

General Meeting Agenda - USLHC - August 23, 2020 2pmET After technical difficulties the meeting was called to order 2:10pm ET

Members on the call - Lindsay DeVito, Sheryl Bradbury, Lindsey Dobruck, Diane McCarty, Patrick Helton, Patricia Blankenship, Rosanna Buehl, Diana Swift, Sheila Mesick, Karen Cox, Tammy DeVito, Liz Koehn, Karen Mason, Meaghan Thacker

President's Report

2020 has been an interesting year for everyone. How we socialize, shop, exercise, compete, work or learn has been a challenge for all of us. Thankfully we have our dogs to keep us busy and company. We have a list of tasks required by the AKC to complete and most think that the only disruption has been to the ability for us to conduct our OPEN shows. But in reality, COVID-19 has created more internal disruptions to our schedule than most know.

We need to remember that those that serve the club have also been affected by COVID both directly or indirectly -

- How we socialize -
 - shows cancelled so no opportunity to hold judges education
 - shows cancelled no open shows, no judges
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- How we shop -
 - no shows so some have lost their income
 - non essential businesses closed so some have lost their income
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- How we exercise -
 - No training class, no shows and in some areas parks were closed
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- How we compete -
 - No shows and could continue until Q1 of 2021
 - and for a short time no performance or companion events
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- How we work and learn -
 - Going home to work remote and learn how to stay focused
 - Having a brand new full time administrative assistant
 - AKC Staff layoffs - delays in approval, reviews, confirming completion of tasks
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- and don't forget, we have had members that have either had COVID or a family member. This puts this in-creases the challenges of everything especially survival.

We are all one because of the cute, roudy, robust little heeler, that administrative assistant that puts that electric paper shredder to shame. Stay safe everyone, before you know it, we will progress regardless!

Patrick moved, Patricia seconded Approval of Minutes as distributed. Unanimous.

Secretary's Report

It's been an interesting year. I took over the Secretary position in just short of a year ago. There has been zero correspondence through regular mail, a sign of the times I suppose. Most of my time is spent organizing meetings, recording minutes and discussing issues with the Board in between. I hope we can all encourage more participation from our less vocal members. We need input from pet people too, what do you want from your club? Talk to me.

Treasurer's Report

Annual Treasury report from Aug. 11, 2019 to Aug. 22, 2020

Beginning bank balance on Aug. 11, 2019 -----	\$2667.25
deposit from dues -----	963.50

Expenses-- reimbursement for	
Meet The Breed Booth in FL -----	-302.80
Award reimbursement -----	-42.00

Ending bank balance as of Aug. 22, 2020 \$3285.95

Committee Reports

Membership Report - Patrick Helton

Since my tenure as membership chair began, the club has added 11 new members. According to my count, the club has 67 members.

Awards Committee - Karen Mason presented by Sheryl

Briefly touched on reasons to develop awards to reward members and their dogs for accomplishments. Karen will get a full report ready to publish in the newsletter.

Herding Committee - Meaghan Thacker

Members - Linda Bell, Diane Swift, Jona Decker, Theresa Calter

We started out brainstorming and getting to know each other. I'm pleased to say we have a lot of different talent on this committee which I anticipate will make the club proud. The first clear priority was getting the wording right in our Constitution and Bylaws to ensure we didn't need changes made when people had Lancashire Heelers ready to compete. Something like - Fostering and supporting the breed's natural historic purpose including all purpose farm dog and keeping rodent populations in check. Hopefully with everyone's help we include the wording that AKC needs. We talked about whether we wanted our own program or we wanted to support our members efforts to trial with AKC, AHBA and ASCA. In my opinion those breeds that design their own program do so because the breed is not capable of competing in all breed competitions. I hope that is not the case for us. Improvements won't be made to the herding capabilities of the breed if we set the bar too low. More discussion centered on developing our own instinct test as it would allow more leeway to hold tests, which are good fundraisers, without the cumbersome AKC process. Plus day of entries could be allowed. Many show members may be interested in instinct testing but have no intention to go farther because of the paucity of training opportunities and expense to train for herding. On top of all this the AKC HIC program is not a favorite among their own judges, so it's difficult to hire judges. One member is working on drafting a letter to send to AKC that will move Lancashire Heelers onto the list of eligible breeds for AKC Herding Trials. We are already eligible to test and trial in AHBA under their 'rare breeds not yet listed' category but she contacted the president of AHBA to have Lancashire Heelers added to the rule book. We would like to develop a list of Herding Trainers, that are both competent and Lancashire Heeler friendly for the webpage to help members interested in dipping their toes in the waters. We tossed around a Performance/Companion Dog Funday for club members similar to the get togethers we hear about over in England but including different performance/companion events like herding instinct tests, trick dog, rally, barn hunt etc to give people an introduction to all the different fun things available. The pandemic has pretty much put anything like this on hold but it's an idea to work on when we can. We have enquiries overseas talking to folks with whatever experience we can find to help us write up a Working Standard.

Judges Education - Sheryl Bradbury

As I mentioned in my President Report, we have members that have been challenged by COVID, some own business, some have had to change the way they work. I for one have had to continue with a work project, 2 years in planning to launch a new brand. And our presumed changes in business, made us scramble to keep up with the way pet owners changed the way they shop. Jeff B, Jeff K, Diana McCarty and I have been able to settle some into the changes and anticipate additional time to focus on the Judges Education program. BUT we have to have shows and judges to present to and of course an on line course will able be developed. All of this requires AKC overview and approval and most of that staff has been laid off. So we will do our best!

Public Education - AKC Gazette - Lindsey Dobruck

I'm looking forward to coordinating the quarterly Lancashire Heeler breed column for the *AKC Gazette* when the breed achieves full AKC recognition. Since I'm new to the breed and have just one LH, I plan to source content from our very knowledgeable club members to ensure a variety of voices and topics. I hope the column will serve as an outreach for our smart, sturdy little breed. In the meantime, I have been supporting Rosanna with *The Happy Heeler* with proofreading and the occasional article. I'm glad to be able to serve the club!

Rescue Committee - Meaghan Thacker

I have not managed to organize a Rescue Committee yet. I have a structure started to begin building a volunteer web around the country to help us when a rescue shows up but we have rules to put in place and structure that club members support. Auden, our in process rescue is not officially a club rescue due to no committee/structure/rules but I couldn't ignore him, he spoke to me. We have had many stumbling blocks but finally found a temporary foster in Texas that could pull him. He is with her until we can organize transportation to Florida. The Humane Society of Young County, Graham TX has been wonderful to work with. They turned him over to us at no charge but I sent a donation to help them in their work. I say we because there have been many people support me in networking to make this possible. I have never had so many plans fall apart in working with a rescue but 2020 seems to be challenging that way. I have two local families interested in Auden when he gets here but we want to be sure he gets the very best home we can find so if any members know someone interested in a rescue Lancashire Heeler, have them email or pm me.

Newsletter Report - Karen Mason, presented by Committee Head/Editor Roseanna Buehl

Committee members: Sheila Mesick, Heidi Benson, Dottye Holt (resigned), Lindsey Dobruck

The first newsletter of the USLHC was published in January 2020. Three additional issues have gone out to the membership every other month since then and a new issue is in the works presently. The comments sent to us on Facebook and via email have been unfailingly positive and readers have generously failed to mention our little goofs and typos. We are always working to improve and welcome private messages to alert us to these annoyances.

The committee is delighted to have so much support from the membership and non-members. Contributions from enthusiasts across the US and around the world have made our newsletter interesting, informative, and fun.

Articles contributed 16

Contributors 8

Photos contributed 89

Photographers 35

Recipes 5

Recipe contributors 4

Art 4

Artists 2

Titles reported

AKC titles 38

Barn Hunt 1

Detection Dog 1

CHIC reported 6

Committee reports 2 (Herding and Performance)

As a goodwill gesture, we sent out about a dozen complimentary issues of the *Happy Heeler* to non-members who contributed materials. To promote a spirit of camaraderie, we publish getting to know you vignettes to introduce new members. We created an operations manual for the *Happy Heeler* newsletter and submitted it to our committee chair for adoption by the Board.

What your newsletter needs from you: new articles, new photographs, committee reports, board news. Please don't wait for the committee to ask you. Send your contributions today.

The committee was given to understand that the official minutes of the Board meetings would be published on the website, but we still think it is important to keep the membership apprised of the work that's being done. We try to publish a summary of the most recent business undertaken by the Board of Directors in every issue.

Ways and Means Report - Beverly Morgan

We are pleased to report a new committee member, Theresa Calter

Old Business

Beverly Morgan Lewis was presented with an award for her long standing efforts with our Board of Directors and her enthusiastic public relations at any competitions/public events where she has her Lancashire Heelers. Congratu-

lations Beverly.

Elections were held at a Special Meeting conference call Feb 23, 2020 This timing is in keeping with our old Constitution/ByLaws. Beverly Lewis retired as V. Pres and the members voted Patrick Helton into the position. Patrick takes over at this meeting. When new Constitution/Bylaws are approved by the members our elections will be held closer to the AGM with new positions assumed at the AGM.

New Business

Our Constitution/Bylaws have been reworked by the Board per AKC's guidelines for newly approved clubs. They are now in AKC's hands for review, which may take some time as AKC is working with short staff due to COVID. We all need to be patient but when they have been approved your president will call a Special Meeting for members to review the new document, make comments and vote on acceptance.

A question was raised on where our Meeting Minutes, both Board and AGM were available online. The plan has been to develop a member section on our website for them and other documents of interest to members. It's been suggested that facebook is just not secure enough to store there. The Board will discuss this issue at their next meeting. A summary of the last Board meeting was requested by the Newsletter Committee for the upcoming issue.

Patricia spoke of her appreciation to Sheryl Bradbury for all her work for the club over the past in spite of her recent loss.

Motion to adjourn by Patricia at 3:03 pm ET Seconded by Patrick