

**Gateway Havanese Club
Minutes October 26, 2003**

In attendance were:

Lucy Ellis, Barbara Johannes, Michele Johannes, Jan Stark, Pam Dean, Tanya Cato, and William Dean. Attendees by telephone were Mollie Harris and Justin Harris.

The meeting opened around 7:30 PM and centered on pertinent details to get the Gateway Havanese Club started.

Primary Locality of Club:

It was suggested the primary area covered by the club would be the states of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. Debbie Graves made a late motion to include Kentucky since many go to several shows a year there as well and they don't have a local club. A motion was made that membership not be limited to these states, but for convenience of future supported shows, specialties, fun matches, etc., these states are optimal for club activities. (See Membership section) Michele made a motion to accept, all seconded and the motion carried.

Name of Club:

Possible names for the club denoting the locality were discussed. Nominations were Mississippi Valley Havanese Club, Gateway Havanese Club, Tri-State Havanese Club, Route 66 Havanese Club. Nominations were put to a vote and Gateway Havanese Club passed with a vote of 7 for Gateway, 2 for Mississippi Valley, 0 for Tri-State, and 0 for Route 66.

Nomination of Board and Officers

President: Lucy Ellis was nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Vice-President: Barbara Johannes was nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Recording Secretary: Pam Dean was nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Corresponding Secretary: Tanya Cato was nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Treasurer: Mollie Harris was nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Parliamentarian: Jan Stark was nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Directors-at-Large: Recommendation was made that there be 3 directors, each from different areas, and all agreed. Jan Stark (Missouri), Justin Harris (Indiana) and Ed Dean (Illinois) were nominated, all seconded and all agreed.

Motion was made by Michele to set term limits of Officers and Board at 2 years. All seconded and motion passed.

Motion was made that Mollie establish a savings account for the club and all dues be forwarded to her. All agreed and motion passed.

Constitution & Bylaws:

Motion was made to get examples from established clubs and/or the AKC suggested C&B for the next meeting. Tanya will contact the AKC for their suggested C&B for local clubs and Lucy will get a copy of the established Bichon Club C&B for reference. All agreed to table this issue for further discussion and implementation at the next meeting.

Website and Logo:

Michele offered to set up and maintain the website (www.GatewayHavanese.com). Justin offered to set up the Yahoo group e-list (GatewayHavanese@yahoogroups.com). Justin and Michele offered to be co-moderators on the list and website.

Several ideas for the club logo were discussed. Motion was made to have **anyone** who wants to draw up a **rough draft** of his/her suggested logo, do so and bring it to the next meeting for a vote.

Membership Data:

Requirements - The club will be open to anyone who shares a love of the Havanese regardless of geographical location or ownership of a Havanese. A motion was made to defer sponsorship requirement for a period to be determined at the next meeting. A late motion was made to post an application on the website. Application and dues are to be sent to the Treasurer: Mollie Harris
R#1, Box 345m
Haubstadt, IN 47639

Dues - All agreed that the dues should be:

Individual membership	\$10.00
Family membership	\$15.00
Junior membership	\$ 5.00 (participating but nonvoting)

A motion was made that Junior memberships would automatically roll over to Individual membership on the member's 18th birthday and pending payment of appropriate membership dues and update of member information. All seconded and the motion passed.

Corresponding secretary will maintain a roster of members containing name, physical address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other pertinent information.

Club Activities:

Possible fun matches, "Bark in the Park" events, public education such as at Pet Expo events, and specialty shows were discussed. With the wide variety of affiliations of our club members, some possibilities that were discussed were to have matches with the Non-Sporting club in St. Louis, the St. Louis Toy Club, the St. Charles Kennel Club and the Hoosier Kennel Club (not official club names). Lucy made a motion to have the first official

event be a fun match in conjunction with the Non-Sporting Club at Grant's Shelter in January 2004. Lucy will check into the feasibility of this event. All agreed to table the motion for further discussion at the next meeting.

Newsletter:

Club will need someone to prepare a newsletter. Discussion tabled to next meeting. Michele made a motion that the Recording Secretary Post minutes of this meeting on Yahoo e-list in lieu of a newsletter. Pam seconded and the motion carried.

Meetings:

Motion was made to hold meetings approximately once a month in conjunction with a show to facilitate more members being able to attend. All agreed, motion passed.

Motion was made to include in bylaws that meetings can be held "by correspondence". All agreed and motion passed.

Motion was made to hold the next Gateway Havanese Club meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2003, in concordance with the Edwardsville Kennel Club show being held at Belleville Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL. Location to be at a local restaurant. Time to be announced at the show (pending Group/BOS judging attendance). All seconded and the motion passed.

Club Goal/Mission Statement:

To promote and preserve the integrity of the Havanese breed, encompassing all realms of Havanese ownership.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, Michele seconded. All agreed and the motion carried.

Submitted by Pamela Dean, Recording Secretary

Gateway Havanese Club
Minutes November 22, 2003

Call to Order

Lucy called this Special Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the home of Barbara and Michele Johannes.

Roll Call

In attendance were Lucy Ellis, Barbara Johannes, Pam Dean, Tanya Cato, Michele Johannes, Jan Stark, Ed Dean and Justin Harris.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Pam read the minutes of the October 25, 2003, meeting. Michele moved to accept the minutes as read. Barbara seconded the motion. All present accepted and the motion carried.

Report of the President

Lucy Ellis reported that this special meeting was called to address the issue of applications, code of ethics, and constitution and bylaws. Committees were set up and positions appointed as follows:

Membership Committee - Barbara and Michele Johannes - to work on an application for membership in the Gateway Havanese Club.

Show Committee - Lucy Ellis - to arrange fun matches and "unofficial" supported entries with other local clubs holding fun matches.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee - Tanya Cato and Justin Harris - to research AKC-suggested and other clubs' C&B and draft one for the GHC.

Michele moved to accept the committees and conditions discussed. Justin seconded and the motion carried.

Report of the Treasurer

Mollie has received a couple of checks and is holding them pending applications.

Report of the Secretary

There is nothing to report.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Constitution & Bylaws

The C&B Committee was appointed to draft a preliminary C&B for the club meeting December 6.

Application

A Membership Committee was appointed to draft an application and submit it to the Board via e-mail for finalization prior to the December 6 membership meeting. All present agreed GHC membership applicants will be required to have only one sponsor and attend 3 monthly meetings in a 6-month period until January 2005, at which time the application form will be reviewed and revised by the Board. At the third meeting the applicant attends, their application will be read to the membership and voted on. New members will be published in the newsletter and/or posted on the newsletter page of the GHC Website. Michele moved to accept applications and conditions as discussed. Pam seconded, all agreed and the motion carried.

Code of Ethics

Tabled for next Board meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee - Nothing to report other than as discussed above.

Show Committee - Lucy reported that the Non-Sporting Dog Club of St. Louis is having a fun match January 3 and 4, 2004, at Grants Shelter. GHC will have an "unofficial" Havanese fun match in conjunction with their match. This is for fun only and is not sanctioned or recognized by AKC. We need as many Havaneses as possible to come out and show that we are serious about our club and supporting its events. Champions and pointed dogs will be entered "for exhibition only". Lucy will make the arrangements and obtain trophies with separate adult and puppy classes. See the GHC Website for information on dates, times, directions, etc. Barbara moved to accept, Jan seconded and the motion carried.

Education Committee - Nothing to report.

Website - Michele has added several pages to the GHC Website and put a generic logo of a Havanese and the arch temporarily on the front webpage until the club approves an official logo.

New Business

Directors - In order to keep an odd number of Officers for voting purposes, a fourth director was nominated. Pam nominated Michele Johannes, Justin seconded. All agreed and the motion carried. GHC has 5 officers and 4 directors. Please see the Website for names and information.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held January 24, 2004, at or after the St. Charles Dog Club show. Show information will be posted to the Website or at www.onofrio.com. The February club meeting is slated for after the Toy Club match in St. Louis. Date and time will be posted to the Website.

Announcements

The December 6 club meeting will be at Nonna's Restaurant in Belleville, IL, after final judging. We have reservations for 25-30, but can add to it if needed. Directions were e-mailed to the list and will be available at the show.

The January fun match with the Non-Sporting Club needs a big entry from our club members to show we are serious about establishing a local Havanese club and having supported entries in the future. Bring your puppies, your Champions and anything in between for a day of Havanese fun!

There being no further business to discuss Barbara moved to adjourn, Lucy seconded, and the motion carried. Meeting concluded at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pam Dean, Recording Secretary, November 22, 2003.