

**Michigan Shorthorn Breeders Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Sunday, October 13, 2024, Copper Athletic Club, Marshall, MI**

The 2024 annual meeting of the Michigan Shorthorn Breeders Association was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President, Stacy Stinson. We had 17 people in attendance. Prior to calling the meeting to order, we enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Copper Athletic Club. Member and guest introductions were made. Sydney Miller moved to accept the agenda; Megan Bosserd supported the motion. The motion passed.

Our guest speakers were Kenna Geeseman and Megan Noack.

As the National Shorthorn Lassie Queen, Kenna shared highlights of her experiences over the last year. She has had a tremendous opportunity and has met many wonderful people. A new Lassie queen will be crowned at the 2025 Cattleman's Congress in Oklahoma City, OK in January.

Megan Noack is the Global Product Marketing manager for Neogen Corporation. Her primary responsibilities include natural toxins in livestock feed. She shared information on the different toxins that can show up in livestock feed and the acceptable levels of those toxins for various species of livestock. She is a great resource to ensure producers are aware of these toxins and how to feed accordingly.

Secretary's Report - a motion was made by Carla McLachlan, supported by Sydney, to accept the secretary's report as printed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – a motion was made by Tara Miller, supported by Carla, to accept the treasurer's report as printed. The balance in the checking account is \$503.59. The savings account balance is \$1,144.54 and the balance in the CD is \$10,844.78. Motion passed.

Old Business –

- 2024 MI Beef Expo – Carla gave a report on the 2024 show and sale. This was the first year the event was held in February. A Friday Night Lights genetic sale was held as well. This format will be held again in 2025. Carla volunteered to act as the sale coordinator for the Shorthorn sale. Online entries are open for the 2025 sale. The 35th annual MBE sale will be held February 21 – 23, 2025.

New Business –

-Nominating committee – Anne Pease reported that there are no board positions open for election. This is due to there being no board positions voted in in 2021 due to Covid.

-The Michigan Lassies – If anyone knows of a person interested in running for the state Lassie or the princess positions, please let Sydney know. Princess candidates must be between 11 and 15 years of age. Queen candidates must be between 16 and 21 years of age.

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- Michigan Junior Shorthorn Association – Stacy reported that 2024 was a successful year. The State junior show was held in May in conjunction with the Middle of the Mitten show in Midland. Fifteen youth showed. The 2025 show will be April 27 in Midland. Taylor Peter will be the junior advisor for the 2024 Junior Nationals in Maryland. There were 15 exhibitors from Michigan. 2025 Junior National show will be in Grand Island, NE.

-MCA magazine advertising – Tara shared that we no longer do the business card ads. We run one ad in the fall issue of the MCA magazine. We can use the Shorthorn Facebook page for members to use to post information on animals and genetics. Contact Carla if you have information to share.

-2025 Michigan Beef Expo – entries are open.

-Website updates – Carla asked if we could include some of the MARC results highlighting how well Shorthorn cattle performed in the tests. Members are encouraged to share updates for the website. Please contact Stacy if you have something for the webpage.

- 2024 Fall Sales – Vance's will have a fall online sale in late October. Carla shared how she had a lot of interest in bred cattle at her sale. Gustafson's have a bull calf for sale. Contact them for more information.

A motion was made by Sydney Miller, supported and passed to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m..

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Pease
Secretary