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## 2016 CDC BOARD FALL TELE-CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Dick Reece at 7:32 PM EST on December 8, 2016. Directors on-line were: Michael Pope, Coulter Passwaters, Bob Heuvel, Mike Wright and Jerry Gross. 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 2016 Annual Board Meeting held March 31, 2016 in Bloomington, IL. Bob Heuvel moved to accept the minutes as printed. Mike Wright seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Deb Hopkins presented the current fiscal report for the time period from September 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016. It was reported that total income was \$11,522.57; total expenses were \$21,951.17, for a net loss for the period of \$10,428.60. Account balances were: Checking \$29,957.86, Money Market \$10,131.14, CD \$26,068.78, Dexter/Navigator Savings \$25.00, Junior Association \$32,379.59 for a total of \$98,562.37 on hand. Coulter Passwaters moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jerry Gross seconded. Motion carried. Deb Hopkins reported that the 2015-2016 fiscal records were going to the accountants for the annual tax from filing and noted that the association's bottom line was \$8,126.88 in the black for a comfortable income for the second year in a row.

**-CDC Stats:** Deb Hopkins reported the current 2016-2017 stats. 623 head have been registered to date (up 25 head from last year) and 348 head transferred (down 59 head from last year). There has also been 16 head of Dorset Advantage sheep registered and 17 head transferred in that time period. Deb Hopkins also reported the year-end stats for 2015-2016. There were 5483 head registered (down 225 head from the previous year) and transferred 2652 head (down 217 head from the previous year). There were 367 Dorset Advantage Sheep registered (up 131 head from last year) and 171 Dorset Advantage sheep transferred (up 34 head from last year). The top fifteen states in registrations were: 1)Indiana 798 head; 2)Iowa 551; 3)Illinois 498; 4)Pennsylvania 436; 5)Ohio 416; 6)South Dakota 321; 7)Minnesota 282; 8)Nebraska 277; 9)Oklahoma 268; 10)Virginia 237; 11)Missouri 184; 12)Wisconsin 176; 13)Tie-New York 151; 13)Tie-California 151; 14)Texas 141 and

15)Kansas 128. The top ten individual registrars were: 1)USDA Meat Animal Research Center, NE (Production) 174 head; 2)Kelli & Brett Slack, IN (Wether) 100; 3)Tie- Huntrods Dorsets, IA (Wether & Production) 87; 3)Tie-Doug & Lindi Peterson, SD (Frame) 87; 4)Tie-Jeffrey A. Hunter, IN (Production) 66; 4)Tie- Peter Janicki, WA (Horned) 66; 4)Tie- Virginia Tech, VA (Production & Wether) 66; 5)Thomas J. Dagele, SD (Frame, Wether & Production) 62; 6)Tie- Lauden Acres, PA (Frame) 58; 6)Tie- Rider's Dorsets, IA (Wether) 58; 7)Tie- Bradley Daniels & Family, IN (Wether) 55; 7)Tie- Meeuwse Farm LLC, MI (Production) 55; 8)Paul R. Cassell, VA (Horned) 52; 9)Tie- Chad Heisdorffer, IA (Wether) 50; 9)Tie-McMichael's 4M Dorsets, IN (Wether) 50; 9)Tie- Weston & Ashton Stroope, TX (Wether) 52 and 10)Daryl Boehm & Family, MN (Wether) 48.

**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 Skill-athon Contest as the CDC sponsors awards in all of the judging events in Louisville and from the contest organizers themselves. The CDC also received thank-you's from many All American participants, the Midwest Preview Show Junior Show, the North Central Regional Junior Show, first time NAILE exhibitors and CDC special rosette participants.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**-Dorset Futurity:** Deb Hopkins presented the final futurity standings for the 2016 program. A total of \$3,570 was paid out to 33 participants. Awards and rosettes were presented to regional and national winners for an additional \$645.55. There were 114 polled ewe lambs nominated for the program taking in \$2,850 in nomination fees. 52 polled ewe lambs were purchased by juniors and eligible for participation. The Dorset Advantage division had 12 ewe lambs nominated bringing in \$300 in nomination fees and 4 lambs were purchased by juniors. The yearling ewe program had a record breaking 12 nominations taking in \$300 in nomination fees. The horned ewe lamb futurity had 36 ewe lambs nominated taking in \$725 in nomination fees. 14 horned ewe lambs were purchased by juniors and eligible for participation. This year all of the futurity final awards were presented at the National Junior Dorset Association meeting in Louisville because the meeting was post-show. This made for a much better recognition of our futurity participants successes.

**-Breed Standard Education:** The topic of the development of a Dorset Advantage breed standard and scorecard for those fairs was re-addressed as there is becoming a need for it for judges and fairs for them to implement classes for Dorset Advantage. Jerry Gross, Bob Heuvel and Casey Sidwell will develop a scorecard and standard for the next board meeting. After discussion it was stressed to remind breeders that there is always to be a purebred, registered Dorset parent involved in the mating and it will never be a breed up program to a purebred Dorset as the purpose of its establishment was to keep promoting and recognizing the purebred Dorset genetics in the sheep industry.

**Certified Judges List:** An application was received from Robert Schembs. Michael Pope moved to accept Robert Schembs certification. Mike Wright seconded. Motion passed. The certified judge's list needs updating on the website.

**-Newsletter/Webpage:** Deb Hopkins reported that the 2016 Fall Online Edition of the newsletter was a well received issue with more advertising and a lot of show and sales results, all in color. The online newsletter had 5 ads in it and netted \$460.75 in income. Plans are underway for the 2017 Winter Issue and to remind everyone to support it as this is the big issue that goes out to not only CDC members but anyone who bought a Dorset last year. Michael Pope will be made an admin of the face book page to assist Deb in getting current happenings out to the public.

**-All-American Junior Show:** Deb Hopkins reported that the 2017 All American will be in the Alliant Center in Madison, WI from June 30-July 2. The Wisconsin committee is working hard and getting organized to host a great event. The CDC needs to raise funding for the breed sponsorship. A polled and horned ewe lamb needs to be donated with the possibility of other items, like semen straws. Deb will also have the class sponsorship list available at the National Meeting in Ohio and reach out to breeders who will not be in attendance at that specific event.

**-National Junior Dorset Association:** Deb Hopkins reported the Junior Dorset Association had a great meeting in Louisville. The meeting was after the junior show and participation was exceptional. The association awarded one \$1000 College Scholarship to a very deserving Rebecca Helton, Macon, MO. The new 2016-2017 Officers are: President & Director-At-Large: Alexandra Ruwe; Vice President & Western Director: Johanna

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DeJoria, OR; Sec/Treas. & Great Lakes Director: Keegan Padgett, IN; New England Director: Evan Syme, CT; Great Plains: Allison Smith, KS; North Central Director: Thomas Crome, IL and Eastern Director: Olivia Waggoner, PA. The CDC first time Dorset showman mementos were also handed out at the meeting to the first time NAILE exhibitors and all of the Dorset futurity awards were announced and presented.

**-Production Committee:** There was nothing to report at this time.

**-Dorset Youth Ewe Purchase Grant:** Deb reported that there were 19 applications received for the three age divisions. She will get them scanned and emailed out to the committee for their evaluation. Winners will be notified by early January.

**-Dorset Hall of Fame:** Deb Hopkins reported that she has two names previously submitted. Nominations need to be in by February 1, 2017. She will re-announce deadline on the CDC Facebook page to get more nominations submitted for this year's selection.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**-2017 Eastern & North Central Director Elections:** Deb Hopkins reported that the committee chairmen were announced in the fall newsletter. The committees have received all of their directions from the CDC office as nominees need to be sent into the office January 1st for voting in February.

**-Registry Program:** Deb reported that another breed association might be interested in purchasing the CDC program. Thanks to Frank Tiffany for his continual maintenance and updating of the program to make it even better.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**-2017 National Sale & Annual Meeting:** The National Sale for Polled & Horned Dorset Breeding Sheep will be at the Ohio Dorset Sale on March 17-18, 2017. The CDC Annual Membership Meeting and Hall of Fame Induction will be Friday, a half hour after the show. Deb will contact sale management to request the show to start at 9:00 AM so it will wrap up at a decent hour and the meeting will be in the late afternoon to free up folks for their evening plans and "sheep shopping". The board of directors meeting will be Thursday at 5 PM and Deb will contact the hotel headquarters to set-up a meeting room. Steve Reid will be judging the event. Deb will also contact the Ohio Dorset Association to see if they would be willing to host some sort of welcome event.

**-2017 Midwest Stud Ram Sale:** The Midwest Sale will be the National Dorset Wether Sire & Dam Sale and Dorset

Advantage Sale. Dick Reece, Michael Pope and Deb Hopkins did meet with the Heartland Group Sale Management in Louisville and discussed with them the issue of sheep not yet registered being sold in the sale. This year it took until the end of August to get issues resolved for a end of June sale.

### **-NAILE National Dorset Shows:**

Attending board members, Dick Reece, Mike Wright, Coulter Passwaters and Michael Pope commented on the shows and things went very well for the Dorset breed. Entries were down slightly from the previous year as 166 head were entered in the Open Polled Show, 148 head in the Junior Polled Dorset Show, 32 head in the Junior Dorset Advantage Show, 56 head in the Open Horned Dorset Show and 26 head in the Junior Horned Dorset Show. It was a first time for the Dorset Advantage show and the additional specific Dorset wether sire and dam classes, there was good participation and it should just grow in the future.

2017 Judge Nominations were selected for the ballots as follows - Polled Dorsets: Matt Scramlin, Ryan Hendricks, Billy Wade; and Horned Dorsets: John Mrozinski, Farabee McCarthy, Jim Brandt. These names will be put on the ballots send out to NAILE exhibitors for preference ranking submitted to NAILE.

With the new divisions being offered at NAILE, Michael Pope moved that the CDC explore the possibility of getting three premier exhibitor banners for the fitted, slick shorn and wether type sheep in the Open Polled Dorset Show, and if accepted, to keep the show classes similar to the current format but add to the show rules that "all groups need to be shown as one type". Bob Huevel seconded. Motion carried. It was also asked to see if champion and reserve champion banners can be given for all divisions instead of just the grand champion and reserve grand champion.

### **-2017 Regional Junior Dorset Show**

**Sites:** The sites for the upcoming 2017 Regional Dorset Shows are:

**-New England:** Northeast Youth Sheep Show, West Springfield, MA July 14th-16th

**-Eastern:** TBA

**-Great Lakes:** Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis, IN August 15th

**-North Central:** Moultrie Douglas County Fair, Arthur, IL July 15th

**-Great Plains:** Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa OK September 30th

**-Western:** California State Fair, Sacramento, CA July 29th

**-Secretary's Travel:** The board moved

that the executive secretary attend the 2017 National Sale at the Ohio Dorset Sale and Midwest Stud Ram Sale in addition to NAILE Sheep Committee Meeting, All American Junior Show and NAILE.

Coulter Passwaters moved to adjourn the meeting. Michael Pope seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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

## EASTERN & NORTH CENTRAL DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

Just a reminder to all CDC lifetime members in the Eastern & North Central Regions that you will be receiving voting ballots in February for your area's director. PLEASE make sure that you fill out these ballots and return to the CDC by the voting deadline. A current director from one of these regions is retiring off the board so, your input is very valued. Thank-you in advance for your attention to this very important matter.



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