

Havanese Fanciers of Canada

Monthly Meeting Minutes– November 16, 2022

Wednesday, November 16, 2022: Lauren posts the agenda, financial report and the previous minutes and presented members with a poll to approve these items.

Lauren changes/removes the poll as she could not view who had voted.

All in favour of agenda, financial report and previous minutes: Tracy, Gabrielle, Margaret, Linda, Lorraine, Doug, Nadine, Shirley, Darah, Liz, Claire, Sabrina, Joanna, Kim, Cathy, Paula, Pat, Renata, Brenda, Myrna, Lisa. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7:06 p.m. SK time: Claire says good evening to all. Present: Paula, Susan, Heather, Debra, Wanda, Suzanne, Margaret, Joanna, Tracy, Liz, Shirley, Sabrina, Rita, Jeremy, Pat, Lisa, Cathy, Lauren, Myrna, Noel, Terri, Kim, Lorraine, Linda, Gabrielle, Jane, Lorette, Linda B., JoAnna, Alida, Renata, Doug,

Lauren greets all participants and encourages everyone to say hello as they arrive.

At 7:16 SK time, Lauren calls meeting to order. Meeting minutes from previous meeting and agenda was done previously.

At 7:17 SK time, Lauren posts General Reminders and Announcement: Membership Renewal—HFC must pay a fee on every paypal transaction. Please renew your membership by electronic funds transfer or cheque. Please fill out the form. All info on the form is confidential.

At 7:20 SK time, Lauren posts about membership and awards—no new applications, no new voting members, no new awards presented.

Lauren shares a concern that membership has a few applications in the queue; however, they are not reaching the committee. She will get a hold of Cheryl. New online membership application will go right to the entire committee.

At 7:22 SK time, Lauren posts about Elections and AGM. The officers are working on approval of a document that outlines all the positions

She adds that another cool web edition is the nominations where you are welcome to nominate anyone for the roles that are open.

A few members have not yet been into the member only area of the website. Anyone who hasn't, please contact Lauren if you have any questions.

At 7:27 SK time, Lauren posts next topic, which is designated as an in-camera portion of our meeting.

At 7:50 SK time, Lauren posts next discussion topic, that being a continued discussion on Regional Specialties for 2023. She states that that topic will be posted on the club's email list. Please join the discussion.

At 7:52 SK time, Lauren posts info on the CKC's Rules of Eligibility (ROE). She states:

CKC is out of compliance with animal pedigree act and ministry of agriculture. These two bodies are asking for an ROE which gives the essential minimal information about what makes a breed a breed. They have been working on this for 4 years, and have now gotten to Toys. I met with their panel and went through the process with them, I then met with the board and we went through what CKC had presented to me on what they felt made a Havanese a Havanese. The board came back with some questions for the ROE CKC panel and I have a follow up meeting with them in two weeks. I can't share with membership until I get CKC input and get back to the board. The board is the approval group for the ROE. Then the CKC and then it goes to out to referendum. There is another step in there where breeders are invited to vote on the ROE as well. It will be a couple of years before it is finalized. What you do need to know is how the ROE impacts breeders, there are impacts. When you go to register a litter, there will be an ROE requirement that needs to be completed prior to the registration of the litter. If either the dam or the sire do not meet the qualifications of the ROE the litter can't be registered. What this means as the ROE must only include things that we would NEVER want to see bred – it is nothing to do with what we would like to see in the ring, it is don't breed that ever. So it is the minimum requirements of our breed. All dogs have faults and many faults can be corrected with good breeding practices, we do not want to eliminate on faults when it is something that is easily corrected, so we need to do this very carefully and quit thinking like show breeders and confirmation and think of what we really MUST not breed.

A link is shared with members for a good explanation on ROE: <https://www.ckc.ca/en/Breeding-Dogs/ROE>

At 7:58 SK time, Lauren posts the next topic—COVID and health testing.

We have talked about this a few times and had casual discussion agreement on re applying our health requirements to all existing and New members, but we did not poll on this. In my mind there is no reason to have relaxed health testing anymore, that said vet appointments for me and I'm sure others are sometimes 6 months out. So how about putting our policy back in place (2 mandatory test, and two from optional list) as approved, and give a 6 month grace period for us all to get this done?

Paula and Margaret state it's time to get back to regular schedule of health testing.

Darlah, Claire, Debra, Doug, Cathy agree.

Lauren makes a motion that the club members get back to regular health testing requirements.

Motion is seconded by Claire

All in favour: Paula, Doug, Susan, Debra, Margaret, Sabrina, Cathy, Kim, Linda, Shirley, Gabrielle, Terri, Darlah, JoAnn, Liz, Pat, Jane, Lorraine, Alida, Renata, Lauren, Myriam

Lauren states she will bring in Health and Discipline for a Board discussion on compliance and present a recommendation to the club.

Cathy, Paula, Kim, Margaret, Claire, Liz, Doug, Susan, Sabrina, JoAnn, Linda, Darlah agree.

At 8:03 SK time, Lauren shares an FYI that will be moved to December's open discussion on the future of trophies for the Nationals.

At 8:04 SK time, Lauren posts last topic: An update on website functionality. The developer has finished his contract with the club. Lauren has found a good polling application that can be used on the website. If anyone has problems with the website email Lauren, please do not FB messenger her as she cannot track messages and might miss something.

Several members thank Lauren for her work on the website.

At 8:07 SK time, Lauren posts the info for the next meeting in December. We have our AGM meeting and will also post nominees for the election. In an instance of multiple candidates, a poll will be created. Poll will be announced seven days prior to posting.

Following that is the Annual General Meeting, which is usually 10-15 minutes. Agenda will be light.

Members are reminded that the nomination form is on the website under the member area, under elections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. SK time

