

THE 2011 HSDAA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 2011 HSDAA General Membership meeting was held on October 28, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Minutes of the 2010 General Membership meeting:

Beth Johnson moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as published in the Silk Road. The motion was adopted.

Treasurer's Report, Sharon Martin: The treasurer reported a current balance of \$21,322.39 in the treasury.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee, Paul DeSimone:

There are currently 5 International members and 405 national members – 31 charter members, 101 members and 273 associate members.

Registration Committee, Doc Baldwin:

At this time there are 1074 registered Havana Silk Dogs and 333 puppies that are not individually registered.

Show Events Committee, Debbie Ezzell:

There have been four two-day regional shows this year in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and California. There was also a one-day show and CERF clinic in Florida. We have several Havana Silk Dog shows already scheduled for 2012. The Havana Silk Dog is also a recognized breed with the International Canine Kennel Club (formerly NAKC) and this is a great opportunity to show our dogs outside of our own breed club.

Breed Promotion Committee, Helen Conticchio:

No report at this time as the committee has not had an opportunity to meet yet.

Evaluation Committee, Doc Baldwin:

The Board is discussed the reinstatement of an Evaluation Committee. Members will be former evaluators Doc Baldwin, Ann Carille and Helen Conticchio. The committee would also like to invite Dionne Franklin to the committee. The goal of the committee is to have an evaluation system in place by the next show in Florida. The evaluation process will include:

- Paid evaluators
- A revamped evaluation sheet with a different point system
- Hands on evaluations along with soap pictures presented to the evaluator
- The evaluation committee will review your soaps to help members produce good soap pictures for presentation

Health Committee, Mary O'Day:

No report at this time as the committee has not had an opportunity to meet yet.

Health concerns that have been voiced by the membership that the Health Committee will be looking at include:

- Hips
- Patellas – move from eight weeks back to one year
- Shoulders
- Raise the age for certification to 18 months
- Rotated shoulders – bowed fronts

- Participating in the OFA survey that will be coming out – it should include shoulders and pet owners should be involved as well as breeders
- Need stability in our health requirements

Rising Stars Committee

No report at this time

New Business

New Committees needed

Bylaws Review Committee – John Sherburne volunteered as chair. Members are needed from the membership. Volunteers should contact John Sherburne.

Best Practices Committee – needs to be updated because of new policies. Julie Savastio volunteered as chair. Member volunteers are Dionne Franklin and Steve Liner.

Location of Future National Specialty shows

The floor was opened for discussion about whether to consider moving the National Specialty to other areas around the country or at other times of the year. Discussion included pros: having the show at the same time and place each year; and cons: not as convenient for people who do not live close to the show site. Suggestions included making a decision based on the geographic location of our dogs.

Suggested having the show in Virginia again next year but will continue this discussion for future shows.

Suzanne LaCosse moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Debbie Ezzell

Recording Secretary