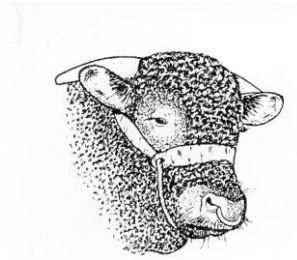


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Minutes of Board Meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2026 at 9:35 am by Zoom

Present: Bridgette Clamp (BC) Chair, John May(JM), Richard Dart(RD), David Martin(DM), Roy Gove(RG), Grania Phillips(GP), Graham Summerhayes(GS), Hatty Tucker(HT), Louise Clarke(LC), Henry Dart (HD) John Stanbury (JS) from 09:54am, Theresa Howard (TH) Notetaker

1. Welcome from the Chair

BC thanked everyone for attending and explained that the main purpose was to discuss Item 6 as it was felt that this could not wait till the September Board Meeting.

2. Apologies

David Barker & Lisa Weaver

3. Declarations of conflicts of interest

none

4. Approval of previous Minutes from 13 May 2026 meeting

All agreed. **Motion carried**

5. Matters arising from 2/03/2026 meeting

5a Cups book back in use to monitor guardianship of cups. **5b** BC thanked HT and LC for Facebook coverage with increased posts raising the profile such as Farm 24 and shows. **5c** Herd Book to be discussed at the September Meeting. **5d** GP updated that she is contacting Herd Competition entrants this week to arrange visits. **5e** Breed Promotion Meeting has been held and whittled down to two possible videographers for the Over the Gate proposal. It was discussed and agreed that this should be held back because of the drought conditions and blue tongue that it be delayed till late Spring/early Summer next year. Breed Promotion to discuss further next week. **5f** Discussed and agreed that Hollie Govier be invited to both the September meeting and to the Judges/Inspectors workshops to give demonstration of the EID Tag and Test system.

6. RBST Semen Sale

The recent sale of the RBST semen to a new member was discussed. There was a great deal of concern and BC stated it was important to get all our ducks in a row and agree as a board the way to resolve this issue. It was felt that RBST hadn't kept to the terms of our agreement as the office/breeder hadn't been contacted, questions to clarify. DO RBST only want to hold 230 straws

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in total or from each bull? It was a large amount of straws sold. The cost per straw did not match current market pricing, what are the proceeds spent on within RBST? Protocol was not followed, Need to add RBST to the Annual Plan for regular review. Several options were discussed but it was felt we need to establish a good relationship with RBST going forward so it was agreed unanimously that BC arrange a meeting with RBST to ensure that robust procedures are put in place and that all RBST members aware of them.

7. Actions for 1st six months against Budget.

BC asked if all had reviewed the Budget V actuals TH sent out three weeks ago. No questions arising. TH advised the position re the Flagstone Investments.

8. Inspectors/Judges Refresher Day.

GS suggested a workshop be planned for the Winter, he was concerned as DCBS have tried before and did not get good numbers attending. General consensus was that this is an important event. GP suggested that it was obligatory to attend one every 5 years or so. It was suggested that when invites sent out that DCBS stress it is important for all to attend. Will discuss more at September Board Meeting after the Judges Meeting.

9. Bluetongue Outbreak and its effect on One Day Shows.

Launceston, Camelford and Okehampton cancelled Sheep and Cattle, North Devon and Honiton Show went ahead with increased Vet checks. Each show is deciding depending on their local risks, eg. proximity of cases to the Showground, public perception etc.

10. Sell My Livestock Advertising.

BC explained that RG had noticed there was an advert on Sell My Livestock that a "Pedigree" Bull was being sold. It was by a lapsed member and he could tell it was not registered. It was flagged to the office and BC so TH sent a letter to the owner requesting the wording be changed and that they ensured the buyer was made aware that no offspring could be registered as full pedigree. BC asked that all keep an eye out and flag similar adds to the office.

11. Any Other Business at the Chair's discretion

DM asked if the Eric Newton Survey was about to go out. TH advised the questionnaire had been finalised and was about to be sent out via Mailchimp.

JM asked if it would be a good idea to ask a Vet to do an article for Bluetongue in the Winter Newsletter. It was agreed this was a great idea if the Vet explained that each individual have the discussion with their own vet to make a final decision.

Meeting closed 10.40am