MINUTES OF THE
UNITED STATES LANCASHIRE HEELER CLUB
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
November 5, 2026

I. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda with flexibility at 7:05 p.m. EST

In Attendance: Tammy Erickson, Lindsey Dobruck, Bonnie Smith, Sheryl Bradbury, Theresa Maltz, Nancy Klarman, Rosanna Buehl, Kelly Herrera, Jean Turoci, Andrea Christenson, Lizz Koehn, Eliza Hajdu, Diana McCarty, Linda Bell, Mark Taylor, Carla Coggins, Patrick Helton, Patricia Blankenship

II. President's Report (Tammy Erickson)

Club news:

- The **2026 Heelerween Winner** is . . . Ruffy the Vampire! Congratulations to Ruffy and his owner, Rosanna Buehl. Thanks to Kelly Herrara, Chair of our Club Connections Working Group, and Lindsey Dobruck for running this event!

- **AKC Meet the Breeds** in New York is January 23–24, 2027. Kim McIntyre, Chair of the Public Education Committee, is looking for volunteers to staff this exciting weekend – a great opportunity to introduce thousands of dog lovers to our breed and promote responsible ownership and breed preservation.

- **AKC Gazette:** There will be a column on Lancashire Heelers in the December issue, featuring a profile of Kirsty Ellis and the work she and her dogs do on her cattle farm in England. Future authors welcome!

Review of interim board actions:

- New members: Janice Morris, Charlotte Gunby, Theresa Maltz, Stephanie De Mello, and Heidi Benson

- The Club is sending a gratitude gift to Patricia Blankenship for her years of dedication and service to the club.

- The Club will not be sending monetary or physical gifts to officers going forward.

- Rosanna Buehl will create an online forum for members to publicly express their gratitude.

VI. Special agenda

A. **Bank for Club Business:** *I move that the United States Lancashire Heeler Club bank with Chase Bank.* **Sheryl motions, Lindsey seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

B. **National Specialty:** *I move that the USLHC hold its first National Specialty show in Arlington, Nebraska on May 20, 2027* **Bonnie motions, Lindsey seconds. Tammy, Lindsey, Bonnie vote AYE. Sheryl ABSTAINS. Motion passes.**

C. **Policy Proposal for Exhibition of Dogs at National Specialty by Show Chair and Club Officers:** *I move to approve the policy "Exhibition of Dogs at the National Specialty" as written.* **Sheryl motions, Bonnie seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

D. **Health Testing Recommendations and CHIC Requirements:** *I move that the USLHC add a CAER (Companion Animal Eye Registry) screening performed by a board-certified veterinary ophthalmologist and a basic cardiac examination by a licensed veterinarian (not a cardiac specialist) to those recommended by the Club for both breeding stock and puppies according to the schedule suggested in the Health Committee's report, and that the Club add these two exams to the health screening tests required to obtain a CHIC (Canine Health Information Center) number from the OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals).* **Lindsey motions, Bonnie seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

E. **Breeder Recognition Program:** *I move that the USLHC institute the Breeder Recognition Program as outlined, creating two levels of recognition – the USLHC Breeder of Care and USLHC Breeder of Distinction – following the application process as specified.* **Lindsey motions, Sheryl seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

F. **Membership Renewal Form** (Dobruck): *I move to approve the Membership Renewal Form as presented.* **Sheryl motions, Bonnie seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. Adjourn at approximately 8:15 pm EST