

DUTCH BELTED CATTLE ASSOCIATION of AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The annual meeting was held October 5, 2023 at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wisconsin. Attendees met at the Globe before heading to the lower level of the Coliseum. Vice-President Martha Hoffman Kerestes called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm.

DNA testing was discussed. The association has entered into a contract with UC Davis for testing; the contract was reviewed. Rates will remain at \$30 per test. A2 testing has increased to \$40. Hair samples may be sent in with registration applications; contact Kristine with questions.

The following reports were presented:

Registrar/Secretary: Kristine reported in 2023 so far there have been 5 new life members. In 2022, there were 9. In 2021, there were also 9.

Information packets; so far in 2023 have sent out 5. In 2022, there were 12 and in 2021 21 were sent.

After the 2022 meeting, 3 packets were sent to new owners. So far in 2023, 13 have been sent. Bulletin report by Winifred Hoffman, Bulletin editor: There are 100-120 bulletins printed each issue, with 55 to 74 sent out. The secretary uses some for the info packets and new members. Winifred encourages members to send articles for the Bulletin.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$15,417.75 in the checking account and \$20,283.71 in a CD as of 9/1/23.

Registrations so far in 2023 show a total of 235 total registered, 217 females (159 breeding up, 58 full), 4 males and 14 transfers.

In 2022 there were 435 total registered, 364 females (240 breeding up, 124 full), 21 males, and 50 transfers.

In 2021 there were 340 total registered 481 females (356 breeding up, 125 full), 22 males, and 43 transfers.

In 2020 there were 530 total registered, 481 females (356 breeding up, 125 full), 22 males, and 43 transfers.

In 2019 there were 367 total registered, 325 females (241 breeding up, 84 full), 7 males, and 27 transfers.

Web Master Angie Haag-Eggenberger reported the web site is updated after a new Bulletin is received. Hosting fees are paid to GoDaddy every 2-3 years.

A motion to accept the reports was made by Winifred Hoffman and seconded by Jim Versweyveld.

The motion to increase the registration fees was passed with all yes votes both in person and proxy. New fees will go in to effect on January 1, 2024. Fees will be \$7 for animals under 6 months, \$10 for 6-12 months, \$20 for over a year and \$6 for transfers and reprints for Life Members. For Non-Members rates will increase to \$14 for under 6 months, \$20 for 6-12 months, \$40 for over a year and \$12 for transfers and reprints.

The Executive Committee will update the by-laws of the DBCAA; a draft will be presented at 2024 meeting.

The 2024 meeting will be October 3, 2024 at 1pm at the World Dairy Expo, Madison WI

Kristine Haag, Secretary