National Shorthorn Lassie Annual Meeting
November 11, 2017
Louisville, Kentucky

President Jessica McCall was unable to make it for the 2017 National Shorthorn Annual Meeting. Vice President, Shay Bakenhus, stepped in for her to reside over the meeting. Shay called the meeting to order on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 1:42 p.m. at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky.

Next the board members introduced themselves, followed by the queen candidates. This year’s candidates included: Hannah Olsen from Wisconsin and Callie Porchaska from Oklahoma. The current National Alt Queen: Shelby Armstrong introduced themselves followed by other members present. (Current National Queen Tejlor was unable to attend.)

Hale/Sisung Farms were thanked for the donation of the leather sash.

The secretary’s minutes from 2016 were incorrect therefore there was no secretaries report. Sydney moved to have previous secretary, Jessica McCall, send corrected minutes to current board members and Macy Bakenhus seconded. Motion passed.

Vice President Shay moved on to the next item of business, the Treasurers report. The checking account balance as of November 8, 2017, is $4,332.56. The CD of $10,000 will mature in 2016. It was mentioned that the CD still has not been cashed/located and the board would be taking action. Sydney moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented and Elaine Dragstrem seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:
Shelby gave a report on the Lassie Princess Hour at the National Junior Shorthorn Show. Future lassies decorated their own crowns and sashes and enjoyed time with numerous state queens and princesses in addition to the national queens.

Furthermore, Shelby talked about Lassie 101 also at the National Junior Shorthorn Show. The girls who showed up received teasing combs and hairspray and the national queens talked about beauty tips and the process of how to run for national queen.

Fundraising was discussed next. Elaine mentioned the lassie lots in the Deck the Stalls fundraiser. The lassie had four lots in the auction/raffle in conjunction with the junior board items.

For the upcoming year, queens would oversee the donation lot in the Summit Sale at Denver as profits go directly to queens to cover travel expenses. Additionally, they will sell 50/50 raffle tickets at Denver with profits going to the National Lassie Association. The board will work together to donate items to both Leading A Legacy and Deck the Stalls fundraisers.
**New Business:**
After much discussion, Sydney moved to temporarily suspend the bylaws regarding officers and elections. Elaine seconded the motion and it was passed. As a result we decided to ignore term limits and restrictions to allow for Pam, Elaine and others eligible for reelection.

The next item of business was election of directors. The following members with nominated for board: Gwen Crawford, Pam Dressen (2013), Elaine Dragstrem (2013), Shay Bakenhus (2015), Megan Dragstrem (2017), and Macy Bakenhus (2017). Christine Heverly made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot and Sydney seconded the motion. Motion carried. Officers will be elected at the board meeting following the meeting.

The 2017-2018 queen candidates introduced themselves to round out the meeting.

Sydney made a motion to adjourn and Macy seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Sydney Miller
National Shorthorn Lassie Secretary
11/15/17