

**HAVANESE FANCIERS OF CANADA**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2022**  
**7:15 SK Time**

**Monday, February 7 at 12:10 p.m.** Lauren posts the Agenda and the January minutes for approval.

Lauren makes a motion to have both the Agenda and previous minutes approved.

Darlah seconds

All in favour: Jean, Margaret, Maxine, Rita, Shirley, Debbie, Gabrielle, Paula, Kim, Lorette, Debra, Terri F. Nadine, Linda, Lisa, Lynda, Cathy, Heather,

Motion passed.

**February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:57 p.m.**

Present: Rita, Cathy, Kim, Lynda, Terri F., Liz, Lauren, Gabrielle, Shirley, Maxine, Deborah, Myriam, Rose, Cathy, Pat, Debra, Lorraine, Brenda, Jocelyn, Susan, Nadine, Margaret, Suzanne, Paula, Debbie, Linda, Jane, Heather, Tracy,

**Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. SK time**

First topic: Acceptance of previous minutes and February's Agenda. Minutes and Agenda were approved by majority vote on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Lauren posts next topic: Shout outs

Versatility—A shout out to the versatility committee as they have finalized their program and including certificates and awards that will be given from the club. Gold versatility awards recipients include Sabrina Lo, Joan Reid, Lorraine Purnell and Shirley Grant. Silver versatility award winners include Joan Reid and Rita Thomas. Bronze versatility award winners include Rita Thomas, Lorraine Purnell, Shirley Grant, Paula Martel and Kim Doan.

Members congratulate the recipients.

Lorraine adds that Cathy McKeown and "Indy" have received their Bronze versatility award.

Lauren adds that the recipients receive a token from the club, a bag with the club logo on it, a leash with a "Versatility" tag on it.

Lauren adds that an article honouring the awards for the newsletter would be nice.

Lauren posts General Reminders and Announcements:

- 1) New memberships—one new member this month: Jeremy Ludyka. His email will be set up in the coming days. There are three memberships in the queue, two of which are actively being worked on and one that is on hold (by request of the applicant)
- 2) New Voting Member—Myriam Archambeault will be considered a full voting member on February 18, 2022.

Lauren posts next topic: Calendars

From last meeting we had calendars left over so Lauren agreed to purchase a dozen calendars to be given on a first come/first serve basis. Debra, Maxine, Paula and Myriam will be receiving calendars. Please contact Nathan and provide a mailing address. There are still calendars available for sale.

Lauren posts next topic: Membership dues

Membership payment was extended to the end of January without penalty fee because of website issues. Any memberships not paid by end of January are subject to a \$5 penalty fee if paid by end of February, \$10 if paid by end of March, \$15 if paid in April. If membership is not paid by end of April, it will be cancelled. Email Lauren or Terri Fudge if you have questions on how to renew.

Margaret asks how we know if we are paid as Juanita used to send a note.

Lauren adds that she is reaching out to people who are outstanding. If you don't hear from her, you've paid.

Cathy asks if there is a place we can see all members.

Lauren replies that we are working on getting something up next week when the new site goes up.

Lauren posts next topic: Committees for 2022—if you haven't sent your committee requests to Paula, including if you want to stay on your current committee, please do so ASAP. Committees stay as they are for right now, until the new ones come into play.

Paula adds that she will be completing the committee list this weekend.

Lauren posts next topic: Website soft launch—Hope to have the soft launch of the website up next Wednesday. It won't be complete, but it will be easier to add things and the web domain will work once again.

Lauren adds that we are looking at a translator to French copy. Rather than write everything in two languages, we are looking at tools that will translate.

Myriam offers to proof read translation. Lynne Z. and Paula also offer to help.

Lauren posts next topic: Newsletter Articles—A reminder that committees, like Education and Health are required to submit newsletter articles on a quarterly basis.

Lauren posts an item that is not on the Agenda: The HFC has received invites or requests to do boosters at other shows. A booster can only be done by a club and at a show they are doing—we can do a booster at our nationals and regionals. What these requests really are for is a supported entry where we would be supplying prizes to another show/club and have no revenue gain and would be paying for the prizes out of the HFC.

Paula states that Boosters are easy to do.

Deborah doesn't think this is a bad idea, neither does Margaret.

Suzanne adds that it's not usually very many prizes and they can be small. It's not a huge expense and usually is good exposure.

Lauren states we need some way to accept or decline how many we can do in a year.

Suzanne agrees.

Lauren states maybe a maximum of four a year.

Jane asks for a sample cost for one prize.

Paula adds that prizes can be from the dollar store.

Lauren adds that the criteria could be it needs to be some sort of specialty.

Paula asks why a specialty.

Rita asks if it would be possible to give everyone a small prize for entering rather than just a few gifts for those already winning something or getting points.

Lauren adds that it is up to us as a club to decide what level or how extravagant we want to go.

Paula states that Boosters keep our club name out there.

Suzanne adds that usually the 1-4 placements, plus winners and reserve, so 8 prizes total, such as a toy or bag of treats.

Darlah offers to help create some prizes for the club.

Debbie adds that flat ribbons are usually upgraded to rosettes.

Lauren adds that she will draft something just as a starting point and send it out for discussion, but it looks like the club supports the decision so far.

Rita adds again that recognizing everyone is better than doubling up on the winners.

Jane adds "You mean all kids get a trophy?"

Paula disagrees in that the booster is to boost entries for the all-breed show. It's not about everyone participating.

Lauren makes a motion to do supported entries for other clubs (number per year TBD)

Kim seconds.

All in favour: Maxine, Cathy, Deborah, Nadine, Debra, Margaret, Terri F., Jane, Linda, Myriam, Brenda, Debbie,, Darlah, Gabrielle, Tracy, Suzanne,

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Lauren asks if there are any questions before the meeting is adjourned.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. SK time.**

