

United States Lancashire Heeler Club Annual Meeting

August 11, 2019 Held by conference call.

President Sheryl Bradbury led the meeting

5:12 pm Central Standard time the meeting was called to order by President Bradbury.

Roll call was taken, there were 17 members present via conference call, see attached membership list.

President Bradbury asked to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes could not be located, the President asked if there were any questions from the last meeting, the group indicated there were no questions so with group consensus a motion was made to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The President called on Patricia Blankenship to read the Treasurers Report.

USLHC Treasury Report from August 5, 2018 50 August 10, 2019

Beginning bank balance ----- \$2,118.53

Plus, deposits from dues----- \$ 643.72

Minus expenses for Medallions----- \$ 95.00

Ending bank balance as of August 10, 2019----- \$2,667.25

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Blankenship

Patricia stated this year's income has all been from dues. She also told us we had lost four members since last year.

A question was asked about the Medallions for the Invitational. We paid \$95 for the two medallions that we could sponsor in Conformation and Agility, even though there are additional medallions that can be purchased we do not have any members that qualify in those groups.

Patricia Blankenship mentioned that we need a Membership Chairman. This person would be a liaison for the club. They would also monitor Face Book inquires, prepare materials and events that would promote interest and membership in the club. The position should be appointed as a chairman with committee members to help.

Jeff Bazell added that membership is most important to AKC.

Patricia Blankenship and Sheila Mesick mentioned it was important to keep people informed of our status and give everyone a say.

The President then called for Dottye Holt to give her report as the AKC Liaison.

Dottye introduced herself and gave a brief history of her time in the club and the accomplishments made by the club. We have added members, increased competition types and number of dogs. And moved from FSS to Misc.

Membership was encouraged to enter their dogs in competitions and report participation to the AKC Liaison for inclusion in periodic progress reports. Sheryl Bradbury included an excellent synopsis of where the club stands currently with regard to requirements to move from Miscellaneous to Full Recognition. The club needs to add additional members, continue participating in events and shows, and register all litters. It's terrific to see all of the breeders we have currently adding to our numbers. Club growth over the past 8 years has been very good and I think we can look forward to achieving our AKC goals soon. The Lancashire Heeler has a good foothold in the U.S. and there's nowhere to go but up for us.

We have members in 24 states and 2 countries.

President Sheryl Bradbury talked about the number of dogs with titles, specifically mentioning we have one dog with a Certificate of Merit and several more that are very close to that achievement. With the two upcoming trials is it believed that several dogs will attain a CM

The President then asked Sheila Mesick for the Health Report

Sheila explained the CHIC number process and how to contact OFA to submit your documentation and receive a number. It was pointed out that the CHIC number does not guarantee that the dog is clear in all factors measured. Rather it provides a number that can be utilized to look up a report showing the tests and results of any one dog. It was recommended that club members participate in this program.

The tests include PLL, CEA and Patella Luxation. Sheila briefly explained the rating system for each and recommended you have a cardiac certificate done at the same time as both are simple procedures.

Patrick Helton asked when is it recommended to get a Patella test? One year of age

Diane Swift mentioned that the AKC site does not list that we recommend a Patella test and suggested that we update the site to reflect our policy.

Sheryl Bradbury stated that the data and information for the AKC site and our linked web site has all been written and edited and will be place on the ACK web site soon.

Sheryl Bradbury and Patricia Blankenship introduced the new website, explaining that the old domain name was not in the club's ownership. Asking all to go to the new site that is:

<https://www.unitedstateslancashireheelerclub.com>

The new Face Book page is: United States Lancashire Heeler Members Only

Some members mentioned they could not find our membership form, minutes or bylaws on the new page. Sheryl Bradbury said it was most likely due to recent work on that page and would be restored.

Jeff Bazell mentioned that there should be some other way of communicating with members since not all are on Face Book. Sheryl Bradbury said she also has a member email list that she uses to send out all club information. Jeff suggested a Members Only section on our web page and asked that we do this in future changes to the web page.

The President asked Karen Mason if she had anything to report on membership. The question was asked if we could sponsor a booth at the AKC Invitational in Orlando in December.

After much discussion with input from Lindsey Dubruck, who has worked at these events while working for AKC, and Jeff Bazell/Jeff Kestner, AKC judges, that a booth could be very helpful. Sheryl agreed to bring her dogs to exhibit and the "Jeffs" agreed to put together and plan a booth if Sheryl would fill out the application. A motion was made by Sheila Mesick, seconded by Patricia Blankenship and unanimously approved by the membership.

President Bradbury noted that we had missed an election phase and needed to form a nominating committee with a board member as chairman and two members for a committee. The committee is charged with setting up a slate of members nominated for election, and to provide a ballot for the January election of officers. This will take place at the next board meeting.

President Bradbury mentioned that ACK is in the process of reviewing the paper work that we have submitted in our process to receive full recognition.

She began a discussion of the steps that we have completed and the steps that still required some attention. The steps are listed in the attached meeting agenda.

The discussion of requirements still to be met centered mostly around the need to increase our membership numbers and the how to arrange the two open shows and match. Jeff Bezell spoke at this time indicating that he and Jeff Kestner had been arranging two shows in Ohio. They have spoken with many other conformation people and made arrangements with Kathy Caton of the Central Ohio Kennel Club. The Club will make all the arrangements and work we just need to sponsor the show. The discussion switched to having one of the shows in the Nebraska to meet the regional distance for the AKC. Also, Sheryl Bradbury has been working with the regional kennel club in her area and has arranged to sponsor a show in that area. Jeff added many tips for doing open shows indicating that he would be willing to share information with the group so that a show can be arranged in Nebraska. Several bits of information were exchanged between members to kick start the open show process. It was concluded that an open show would be held in Ohio and Nebraska. It was mentioned that an agility trial could be held in Oregon/Washington if that would count towards our AKC requirements, President Bradbury said she would check with AKC.

Jeff also said that the club, or a member of the club could sponsor a show, a class or a ribbon for any show in their area. If they are willing to arrange and pay the nominal amount, they should sponsor under the name of the US Lancashire Heeler Club.

Continuing on through the process for full recognition the next subject discussed was our breeding numbers. There are three active breeders at this time and at least two other members

are planning to breed in the near future. We concluded that we need more litters bred in America.

President Bradbury mention the Judges Power Point she has been putting together. She has sets of pictures from members for examples of conformation points and it has been placed in a power point format. Jeff Bezell brought up his concerns about the judges education. As he is a judge he has a lot of experience with this program and would like to make sure that we put together a professional presentation that covers the information that judges really need, he stated he had seen some groups provide inadequate presentations and would like to make sure that ours good. He also indicated that he had several power points from other groups that would provide an good example. President Bradbury asked Jeff Bezell if he would share those with her to aid in her setting up and completing the power point she has.

President Bradbury mentioned the Purina Points system and urged members to join the program if they buy Purina Products.

We missed doing the election of officers last year, President Bradbury will connect with ACK and check to make sure we rectify this properly.

Sheila Mesick reminded everyone that you can now send in copies of all of your certifications to OFA and pay by credit card.

Diane Swift asked if there was some way that we could keep the herding instinct part of breeding in the fore front. She mentioned that she would like to make sure our dogs represent their herding breed placement. Several members mentioned the AKC Herding Instinct tests, explaining how they are conducted and where to find them. Members were encouraged to try this program with their heelers.

The subject then changed to fund raising for the club, several members offered ideas, Jeff Bezell indicated that he has access to the best fund raising process and can guarantee that will provide good results. This information was left for future discussion and organization of the chairmanship by the board.

After asking if there were anymore items to be discussed, President Bradbury asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Sheila Mesik, seconded by Jeff Bezell and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Minutes submitted by Karen Mason

In Attendance –

Attendance 8-11-2019 x = on the call AB = Not on the call	Name
x	Anne Jahelka
AB	Barbara Hatten
AB	Beverly Lewis
AB	Carol Robertson
AB	Colton Penny
x	Cynthia Yuan
AB	Deanne Bird
x	Diane Swift
AB	Dick Koster
x	Dotty Holt
AB	Gwyn McGovern
AB	Hara Miller
x	Harlowe Jahelka
x	Heidi L. Benson
x	Holly Simmons
x	Jeffery Bazell
x	Jeffery Kestner
x	Jona Decker
x	Karen Mason
AB	Linda Walawander
x	Lindsey Dobruck
AB	Margaret Gernes
AB	Margaret Lowe
AB	Marcia Frankl

AB	Meaghan Thacker
AB	Melissa Fedorvich
AB	Melodie Dunford
AB	Michelle Barlak
x	Pam Hughes
x	Patricia Blankenship
x	Patrick Helton
AB	Roxanne Westrom
AB	Scott Miller
x	Sheila Mesick
x	Sheryl Bradbury
AB	Sid Cranston
AB	Theresa Calter
AB	Virginia Cranston