

Ontario Shorthorn Association (OSA) — Annual General Meeting
April 12th, 2025 @ 12:30pm
Home2 Suites By Hilton
Milton, Ontario

Called to order at 12:41pm.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was made available via the OSA's social media accounts and in person for the meeting. There was no discussion with the agenda provided for the meeting.

Motion: Joanne Currie moved to accept the agenda for the meeting.
Seconded by Doug Brown. **Carried.**

Election – Introduction of the Nominees

Julian Brown ran the elections. Joanne Currie was the scrutineer.

The nominee's present at the Annual meeting; Scott Den Haan, Don Jack, Ross Laycock, Martin Mason, Joline Quinn. Each nominee had the opportunity to introduce themselves. Voting would take place on the computers provided and each person had the opportunity to place their vote during the light lunch.

Guest Speakers

The OSA welcomed Jim Murray to bring comments and a presentation about the upcoming Canadian National Junior Show to be held in Lindsay in the summer of 2025.

Approval of 2024 Minutes

The minutes from the previous AGM held on April 13th, 2024, at the Douro Community Centre, Douro-Dummer, Ontario was handed out to attendees. There was no discussion arising from the previous meeting's minutes.

Motion: Austyn Byrne moved to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Shorthorn Association.
Seconded by Pat Thibodeau. **Carried.**

President's address

Steve Bartlett welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the Board of Directors; Frankie Byrne (Vice President), Martin Mason (CSA Rep), Mike Andison (Treasurer), Kate Meehan (Secretary), Brad Height, Nickolas Martin (Outgoing), Ralph Cooke (Outgoing), Gary Evans, Pat Thibodeau, Jessica Currie-Stevens.

Steve also thanked James Rummerfield for his continued support of the OSA All-Star Conformation Series competition and Breeders herd awards.

President's report

Steve announced the busy year that the association had this year naming the OSA Picnic, the impact the donation from James made had, the Emerson Clarke Show, and the creation

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of committees. Steve thanked the board of directors for being a great group to work with. Additionally thanking Mike Andison and Kate Meehan for their support throughout the year.

Treasurer Report

Mike Andison shared a copy of his financial report with the group, stating that the bottom line is that the OSA is in good condition financially. In the statements provided both OSA and OJSA were combined for simplicity/readability. Mike went through the report with attendees, noting the greatest expense the OSA has is the Junior show and advertising/promotion expenses.

Motion: Frankie Bryne moved to accept report. **Seconded** by Gary Evans. **Carried.**

Committee reports

Social media/website

Pat Thibodeau presented the goal for the past year has been to try to keep the OSA's Facebook page active on a weekly basis. It was encouraged for members to follow the OSA's page if they do not already and share photos to be featured. Emphasizing that the more content the page has the more relative it will be, as opposed to fewer posts in the past. In terms of the OSA's website a change was made late in the year to a new website and it will be fully managed and updated by directors. This also cuts down on the expense of the website.

Show

Jessica Currie-Stevens presented the in early 2025 the Board of Directors voted to make one contact person from the OSA to communicate directly with the Royal Winter Fair. This person was to be the Show committee Chairperson. Jessica Currie-Stevens was placed into this role.

The 2024 Royal Update was presented as:

- Numbers at the Royal – 6 Shorthorn Plus Animals, 51 Purebred, 9 Breeders Herds
- Grand Champion Female – Blenview Glamorous Jazzy 104J
- Grand Champion Bull – Shadybrook Storm 24K ET
- Shadybrook Shorthorns – Champion Get of Sire, Champion Progeny of Dam, Champion Breeder Herd, Premier Exhibitor, Premier Breeder

Jessica Thanked Don Jack for your sponsorship and Pat Thibideau for organizing the Emerson Clark Memorial Junior Shorthorn Show. Jessica thanked Barn bosses Brad and Frankie and thanked Ralph for attending the meetings and keeping the board up to date.

Moving into the 2025 year and thinking about the Royal

Jessica allowed for a banner survey to be circulated and the results were 62% Selected the Classic option – most common comments were that they like tradition. The conformation

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for sponsorship for the 2025 banners were in progress and the Bills will be sent out shortly. The Royal Winter Fair requires the book to be completed by June 1, 2025.

Advertising

Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) advertising has been looked after by Doug Brown and Dale Asser over the last year. Martin commemorated Doug and Dale's on his ability to acquire new stories and testimonies in the magazine that has led to more recognition for Shorthorns in the commercial industry. The OSA runs 5 advertisements per year, which takes up a large part of the budget. The committee welcomes new ideas, new breeders, or contact information of individuals past bulls have been sold to. The OSA has committed to another year of advertising for 2025.

It was also reported that the OSA decided to occupy a booth at BFO's annual general meeting to further Shorthorn influence in commercial industry amongst other breeds.

Ontario Shorthorn Sale

Gary Evans presented the sale update. The following information was presented: 2024 OSA Fall Classic Sale, November 16 at Maple Hill Auctions in Walkerton. The sale was a great success, 48 Live Lots Grossed \$238,500 to average \$4969; 27 Open Females averaged: \$4324; 21 Bred Females averaged: \$5798; Top Open Females, MCC Marble 8M, \$9,000, McGlashan Cattle Company; Top selling Bred Females, Focus Miss Leah 2H, \$7,500, Focus Farms. Gary went on to thank the sale committee, particularly Blair Williamson. Four surprise donation lots were sold in support of the 2025 Canadian Shorthorn Junior Show was sold for a total donation of \$2,175. Thank you to the donors and the purchasers.

Canadian Shorthorn Association report

Martin Mason disclosed that 2024 was a successful year for the CSA. The 2025 AGM will be in the Maritimes, while 2026 will return to British Columbia.

Stars Align Conference in conjunction with the Canadian Limousin Association was successful and received a lot of praise for the junior event. Martin emphasized to attendees to consider supporting the National Junior show, in July in Lindsay.

The 2025 World Shorthorn Congress plans to run July 4-20th 2025. Starting in western Canada (Calgary) before participants fly into Toronto. The congress will include an evening hosted by the Banbury family who have attended many, a tour at Hill Haven and Coldstream Farms, before ending at the Junior show in Lindsey. The plan is to have enough space at the event to allow for senior/regular member cattle to also be displayed. Contact Martin if you are interested in attending or would like to help with the event.

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Junior Report

Elizabeth Lockhurst and Grace Den Haan stood on behalf of the Junior board. Don Jack was thanked for his sponsorship of the Emerson Clarke Memorial Shorthorn Show, they noted there was 79 participants. Results for 2024 show:

PeeWee: Jase Lasby, Logan Hargrave

Junior: Taylor Makey (Champion), Carly Watson (Reserve).

Intermediate: Abby Murray (Champion), Emily Hartle (Reserve).

Senior: Kaitlyn Broughten (Champion), Delaney Hopkins (Reserve).

Grand: Kaitlyn Broughten, Reserve Grand: Abby Murray.

Lastly mentioning the OSA Junior show in Erin which had 59 participants, thanking all sponsors including the OSA. Results were:

Champion Shorthorn Plus: Logan Kinsley - HILL HAVEN CUMBERLAND DYAN 43L

Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus: Elizabeth Lockhurst - BLM MERLO 2M

Champion Purebred Bull: Logan Kinsley – HILL HAVEN LIBERTY 9M

Reserve Champion Purebred Bull: Elizabeth White - DJL FLASH

Grand Champion Showperson: Kierra Wallace

Reserve Grand Champion Showperson: Logan Kinsley

Award presentations:

○ **Foundation Award**

- Byrne boys

○ **All-Star Conformation Awards**

2024 BULL OF THE YEAR

Coldstream Pendleton 38M, Bred, owned, and exhibited by Coldstream Farms

Reserve Champion: Crawfdown Mark 02M, Bred, owned, and exhibited by Crawfdown Farms

2024 FEMALE OF THE YEAR

Coldstream Mistress 11L, Bred, owned, and exhibited by Coldstream Farms

Reserve Champion: Blenview Jazzy Miss Molly, Bred, owned, and exhibited by Blenview Farms Inc.

2024 BREEDER'S HERD OF THE YEAR, Coldstream Farms

Reserve Champion, Windyview Farms, Michael Ormiston

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- **Aspiring breeder awards**
 - Austyn Bryne from Chatham, Ontario.
 - Joline Quinn from Beaverton, Ontario.

- **Board Awards**
 - Steve Bartlett was presented an award for his continued support and he was Thanked for his time as president on the association.
 - Mike Andison was presented with a token of appreciation for his contributions to the board.

New Business

Secretary Role to become OSA Administrator with more comprehensive duties

Discussion around the Secretary Role becoming the OSA Administrator. The discussion was had and decision to be left to the board of directors.

Election Results

The positions available were three 3-year terms, and one 2-year term.
Julian Brown and Joanne Currie announced the election results as the following:
Re-elected: Martin Mason, Elected: Scott Den Haan, Don Jack, Joline Quinn.

Nominate OSA rep to CSA

Floor was opened for nominations. Martin Mason was nominated for the position.

Motion: Dave Currie moved for nominations to be closed. **Seconded**
by Frankie. **Carried.**

Adjournment

Pat Thibodeau adjourned the meeting.