

National Shorthorn Lassies Constitution

Article I: NAME

Section I. This Association shall be known as the National Shorthorn Lassies.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section I. The object of this Association shall be to encourage and extend the influence of Shorthorn breeding, to promote the interests of its membership, to stimulate greater activity, and to cultivate closer relations between them.

Section 2. To arrange for exhibits at national shows, present awards, publicize the breed, provide reception committees, and conduct such activities that pertain to the National Queen contest and any other promotional activities.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section I. Any female interested in the promotion of Shorthorn cattle is welcome to join.

Section 2. The State Chapters pay annual designated dues to the National Lassies on a "per member" basis. If they have no State Chapter, dues may be sent to the National Treasurer.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section I. The Directors of this Association shall be elected at the annual meeting for a two-year term. There shall be a minimum of six members on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

Section I. The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Queen Officer, and Publicity Officer. This group shall comprise the "Board of Directors."

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancies by majority vote.

Section 3. Each Board Member will receive a current Constitution and Bylaws of The National Shorthorn Lassies and a National Shorthorn Lassie Officer's Handbook.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, appoint any committees not otherwise provided for, and perform any other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and perform all duties pertaining to the office. The Vice President shall also serve as Historian.

Section 3. The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the Association and provide a copy to all board members. She shall conduct all correspondence.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures. The Treasurer shall have the books audited every three years and at the time of change in office. The officer will maintain a current listing of all emails and addresses and collect the annual dues "per member" from each State Lassie Association or individual members. A copy of the general membership will be provided to the National Secretary.

Section 5. The Publicity officer shall coordinate all communication to the general membership through the Tartan Plaid segment of the Shorthorn Country and respective social media platforms.

Section 6. The Queen Officer shall handle all matters pertaining to the queen contest and the coordination of queen-related events.

ARTICLE VII: ANNUAL MEETINGS

Section 1. There is to be a Lassie annual meeting each year, planned by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet before the annual Lassie meeting and whenever else is deemed necessary. The Lassie membership meetings should not conflict with any scheduled ASA national membership meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM

Section 1. A simple majority of paid members present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum. This includes those attending virtually.

Section 2. At any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the total number of Directors present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Action taken by a majority of Directors present at any meeting shall constitute action by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section I. The foregoing constitution may be amended at or during any meeting by a 2/3 vote of the paid members present. All members must be notified 30 days in advance of an impending change of the constitution.

National Shorthorn Lassies Bylaws

Last Revision: 2024

ARTICLE I: BYLAWS

Section I: To clearly define and clarify the Articles of the Constitution

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section I: The membership dues of the National Shorthorn Lassies shall be \$20.00 per year, per member.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section I: Notification of annual meetings will appear in the Shorthorn Country and/or online at least 30 days prior to the meeting date. This shall constitute official notice.

Section 2: All membership dues and lists of members' names and addresses are to be sent to the Treasurer/Membership Officer a minimum of 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I: The Shorthorn Country is the official publication of the National Shorthorn Lassies informational data. All information on the Board of Directors, queens, financial and Secretary reports can be found in this publication as well as on the official American Shorthorn Association's web page: www.shorthorn.org

Section 2. Each board member will pay her own expenses incurred in attending national meetings.

Section 3. If a board member does not carry out her duties, she will be asked to resign her position. All board members are required to attend at least 50% of regularly scheduled board meetings.

Section 4. During the national queen contest, the Board of Directors has the right to disqualify any contestant who does not comply with the rules set forth in the queen

handbook. States and candidates may request a queen handbook from the queen officer and/or online at www.shorthorn.org.

Section 5. Recognition will be given to retiring board members at the annual Lassie meeting.

Section 6. The board will present an annual report each year at the annual meeting. Each board member is expected to prepare their “end of year” report to send to the President a minimum of two weeks prior to the annual meeting.

Section 7. Newly elected officers will receive a report and orientation to her office from her successor.

Section 8. Candidates for the Board of Director positions must be a paid National Lassie Member.

ARTICLE V: QUEENS

Section 1. The National Shorthorn Queens will be elected during a national show annually.

Section 2. The queen handbook including current updated application is available online at www.shorthorn.org. The handbook and all supporting documents will be updated annually by the Queen Officer.

Section 3. Gifts are given each year by board members on behalf of their State Lassie Chapter or themselves. These items can be anything that would be suitable as a memento for the retiring queens as well as the queen contestants. The gifts will be passed out during the queen contest.

Section 4. The pattern for the Official Lassie costume will be on file with the National Lassies. Extra pieces or the entire outfit may be ordered. The National Lassie Handbook contains the official requirements of the Lassie Costume.

Section 5. State Lassie Royalty ages 14+ may participate in a National American Shorthorn Show or Super Regional/Regional Show.

Section 6. Judges are chosen by the President and/or Queen Officer. The judges receive no monetary, only a small complimentary gift.

Section 7. The states and/or parents of the queens are responsible for their queen's expenses to and from and during the National Lassie Queen contest. Queen candidates and a parent or legal guardian will be asked to sign a release from responsibility form

for the National Lassie Association. The National Queens will each be asked to sign a contract to fulfill her duties as Queen or forfeit her scholarship-money.

Section 8. The President and/or Queen Officer are in charge of the planned events at the National Show and Queen Contest. They will work with the ASA office and other necessary persons to schedule all activities.

Section 9. Multiple contestants from one state may participate in the national contest.

ARTICLE VI: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Section 1. The rules contained by the current edition of "Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised" shall govern all meetings in matters not covered by the Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 2. Order of Business:

1. Call to order by President
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Report of officers
5. Report of committees
6. Unfinished business (call for bills)
7. New business
8. Election of directors
9. General program
10. Adjournment

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The foregoing Bylaws or any part of them or any amendments thereto may be modified at any meeting or by a 2/3 vote of the paid members present. All members shall be notified 30 days in advance of an impending change in the Bylaws.

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