

USLHC Annual General Meeting
Sept 12, 2021

In Attendance: P Blankenship; L Dobruck; M Thacker; P Helton; J Turoci; D McCarty; S Bradbury; B Lewis
S Mesick; D Swift; J Decker; R Buehl; G Trevett; E Cohen; K Mason; H Simmons

Called to order 7:15 ET

President Report - Sheryl thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the meeting. The Club has some really exciting months ahead in hopes that we can bring a close to the current journey and start on the next. One important note, the next 12 months will be very important for the club as we are very close to the end of our list. In the last quarter of 2021 We will be looking for members to head committees to support our growth going forward. Positive and fun loving LH enthusiasts that will have a huge impact on the next adventure as an AKC Club. If there is something that you are passionate about in the world of dogs please let Sheryl know how that could be applied to necessary committees for our club. On the agenda for the board is to review the committee Chairs and reassign committee for further development. Stay tuned!

VP Report - 84 Members (4 of which are foreign)

Treasurer Report - Beginning Balance 8-10-2020 \$3220.95
Ending Balance 9-12-2021 \$6107.32

Lindsey Dobruck was introduced as our new Board Member

FSS Report 5 Cms and 5 to go for AKC approval.
Completed 2 Open Shows.
Working on Constitution and Bylaws
20 Litter requirement to meet
300 dogs with 3 gen pedigrees needed
100 Members needed.

Question about other show venues counting towards our statistics. D McCarty says only AKC stats count.

Discussion on how geographically dispersed are the members that are showing their dogs. Roseanna volunteered to make maps showing where dogs are located.

Awards - Karen has been working on an awards program to present to the board for discussion. Next board meeting we will discuss and provide Lindsey with the specifics to execute an Awards program for the members that earn titles.

Open Shows - The USLHC OPEN SHOW Committee successfully conducted three shows. The first was in Lincoln Nebraska in conjunction with the Nebraska Kennel Club show May 2021. We had a wonderful turnout and the club made a little money. The second required show was in conjunction with the Greeley Kennel club. The Podengo club was happy to share two of their 4 shows with us so we could complete another requirement to our journey. Thank you to Diana McCarty for being our show secretary, It is an extremely hard job dealing with the super, ribbons and exhibitors as well as keeping the judge moving through the entries. Diane is one heck of a member and gives her time and talent to our club without asking for anything. Thank you to Holly Simmons and Grayson Trevett for planning prizes, stuffing goodie bags and helping out when someone had questions or just needed an extra hand ringside. Sheryl especially said thank you to all of the members that donated to the Trophy fund for our OPEN SHOWS. The generosity of our members total \$1,577.35 which any funds left over will be used for future shows and events that require trophies and prizes.

Newsletter - Rosanna and Sheryl had a discussion with regards to a USLHC Newsletter. Rosanne has been asked to consider publishing a newsletter again according to the specification that we discussed.

Herding Committee - Looking for a Committee Head.

Judges Education - With the help of Jeff Bazell, Jeff Kestner and Diana McCarty, Sheryl is on the last few slides of the AKC Judges Education Presentation for the Lancashire Heeler. Thank you to everyone that provided photographs for us to use in the presentation. We have some awesome photos of heeler pieces and parts to use to compare and contrast the LH to help our AKC Judges do the best job they can. We used photos that were submitted, photos from the Nebraska Open Show and the Greeley Open shows as well as some photos from the show in Orlando. So thank you for everyone that contributed.

Legislative Committee - Nothing to report on this committee, looking for someone to help

National Specialty - As we move we will be holding national specialties. More to report later. Show Manual will need to be developed.

Health - The USLHC received a check for \$1,000 to be used to support a Lancashire Heeler Health initiative. Sheryl reached out to Jona Decker to develop a program for all members that test (specific tests that qualify are being looked into) their dog regardless if the dog is a pet or intended for breeding. Once the program is laid out we can apply for up to \$2,000 annually to support the health of LH in the US.

Health Database - Jona Decker has been asked to head this committee and will be looking for members to work with her.

Performance Events - This committee will be overseen by Lindsey Dobruck. Lindsey will give the membership updates as she develops the committee.

Rescue Committee - Meaghan will look for members to work with.

Social Media - Marissa and Lindsey have done a great job increasing the clubs presence on Facebook and Instagram so thank you for all of the posts and engagement with potential LH families.

USLHC Foundation - This committee will be very busy very soon. Once the club becomes a licensed club and the growth from recognition hits the need for Rescue and Health Initiatives to be supported will be huge. We are still looking for legal council for the club to draw up the paperwork for the foundation as well as any advisory support.

Ways and Means - Rosanna has pictures donated to the club. This committee will also be very busy very soon. Sheryl posted this week looking for people to work on fundraising. Chelsey Pendleton, Thank you, was quick to volunteer but she will need a lot of help. Sheryl contacted a person that does caricatures of different breeds and have asked her how much does she love our breed?? Some very exciting goodies coming our way we hope!

Website - The USLHC website has been updated to show the FSS/MISC projects COMPLETED OR IN PROCESS. We also have plans to make the website the business platform of the club. Members will be able to log in to view meeting minutes, news, and many other important information of the club. There is one big challenge still and that is finding a webmaster or the club will need to hire a group to manage the website and pay the costs. Currently Sheryl pays for the website to be on her website account. This will be changing once we move to a recognized club status with AKC

Old Business - None

New Business - Trophy Fund would be happy for more donations.

Adjourned 8:21pm ET