

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting November 9, 2012

The 2012 HSDAA General Membership meeting was held on November 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Minutes of the 2011 General Membership meeting:

Suzanne LaCrosse 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:

Current bank balance: \$20,485.37

Committee Reports

Breed Recognition Committee – Helen Conticchio asked that if anyone has any ideas for promoting our breed let her know.

Health Committee – The Health Survey will be ready to send out soon so watch for an e-mail with a link to the survey. Please complete the survey as it will be very helpful for our breed to have this data.

Bylaws Committee – Nancy Simpson has been appointed as the Bylaws Committee chairman and she needs volunteers to serve on the committee. Mary Clarke and Mary O'Day and Dionne Franklin volunteered to serve on the committee.

New Business

The HSDAA Board has several items under consideration and would like input from the membership before make its decision on the following items:

PennHIP

Currently PennHIP exams are approved for certification to obtain a CHIC even though we do not have a passing Distraction Index (DI) identified for our breed. Since we have no DI established for our breed, the Board has considered eliminating PennHIP as an acceptable measure for hips until such time as we have a DI. The Health Committee has recommended that the HSDAA use the current DI of .62 which is the number used by the Havanese breed until such time as we have 20 hip evaluations for our breed and can establish our own DI. At this time we can use either PennHIP or OFA hip x-rays for certification so a breeder can choose which test to use, or use both tests.

Member Discussion: There were no objections to this recommendation.

***Silk Road* – Digital versus Printed**

Starting in 2013 there will be two types of membership. As a cost-cutting measure, the Board agreed to make the *Silk Road* available in digital format to members rather than printing and mailing each issue. Since many members stated they want to continue to receive a printed copy of the magazine, the Board approved having a Basic Membership and a Premium Membership. The Basic Membership would remain at the current rate of \$35 per year for a household and would include the digital *Silk Road* option only. The Premium Membership would be an increase of \$20 over each membership type (\$55 for a household membership) which would cover most of the cost of printing and postage. A basic member would have the opportunity to place an individual order for any issue of the *Silk Road* if they desired.

Member Discussion: A recommendation was made that every new member receive one printed copy of the *Silk Road* so they would see the quality of the printed magazine and be better able to choose which membership option they would prefer. The membership agreed with this recommendation and it will be adopted.

Trophies – Cash or Gift Items

A suggestion was made prior to the National for having cash trophies instead of the gift items we normally have. What is the opinion of the membership on receiving cash trophies versus gift items like we have been doing?

Member Discussion: Members were all in favor of continuing with the gift item types of trophies we have been getting.

Fiestas

It is important for our organization to have social events to regain our IRS status as a social club. The more of these events we can have, the better our ability will be to regain and maintain our tax-exempt status. A Fiesta form will be available soon on the website to use for documenting these events.

Member Discussion: Several types of events were discussed that would qualify as official fiestas.

Rescind a rule that was established to discourage breeders from breeding Havana Silk Dogs to dogs outside our breed.

The rule states that if a Havana Silk Dog has been bred to a dog that is not registered as a Havana Silk Dog, none of that dog's future offspring will be eligible for Havana Silk Dog registration. While breeding outside the HSD breed is not in good practice, we must consider that we are a small breed and eliminating these dogs from our breeding pool is not in our best interest as a breed. The Board is considering rescinding this rule.

Member Discussion: Members are in favor of rescinding this rule.

Other Business

Nancy Simpson thanked the show chairman and the show committee for all of the hard work they have done in bringing this show together.

Jen Haugland asked about the status of the HSDAA working toward AKC recognition of our breed. The majority of the discussion leaned toward putting off efforts for AKC recognition at this time and focus on maintaining our required health testing to continue improving our breed. Discussion also included pursuing other activities that our breed can participate in such as rally and agility. Nancy Simpson suggested that we get to know other breeds such as the Silken Windhounds that are dedicated to health testing and are not interested in AKC recognition. She discussed working with some of these other breeds and find common interests. Doc Baldwin said we should invite them to the Richmond show where we will be including some ICKC shows.

Silk Road Ad Annual Subscription - The Board discussed an option for members to place an annual ad in the *Silk Road* at a discounted rate. The member can choose to use the same ad for all three issues or submit a different ad for one or every issue. The rates for annual ads would be:

- Full page ad - \$275 per year (a savings of \$40 from the current rate of \$105 per issue)
- Half page ad - \$175 per year (a savings of \$20 from the current rate of \$65 per issue)
- Quarter page ad - \$105 per year (a savings of \$15 from the current rate of \$40 per issue)

A motion was made for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Debbie Ezzell, Recording Secretary