senior: Shelby

Hagerty, Elbert, CO. They all were notified soon after January 1st of their grant awards. To date, Mason Solem and Mariah Troutwine have purchased animals and have received their grant money.

**-Newsletter and Website:** Deb Hopkins reported that the 2018 winter newsletter had strong advertising support and netted an income of \$385.92. This special issue was sent to all buyers of Dorset sheep the previous year whether they were CDC members or not. The 2018 Spring/Summer connection only had 3 paid ads and cost the CDC \$1043.99 to get mailed out. Need to encourage more advertising for this issue to break even, still think it is important to get a spring/summer newsletter out to folks to keep folks tuned into breed happenings.

**-Dorset Hall of Fame:** The CDC will recognize Steve Myers at the annual membership meeting tomorrow. The board has also received a nomination for Ron Guenther. Michael Pope moved to honor Ron Guenther this year as part of the 2018 Hall of Fame class at the Ohio State Fair. Glenn Stunkel seconded. Motion passed. The board would like to encourage folks to put in nominations for the 2019 class.

**-All-American Junior Show:** Deb Hopkins reported that the 2018 All-American Junior Show will be June 6-7, 2018 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN. The Dorset exhibitors and their families will have a meet & greet ice cream social on Saturday sponsored by the Junior Dorset Association. Richard Jacobsen is scheduled to judge the Dorset Advantage show on Saturday night and the Horned & Polled Dorsets on Sunday. Deb would also like to thank Root Family Horned Dorsets for donating a ewe lamb that was sold for the All American, and with all of the classes getting sponsorships and corn hole tourney donation the CDC was able to meet their breed sponsorship commitment. Thanks to the great support of the Dorset breeders in donating semen for the special AAJS semen fundraiser sale, \$1792 of the \$5595 profit came from the Dorset breed. The All American will be in Kansas in

2019 and Michigan in 2020.

**-National Junior Association:** The junior association is planning on having a meet & greet ice cream social at the 2018 All-American and their 2017 Annual Meeting will be in Louisville in November. The scholarship application has been updated for the 2018 applicants and is posted online.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**-2018 New England & Great Lakes Director Election Results:** Michael Pope was re-elected to serve his second three year term as the Great Lakes Director. Rachael Gately was elected to serve as the new New England Director. She is replacing retiring New England Director Mike Wright who served six years. Thanks to Mike Wright for his service to the CDC and its membership.

**-Registry Program:** Deb reported that Frank Tiffany has successfully gotten the Montadale Association up and running on the CDC registry program. Just a few more minor things to work out as Deb will be meeting with breed secretary Kendra Fleck.

**-Online Sale Flyer Publicity:** To expand the CDC services to their membership with the ever growing popularity of online sales, Michael Pope moved that the CDC can provide email service to the current CDC membership list of promotional sales flyers for member's online sales at a set cost. Bob Heuvel seconded. Motion passed.

**-Clarification of CDC Slick Shearing Policy:** According to the policy only wool can be on the poll, front legs below the knees and rear legs below the hocks. There is to be no flank or belly wool left on the animals, basically you are becoming a fitted animal at that point. CDC needs inspectors to check animals out before going into rings or even pre-show to make this education process easier, and/or have electric shears available in make-up rings so folks can get their extra wool off before entering the ring. Not CDC intent to kick exhibitors out but rather give them all an opportunity to abide by the rules and enable everyone to be on an even playing field slick shearing wise. The CDC should also develop an educational informational sheet on the CDC slick shearing policy

and publicize on website/newsletter/facebook page.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**-2018 NAILE National Dorset Shows:** Deb Hopkins reported that she was unable to personally attend the NAILE sheep advisory committee meeting in March because of flight cancellation due to weather but did try to participate via phone conference. At the meeting it was voted to go back to the old release policy for the Open Show and Sunday only release for the Junior Show sheep, no Saturday releases. Aaron Crome will be judging the Open Horned Dorset Show, John Mrozinski the Open Polled Dorset Show and Jeremy Bradford the Junior Dorset Shows. The Junior Show will be on Saturday and the Open Shows on Wednesday. Deb stated that she needs personnel to check ear tags and check on the slick shearing as she herself can't orchestrate things in the show ring and also work the make-up ring.

**-2019 CDC Director Elections:** Western & Great Plains will be electing directors next winter. Nominating committees will need to be made known to the office for announcement in the 2018 fall newsletter. Great Plains Director Jerry Gross is eligible to run for a second term as is the case with Western Director Bob Heuvel.

**-Regional Junior Show Sites:** The regional show junior show sites for 2018 are:

\*Great Lakes – Ohio State Fair, Columbus, OH August 1

\*New England - Northeast Youth Sheep Show, W. Springfield, MA July 20-22

\*North Central – Moultrie Douglas County Fair, Arthur, IL July 14

\*Western – California State Fair, Sacramento, CA July 12-16

\*Eastern – Cocke County A&I Fair, Newport, TN July 14

\*Great Plains – AKSARBEN Stock Show, Grand Island, NE Sept. 28  
2019 sites will be announced at the 2018 Fall Board Meeting.

**-2019 Annual Meeting & National Sale:** The 2019 Annual Meeting & National Dorset Sale for all Polled & Horned Dorset breeding sheep will be held in conjunction with the Illinois Dorset Sale. Dick Reece reported that

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## **CDC BOARD NEWS, continued**

the host Illinois Dorset Association is working on actual site and date and will inform us at the 2018 Fall Board meeting. The board meeting will be scheduled for Thursday evening at a local hotel. The 2019 National Dorset Wether Sire & Dam and National Dorset Advantage Sale will be at Midwest Stud Ram Sale, Sedalia, MO.

**-Executive Session:** The CDC board went into executive session to discuss Executive Secretary/Treasurer's salary.

**-Election of 2018-2019 Officers:**

Glenn Stunkel nominated Dick Reece as President. Michal Pope seconded. Motion Carried. Jerry Gross nominated Michael Pope as Vice President. Bob Heuvel seconded. Motion carried.

**-Budget:** The budget was adjusted to compensate the changes from the executive session. Michael Pope moved to accept the 2018-2019 budget as adjusted. Jerry Gross seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 8:40 pm and will be reconvened after the CDC Annual Membership Meeting tomorrow.

*Respectively submitted,  
Debra Hopkins, CDC Executive  
Sec./Treas.*

### **CONTINENTAL DORSET CLUB 2018 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Reece at 8:00 AM in conjunction with pancake breakfast hosted by the Missouri Dorset Breeders in the Youth Cafeteria, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO. Thank-you to the Minish, Dain and Lacy Families for being great hosts for the 2018 Annual CDC Membership Meeting. Dick Reece introduced Great Plains Director Jerry Gross, Great Lakes Director Michael Pope, Eastern Director Glenn Stunkel, Western Director Bob Heuvel and New England Director-Elect Rachael Gately. Dick also introduced past CDC Presidents Casey Sidwell and Mike Galleher.

Executive Sec/Treas. Deb Hopkins presented the minutes from the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting that was held at the Ohio Dorset Sale, Eaton, OH on Friday, March 17, 2018. Steve Myers moved to accept the minutes as written. Mike Galleher seconded. Motion Carried.

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Deb Hopkins presented the 2017-2018 statistics to date. As of June 18, 2018: 3898 head have been registered and 2087 head have been transferred. The registrations are down 10 head from the same period last year and the transfers are up 244 head from the same period last year. In the Dorset Advantage registry, 466 head have been registered to date and 248 head have been transferred. The registrations are up 94 head from the same time period last year and transfers are up 65 head from the same period as last year. The top ten states in registrations for the fiscal year of 2016-2017 were: 1)Indiana-734 head; 2)Iowa-614; 3)Illinois-467; 4)Ohio-386; 5)Pennsylvania-369; 6)Minnesota-355; 7)South Dakota-295; 8)Oregon-269; 9)Oklahoma-259 and 10)Virginia-253. The 2016-2017 top ten registrars were: 1) Thomas Dagele, SD (Frame, Production & Wether)-115 head; 2)Guynup Livestock, OR (Horned)-107; 3)Peter Janicki, WA (Horned)-94; 4)Huntrods Dorsets, IA (Wether & Production)-83; 5)Paul R. Cassell, VA (Horned)-82; 6)Chad Heisdorffer, IA (Wether)-72; 7)Jeffrey A. Hunter, IN (Production)-67; 8)Kelli & Brett Slack, IN (Wether)-62; 9)Monte Forster, OR (Horned)-58, and 10)Fisher Club

Lambs, ID (Wether)-52 head.

**Committee Reports:**

**-Dorset Ewe Futurity:** Glenn Stunkel gave the current update on number nominated and reminded juniors to get forms in a timely manner. Online sales also eligible but the animals need to be identified as such under the sale information and nomination fees need to get collected or paid direct to the CDC. The new online nomination form has helped out tremendously in keeping track of all of the online nominations for the futurity.

**-Breed Standard Education/Certified Judges List:** Jerry Gross announced that the new names added to the certified judges list were: Kelly Bruns, Joel Parker, Katherine Kuykendall, Alex Wolf and Richard Jacobsen. He encouraged breeders to submit names of judges for the certified list in their areas that do a good job evaluating Dorset sheep.

**-Production Dorset Committee:** Bob Heuvel discussed that since NSIP/Lambplan now has a new searchable data base, that the CDC will change the registration papers to list that animal's LPN# and instruction with the web link to go to the data base to get the most recent data on that particular papered individual and its ancestry, instead of putting actual data on the registration papers at time of registration as data always is changing.

**-Dorset Youth Grant Program:** Michael Pope reported that they had 30 applicants. The three winners selected were: Junior Winner-Mason Solem, MN; Intermediate Winner-Mariah Troutwine, OH and Senior Winner-Shelby Hagerty, CO. He encourages applications for next year that are due December 1st.

**-National Junior Dorset Association:** The junior association is planning on having a meet & greet ice cream social at the 2018 All-American and their 2017 Annual Meeting will be in Louisville in November. The scholarship application has been updated for the 2018 applicants and is posted online.

**-Newsletter & Webpage:** Deb Hopkins

reported that the newsletter is basically breaking even though could use more advertising support for the Spring/ Summer Issue. The advertising deadline for the special Fall Online Issue is September.

**-All-American Junior Show:** Deb Hopkins reported that the 2018 show is at IN State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN with Judge: Richard Jacobsen-Polled, Horned & Dorset Advantage. She thanked the following donators: Root horned ewe lamb, "Team Dilly Dilly" corn hole winnings, and all the class sponsors: also thanks to Poynter Sheep Farm, Riverwood Farms, Spilde, Reynolds, DeJoria, Repasky, Gately & Symes, Sid DeVries, Sinks, Jeff McDaniel, Chad Heisdorffer, G.R. Kelly & Tom Jones, and Jason Shuck for the Dorset semen donations for the special online auction. It will be a record setting show with over 3200 head entered and 750 exhibitors. Dorset Shows entry numbers are: Dorset Advantage 118 head, Polled Dorsets 304 head, and Horned Dorsets 88 head.

**-Old Business:** None to report.

**-New Business:**

**-2018 Regional Junior Show Sites:** following are the upcoming sites and dates:

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\*Great Plains – AKSARBEN Stock Show, Grand Island, NE Sept. 28

**-2018 NAILE National Dorset Shows:** Deb Hopkins reported the following: Judges: Aaron Crome-Horneds, John Mrozinski-Polleds, Open Show Wednesday Nov. 14, added Slick Shorn Yearling Ram Class and Yearling Wether Sire Class to Polleds, took out Horned Dorset Wether type classes due to lack of participation, change to group showing policy across types in Polled Show, Junior Show on Saturday, Nov. 10 and Junior Dorset Show judge will be

Jeremy Bradford, release policy will go back to old system but Juniors can leave anytime Sunday.

**-Announcements from Board Meeting:** President Reece announced:

-2018-2019 Officers: Dick Reece President and Michael Pope Vice President  
-2019 Illinois Sale will be National Sale for Horned & Polled Breeding Stock, 2019 Midwest Sale for Dorset Wether Sires & Dams and Dorset Advantage  
-There will be a newly formed breed standard review committee formed with the sole purpose to particularly reference the highly objectionable and disqualifying color in the current breed standard. The committee will consist of board members and breeders from regional areas to review these particular issues to see if any revisions need to be made, any enforcement needed, to develop educational materials including materials for breeders on how to sell and buy breeding stock online.

**-Award Presentations:** Dick Reece announced retiring director Mike Wright will be presented with his appreciation plaque at the upcoming Northeast Youth Sheep Show in Massachusetts, and thanked Mike for his six years of service. He also announced the 2017 Downsborough Sire of the Year was "Oberon" Valley View 0075, and the keeper plaque will be mailed to current owner Lauden Acres, Dalmatia, PA.

**-Hall of Fame Award Presentations:** Part of 2018 Dorset Hall of Fame class was inducted. Jerry Gross inducted Steve Myers of Rushsylvania, OH. Steve was surprised at the honor and very much appreciative. Another deserving inductee will be honored later this summer.

Steve Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. Rachael Gately seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 AM.

**Respectively submitted,  
Debra Hopkins, CDC Executive  
Sec./Treas.**

The CDC Board of Directors meeting was reconvened at 8:54 AM. Discussion was held on contacting potential breed standard review committee members from each region and how to proceed in getting folks selected to the committee, and the

time frame of meetings to get any proposed changes to the board by the Fall Board meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.

## **CONTINENTAL DORSET CLUB SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS TELE-CONFERENCE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 PM on August 28, 2018 by President Dick Reece. Directors Michael Pope, Jerry Gross, Glenn Stunkel, Bob Heuvel and Director-Elect Rachael Gately were on the call. Director Mike Wright was absent. CDC Exec. Sec./Treas. Deb Hopkins was also online.

First order of business was that President Dick Reece appointed Jerry Gross as Chairman of the Breed Standard Review Committee. Discussion was held on the direction of the committee. The board suggested the committee remain focused on the wording of the color issues in the standard, work on education and enforcement of the standard if adjustment needs to be made.

Each director had at least two to three names of breeders that they had contacted, and were willing to serve. After elections the following breeders were voted onto the committee to serve along with the current board of directors:

New England: Matt Syme, CT

Eastern: Melanie Barkley, PA

Great Lakes: Jason Shuck, IN

North Central: Chad Heisdorffer, IA

Great Plains: Casey Sidwell, CO

Western: Dwayne Fisher, ID

Since no one had contacted a horned breeder, it was suggested to elect another breeder to the committee to represent the Horned Dorset faction. Tim Gadsby, OH was selected.

Michael Pope asked for recording in the meeting minutes about the need on how to enforce the slick shearing policy at National events and how the CDC might have to pay for an inspector and not just leave it up to the directors to get done. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

**Respectively submitted,  
Debra Hopkins, CDC Executive  
Sec./Treas**