

Ohio Valley Dexter Breeders Association
General Meeting via Zoom
Monday, January 15, 2024 at 8:00pm

- **In Attendance:**

President: Dan Edgington

Vice President: Shawn White

Secretary: Katie Sears

Treasurer: Jeff Reusser

Youth Director: Renae Lizarraga

Adult Members: Kathy & Dave Dariano, Clem Nirosky, Santiago Lizarraga, Jill Gurley, Janelle Soja

Youth Members: Mario Lizarraga?

- **Call to Order:** Dan Edgington

- **Reading of Minutes & Acceptance of Minutes:** None taken at December Christmas Party/Meeting.

- **Treasurer Report & Acceptance of Report**

- Jeff not signed on yet. Later update - No real change since December report.

- **Old Business**

- Dan reminds us that we still have some class sponsorships available.
- Kevin is the Basket Raffle Chair and is asking folks to please bring the raffle baskets with them to the show.

- **New Business**

- **Vice President Report** by Shawn White

- Officer Terms are Odd/Even Years

- President/Secretary elections are held on odd years
- Vice President/Treasurer elections are held on even years
- Youth Director Term, while not explicitly stated in the bylaws, is understood to be a 2 year term.

- Recommendation is odd years to keep with Renae's 2 year term.

- Shawn to look into Survey Monkey for remote voting possibility as membership continues to expand regionally. (Current bylaws state elections are in person.)

- Research Family vs Single Membership Vote Options

- Recommended Feb 1 - April 30 for officer nominations

- **Youth Director Report** by Renae Lizarraga

- There have been 3 youth submissions so far of the Winter Quarter Project that involved creating a Gingerbread Farm and sending pictures to Renae for credit in the Heifer Drawing.

- As Renae cares for her mother, the Youth MOOsletter will continue to be emailed to all members, but quarterly rather than monthly.

- **Show Committee Report** by Santiago Lizarraga
 - Santiago is heading the OVDBA Show Committee and will be hosting a Zoom meeting for all interested in helping.
 - Members present at today's meeting mentioned they would like the following clarified:
 - Registration Rules
 - Class Changes - Late/Day of Entry, Substitutions, etc.
 - Walk on Adult Showmanship, Walk on Youth Showmanship - Permitted or Not
 - Apparel Expectations – Showmanship/General Show
 - Youth Showmanship Grand Champion Discussion - Should there be just 2 or 3 categories and each is a champion or have all 5 youth classes compete against one another
 - Marketing Strategy - Uniform graphics or different
 - Show Order (Youth) – Specify in Showbook
 - Classes/Workshops - Friday Afternoon
 - Ribbons/Buckles - Need ordered
 - Basket Raffle – Get info out early
 - Heifer and Steer Giveaways
 - T-Shirt Design - Opened to Youth as a Contest and way to earn an additional Heifer entry
 - Considering adding bonus classes like ADCA Nationals - Get of Sire / Produce of Dam
 - **Scholarship Committee** - Dan Edgington
 - Suggestions for 4H Type Questions/Essay Ahead Time/Interview makes a portion of score and Showmanship makes a portion
 - Volunteers: Dan Edgington, Renae Lizarraga, Kathy Dariano
 - Kathy Dariano to look into type of account and what's involved
 - **Other Opportunities**
 - Beef Expo - Katie noted members have expressed facebook interest. In the past, Santiago stated not very successful because dexters weren't what exhibitors or producers were looking for
 - Millersburg Food Expo - Janelle suggested and their farm has attended in the past and believes more inline with dexter's tri-purpose. She is to seek more information.
- **Adjournment**

Next meeting: February 15, 2025 at 8pm via Zoom.