

**Havanese Fanciers of Canada  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2022**



**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

Lauren posts meeting agenda and previous minutes for approval.

Motion made by Lauren to accept the presented documents for approval.

Linda Seconds.

All in favour: Debra, Heather, Linda, Maxine, Shirley, Doug, Claire, Margaret, Myriam, Nadine, Debbie, Paula, Rita, Joanna, Brenda, Tracy, Gabrielle, Lynda, Pat, Lorraine, Lisa, Cheryl, Heather, Terri F., Cathy, Darlah, Kim.

**Motion passed.**

**7:12 p.m. SK Time:**

Present: Lauren, Pat, Heather, Maxine, Rose, Liz, Susan, Jocelyn, Bea, Lisa, Brenda, Debbie, Jeremy, Tracy, Nadine, JoAnn, Lorraine, Kim, Shirley, Debra, Cathy, Myriam, Suzanne, Alida, Rita, Linda, Myrna, Lynne

**Meeting called to order at 7:19 SK time.**

Lauren welcomes the newest member, Jeremy.

Lauren posts first topic: Shout outs—Treasurer Committee. A big thanks to Terri Fudge for her role as club treasurer. She has reports done, member info up to date and has maintained excellent communication.

Members thank Terri.

**Next up: General Announcements and Reminders—**

New memberships. All memberships have been renewed and nobody had late charges.

New voting member Liz French. Congrats to Liz!

Another membership request for associate has been processed and will be forwarded to the club this week.

Lauren shares some club stats:

Currently 44 voting members, up 14 people over the past three years  
Quorum is now 23 members  
Total membership is 54 members

Lauren reminds that we have to deliver to our members and support new members so that our club may prosper.

**Next topic: New awards**—No new awards to report this month. A few people are waiting on CKC.

Lauren reminds members that if they have not seen Suzanne's trick dog video, please view it. It's an incredible little video of an amazingly well trained puppy. It's posted on the club's facebook page.

**Lauren posts the next topic:** Membership application refusal update—the club has been working with an applicant at the membership committee level for some time now. There were gaps in the initial application and there was much back and forth with the applicant. Additional information came to light and it has made the club raise some important questions. Nothing has been decided yet as there needs to be more discussions. This is just an FYI at this point.

**Lauren posts next topic:** Role of sponsorship and mentorship discussion—wanted to have a discussion on where you think the responsibilities of a membership are. Should sponsors be responsible to help onboard their sponsored applicants and help them in learning the ins and outs of the club?

Margaret, Maxine, Debra, Lynda, Tracy, and Liz agree.

Lauren adds that in order to have clear expectations, we need to draft out the responsibilities of a sponsor. Perhaps start with changing "Sponsor" to "Mentor". Application form would need to be updated. It should be clear and transparent.

Debbie adds that if you sponsor a member, you should be hands on to guide them and navigate the bylaws of the club, help them with health testing etc.

Margaret, Liz, JoAnn, Cathy, Linda, Myriam, Lisa, Cathy, Debra, Paula, Pat all agree.

Maxine asks what it takes to become a member.

Cathy adds that speaking to members very helpful.

Any questions to ask regarding membership should be directed to Cheryl Drake.

**Lauren posts next topic: Director Election**—Current Quebec director, Lynne Z, would like to step down. This opens nominations and will remain open for two weeks, closing March 23. There is currently one interested candidate. Nominations can be sent to [secretary@havanese fanciers.com](mailto:secretary@havanese fanciers.com) Lauren thanks Lynne for her service to the board.

**Lauren posts next topic: Specialty Update** —Lauren asks Margaret if she has any update to share. Donation requests will go out shortly.

Regional specialty update: The BC team has a number of options with dates and will discuss before making a proposal. There are dates that would work for a specialty in October and November. More to come.

Margaret states that the national specialty is a go.

Lauren adds a quick check in on health testing. Asks how other provinces are doing?

Maxine states things seem to be opening up in her area.

Margaret states that eyes have been a challenge, but Rose is holding a clinic.

Debbie adds things in the maritimes are opening up.

Lynne adds eyes and heart clinics in her area in April.

Myriam adds that things in Quebec are complicated; however, clinics are happening and they are filling fast.

Debbie states that her all breed club is doing an eye clinic and it filled in an hour.

Nadine is looking for BAER testing.

Brenda adds eye and heart clinic in Langley, BC on May 1. Lauren adds she will bring the trailer down with the dogs.

Debbie adds that OFA has removed BAER testing for a CHIC number so that may be a discussion for the Health Committee. Lauren reminds that it is optional for a member. It's one of many tests a member can choose from.

Lauren posts next topic: Honourary membership—Moved to an open discussion on club mail list. Do we think that honorary club members should still be allowed to serve on committees?

Kim says yes, their knowledge is invaluable.

Myriam says we can always use the help.

Maxine says they may bring a wealth of knowledge.

Lauren posts a reminder that the next meeting is April 13, 2022.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. SK time.**