

National Shorthorn Lassie Annual Meeting
November 16, 2013
Louisville, Kentucky

President Faye Korthaus called the meeting to order at 2:35 on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at the Shorthorn Show held in Louisville, Kentucky.

All members present introduced themselves. Monie Soules, the Executive Secretary, expressed his gratitude for the Lassie Association and commented on how lucky we are to have such a positive identity with our Lassie queens.

Pam Dressen, secretary/treasurer, read the minutes from last year's annual meeting and from the board meeting held in Des Moines at the Shorthorn Jr. Nationals on June 27, 2013 and gave the treasurer's report. A few corrections were made to the annual meeting's minutes and were approved as corrected. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Jessica McCall, National Queen, and Megan Dragstrem, Alternate National Queen, gave their farewell address. They both thanked the Lassie Association and expressed their gratitude for having such a wonderful opportunity.

The Lassie candidates each gave a short introduction about themselves. Lassie candidates include: Victoria Osburn – Texas and Sydney Miller – Michigan.

Pam Dressen reported that we the National Lassie Association have 145 members. There are a few states that need to be contacted and reminded to pay their National dues.

Gwen Crawford reported on the National Queen contest. She reaffirmed that moving the contest to Louisville has made the contest not nearly as overwhelming as when it was held at Jr. Nationals. She thanked JF Awards for donating the National Queen's tiara and Debbie Vansickle for donating the National's Queen's sash.

Theresa Sisung reported on the display board that was purchased and is on display with the history of the Lassie Queen, past Lassie Queens, the current National Queens and the Queen candidates.

Old Business:

Many state queens came to help the National Queens with Shorthorn Jr. Nationals at Des Moines, Iowa. Faye Korthaus set up a table with water and candy treats. Discussion took place about renaming the Lassie Tea to Lassie Princess Hour.

New Business:

Faye Korthaus received information regarding the opportunity for our association to become members of the American Agri-Women. It was decided to pass on this opportunity.

Christine Heverly went over the changes that were made in the Lassie Handbook. She cleaned up some grammatical errors, changed the size of the scrapbooks, and the location of the contest. Gwen Crawford indicated that any changes that need to be on the website can be emailed to Gwen and she will update them.

An overview of the weekend was reviewed. We will be eating dinner at 7:00 at the Crown Plaza. Scrapbooks will be on display at the ASA booth all weekend. Interviews will be held on Sunday during the heifer futurity show and the crowning will take place right before the Champion Heifer is selected.

A group of Shorthorn breeders donated a fan to help with Jessica's and Megan's expenses. They will sell chances for the fan and all profit will be for them.

Gwen Crawford suggested that the 50/50 drawing take place in Denver and tickets be sold at the annual meeting.

Jessica and Megan will be selling a basket tomorrow at the Futurity Sale and the profit will be used for queen expenses. Gwen Crawford moved that each queen is allowed to sell one item at the North American. It was seconded by Theresa Sisung. Motion carried.

Elections:

Gwen Crawford moved to reelect Christine Heverly, Fran McCall, and Lori Moore for another two year term on the National Lassie Board. Theresa Sisung seconded it. Motion carried. All were reelected.

Nominations were opened to fill two two year terms and a one year term that was vacated by Regina Birch.

Gwen Crawford nominated Pam Dressen to serve on the board. Fran McCall seconded it.

Fran McCall nominated Amanda Gipe McKeith to serve on the board. Christine Heverly seconded it.

Jan Steck nominated Elaine Dragstrem to serve on the board. Theresa Sisung seconded it.

Fran McCall moved to cease nominations. Christine Heverly seconded it.

All candidates were elected. The decision of who would serve the one year term would be decided at the Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Dressen, Sec./Treas.

Board of Directors for 2013-2014

Faye Korthous - 2010-2014

Theresa Sisung – 2012 -2014

Christine Heverly – 2011 – 2015

Fran McCall – 2011 – 2015

Lori Moore – 2011 -2015

Pam Dressen – 2013 – 2015

Elaine Dragstrem – 2013 -2015

Amanda Gipe McKeith – 2013 - 2014