

SAM-O-GRAM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February 2022 Musings from the President

Happy February DSA Members. February is considered the month of romance, as we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14th, so I'd like to wish all a happy Valentine's Day! I think we can all agree we are grateful for the love of our dogs!

Your board and officers met for our first meeting of 2022 on January 9th. With the 2021 SCA National successfully hosted by DSA and friends behind us, the Board looks forward to plan new events for DSA. We are working hard to fill in some of the gaps left by Thalia's death last year. With the Treasurer position filled by Heidi (Scooter) Nieman, and Martha Lageschulte taking over the production of our Sam-O-Gram, our priority is now the DSA/DSR website. We also met with members of the rescue committee on February 6th and reaffirmed our commitment to Denver Samoyed Rescue. If you need White Pine Products, Hiking Packs or Tow Ropes for your wheeled carts, contact Michele Sottile (imaginek9s@icloud.com) or Sue Wangerin (nakiskasams@msn.com)

DSA will be hosting an educational seminar about Rex of the White Way and some of the early Samoyed Kennels in the United States in April 2022. The seminar will be conducted by Jim Cheskawich, President of Rex of the White Way Library. We are working to find a suitable room on a Saturday or Sunday for this presentation. Details will follow shortly!

Please consider reaching out to me, or another officer or board member if you would like to volunteer for a committee or have an idea for a specific event. We are lucky to have many talented members in DSA and want to utilize your skills to the benefit of all our members! Whether you have a small or large amount of time to offer, we appreciate everyone's help. We can best serve our members when you communicate what events and help the club can provide, and volunteer to help make those events a reality.

Also, it is time to find a show chair for the DSA Specialty in November, 2023! Please consider volunteering for this important position. Since we developed the position of judges' liaison, the show chair is allowed to show their dogs. We have a great team to help the show chair, and it is a fun and rewarding position.

We are still searching for a more centrally located meeting space, preferably near I-25/I-70 for easy access. The Natural Grocers rooms are still not available due to COVID restrictions, and many organizations that allow nonprofits to use rooms have closed those rooms for the same reason. Until we find a satisfactory central room, our February meeting will be graciously hosted by Julie Morris. This will make it easier for our members on the north side of town to attend our February meeting. Julie has a heated building that will accommodate the club, so bring your own chair and mark February 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm as our next meeting. The address is: 8151 E. 156th Ct., Brighton, CO 80602.

I hope to see you at the February meeting!

Pamela Buhl
DSA President

Meeting Location for February Meeting!

February 21st, 7 pm

Julie Morris's heated barn
8151 E. 156th Ct
Brighton, CO 80602

Bring your own chair

DSA ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Sunday, January 9, 2022, Pam Buhl's Residence

Attending: Pam Buhl, Heidi (Scooter) Nieman, Linda Kitzman, Julie Morris, JoDee Putnins, Martha Lageschulte, Terry Walb, Donna Dannen

By-law Revamp Discussion result: Since it is most imperative that other issues are addressed before we can revamp our bylaws, it was tabled for a future time.

DSR

A meeting will be scheduled with the leaders of DSR at another time when those leaders can be present. It was suggested that we book a meeting room at Cinzetti's at I-25 and 104th for this purpose as well as to check Cinzetti's out for a possible northern club meeting place for revolving monthly club meetings.

Pam will contact Sue Wangerin and Michele Sotille for their availability on either January 23 or February 6, 2022.

Central Storage for Important Club Information

From this point, the recording secretary will number club motions by year, month and sequential numbering.

Lori Elvera has started a Google Drive depository for club information. She needs to share this with the Board of Directors.

The Website will be recreated and connected to the Google Drive.

Objectives (Requirements) for Central Storage

This will be a place to store passwords, and access to the club bank account.

There will be a password protected spread sheet that is available to the Officers and Board that is changed each year.

It should have ease of adding and subtracting members to the website. Each person has individual passwords to get into this, so one main password cannot be shared.

All members will have access to past club motions on the Google Drive. The Newsletter is the club's transparency. There should be a Communication Committee.

Newsletter

The secretary will send the minutes for the President's approval and the president will send this and the newsletter out by email (Martha Lageschulte agrees to do the Newsletter and this will be created with Adobe In Design software)

The Google Drive will connect to the Website

MOTION 22-1-001: Terry Walb moves that JoDee Putnins set up a temporary Google Drive to be attached to the DSA Website for the Board and Officers to store confidential Club business.

2nd: Linda Kitzman

Discussion: We can lock the files as Read Only so club information cannot be changed. Terry: "No matter what we do with the website, it will take time, will the Google Drive solve the problem of storage?"

A website should:

1. Be a central repository for documents
2. Be a website with multi-administration
3. There will be the ability to hand off with a change of those administering the website
4. There will be accountability to track what is going on
5. The google drive should be a stop-gap before we have the website

*The motion was unanimously approved

Membership Survey

JoDee Putnins will look into free survey programs and will create a survey to send to club members asking questions about what they would like to see available as a benefit of club membership.

This will be in the form of two questions that are multiple choice and/or with a place to fill in answers. Example:

1. What benefits would you like to see as part of your DSA membership? (Please choose two):

- a. More social events that include one's dogs
- b. More social events without including one's dogs
- c. Educational programs
- d. Training classes (please specify the type of training)
- e. Other:

2. How do you want to attend Club meetings? (Please choose one):

- a. In person meetings
- b. Zoom meetings
- c. Compromise meeting with those not in person listening in with no interaction
- d. Alternating on month's meeting in person and one month's meeting by Zoom

Treasurer's Report

Actual figures for the Treasurer's Report are found on separate sheets at the end of these minutes.

Discussion: Because we had no local specialty shows in 2020, and no agility trial in 2021, our year end report does not show a profit.

Last year we were in the red for the local specialties by \$2746.00 (for ribbons and trophies), however, these were used in 2021, and our profit in 2021 was \$650.00 for the specialties.

We had a large output for Erica Flahaut's expenses of \$1300.00.

We had no agility trial in 2021 to offset these costs.

T-shirt sales help us to offset our costs, and should continue.

DSA Budget

Should we keep our target budget at \$20,000.00?

Spending needs to be based on what we take in.

Question: Might \$12-\$15,000.00 be enough?

Denver Samoyed Rescue Budget is significantly higher than DSA's. Money is needed in reserve to take care of health issues of rescue dogs. We have foster homes, but no agreement with a shelter.

Shelters have better luck rehoming dogs We also may need to be able to donate to other rescues when they have a large influx.

King Soopers Grocery Program brought in \$2000.00 and can support some of our events, such as the Christmas Party.

We should reach out to our puppy buyers to sign up for the King Soopers program.

Scooter will checkout Amazon Smile to see if we qualify for a percentage of our members' purchases to be donated back to DSA.

Club Donations: should these be conformed to a certain amount?

The Board should review our donations of DSA with regards to our memorial giving to SCARF and trophy donations to the SCA National Specialty each year.

If there are no memorials during a given year, then money is to be donated to SCARF in memory of members' dogs lost during that year:

- SCARF — \$500.00 for loss of each member
- SCARF — \$200 one smaller donation given in memory of members' dogs lost

• SCA — trophy donation of up to \$300.00 (lately we have given \$100.00) to the annual National Specialty.

MOTION 22-1-002: Julie Morris moves that in 2022 DSA donates \$150.00 to the SCA National Specialty.

2nd: Heidi Nieman

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion of who might receive our donation money for memorials:

It was thought that we might consider not donating exclusively to SCARF since other canine health entities are doing important work we should support SCARF has not accomplished a lot in recent years.

Health Organizations such as FLINT for canine cancer research at CSU and research grants by the Morris Animal Foundation are some other choices.

MOTION 1-22-003: Linda Kitzman moves that DSA donations be given to the Canine Health Organization of DSA Club members' choosing in the amount of \$300.00 for each deceased member's passing.

2nd : Martha Lageschulte

Discussion: This motion TABLED until the January Club meeting

Judging Contracts

We will review the judging contracts of other dog clubs to see what they offer in an attempt to possibly revamp our own contract for our local specialties and agility trial. There were offers to try to obtain the judging contracts of at least the Australian Shepherd and Golden Retriever clubs.

2002 Committee Chairs

Pam Buhl will send out email to 2021 Committee Chairs requesting their desire to continue in 2022.

Other club members should be considered for some of these chairmanships. Pam also will reach out to committee chairs for each of their budget requirements

The meeting ended at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dannen
DSA Recording Secretary

DSA REGULAR MEETING January 17, 2022, 7:00 pm

Present: Pam Buhl, Terry Walb, Scooter Nieman, Lori Elvera, Martha Lageschulte, Jan Cherne, Julie Morris, Donna Dannen, Shelley Buhl.

There was no quorum of voting members at this meeting, so no voting could take place.

President's Report

Pam Buhl went over the January Board Meeting. The DSA Board/DSR meeting was announced for February 6 at Cinzetti's at 12:30 p.m.

Central storage in the G-Drive was discussed as a stop gap measure until a new website can be created.

Discussions: Google Drive, a Communication Committee to oversee this and the creation of the website as well as administration of it.

Also discussed was: using What'sApp for club membership for quick announcements, Email to the membership, or IO Groups — all possibilities to announce meetings, etc.

Other particulars of the G-Drive and Website can be found in the January Board minutes in the February Newsletter.

Membership Survey

Should we poll members via email, WhatsApp or IO Groups before a meeting so that we can cancel if we don't have a quorum?

This issue was discussed, but no solution could be made without a motion.

Pertinent to the quorum issue is where we might meet that is more central to our membership, or that is one month's meeting to the north, and the next to the south, etc. Cabela's in Thornton has a meeting room, but closes at 8 p.m. Meeting earlier might be difficult for those who work.

If we were to change the week we meet, the room at O'Meara Ford might be possible as a northern setting.

Restaurants all indicate meals must be ordered by a minimum number to use their separate rooms.

Club Motions

Starting in 2022, we will resume numbering club motions, with the year and number, i.e., 22-001, etc.

Vice President Terry Walb will put each motion into a folder on the G-Drive.

Budgets

Committee Chairs need to submit their annual budgets.

We need to revise our Judges' contracts to be more concrete in the future (In other words, what we will provide in monetary means to our judges).

Committee Chairs still needed:

Communication Committee

Public Education Committee

Programs

We need to define the type of seminar Jim Cheskawich will provide for us: public, club membership? It was decided that Jim should present the Rex of White Way and other Historic Samoyeds talk at the March meeting for club members.

Discussion on Website Development

Some research on outside developers: \$550.00 for the website re-vamp; upkeep was offered by one web developer. The upkeep can be dropped after the first year; \$1500.00 to add the store feature plus the website.

Pam will speak to JoDee about possibly doing an outside website set-up because of her busy schedule and new job.

We cannot make any decisions until all of our dues have come in.

We will discuss the AKC/PAC (Political Action Committee) donation for "Purebred Dogs Under Attack" with the club membership at the February meeting.

Local Specialty

\$200.00 was anonymously donated for New Title ribbons at our specialties. Should we continue this? The discussion trended towards letting this ribbon category go, and it should not go into the local specialties' premium lists unless the donator wants this to be continued.

Karen Brook-Hodges has donated \$100.00 to this year's trophy fund.

The meeting was informally adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dannen
DSA Recording Secretary

DSA/DSR BOARD MEETING**February 6, 2022, Cinzetti's Italian Market, Northglenn, CO**

Meeting called to order 12:45 pm. Present: Julie Morris, Jan Cherne, Martha Lageschulte, Terry Walb, Heidi (Scooter) Nieman, Pam Buhl, Lori Elvera, Linda Kitzman, Donna Dannen, Sue Wangerin, Michele Sotille

The meeting was held to solidify the future of the Denver Samoyed Rescue, and to fix priorities for this element of the Denver Samoyed Association.

Rescue Report

Sue Wangerin has sent in our \$325.00 renewal to PACFA. It was discussed that our current level of activity is so low for rescues, do we need to stay with PACFA? Sue made it clear that we must do this as part of Colorado Law.

Currently our only activity is to do referrals to other groups

Sue checks email for any actions needed to be taken, Michele checks the PO box for any mail

DSR needs to have the website up and running for DSR advertising purposes. It was reported that Network Solutions needs to unlock the website. We need to decide who might help create a new website once the password is unlocked.

There was a question concerning the need for an agreement with some boarding facility should it be needed in the future. We do not have this as part of the current plan because our needs are not consistent.

DSR fiscal assets are quite large, the money might stay for emergency purposes since medical bills for rescues are expensive and can quickly use up what is on hand. Or the money might be allocated to other rescue groups if ours was to dissolve.

Sue and Michele said they are committed to continue our rescue services, plus continue with the group's sales as a way to keep the fiscal reserves high.

Without the website to sell the collar/leashes and hiking systems for DSR, the DSR Facebook page might be a stop-gap. It was discussed about how to make that work. Michele and Sue will need to learn the ins & outs of Facebook.

DSR will make a simple end-of-month report to the president of DSA on how much inventory was sold each month.

A communications committee will be formed by DSA for work on the future website that will include DSR. A member of DSR should be on that committee.

Other Business

Discussion on storage of DSA items used for events - Jan Cherne presented a several storage unit suggestions, with the cost for each.

Alternatives: Pam's attic; Linda Kitzman's storage unit; members storing various items.

Pam asked that we all take inventory of club items we are storing, with pictures, by 2-13-22, and email them to her.

Terry Walb has been searching to find a more central meeting place for DSA. Each place she has found has included a fee or requirement to use their facilities.

Our next meeting will be held at Julie Morris' home, in her barn. Please bring your own chair to the meeting.

The meeting was casually adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dannen
DSA Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 2/13/2022

GENERAL FUND - Balance \$22,620.78

Category	1/1/2022- 2/13/2022
INCOME	
Agility Trial	
Entry Fees	10,934.00
Entry Refund	-114.00
Food & Beverages	-71.61
Judge's Fees	-2,479.20
Judge's Gifts	-40.38
Miscellaneous	-66.14
Recording Fee	-2,190.00
Rental Equipment	-1,100.00
Rental Fee	-206.25
Ribbons	-95.37
Secretary Fees	-1,337.80
TOTAL Agility Trial	3,233.25
Local Specialty	
Rental & Cleanup Fees	-700.00
Trophies	43.03
TOTAL Local Specialty	-656.97
Membership	
Dues	396.00
TOTAL Membership	396.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,972.28
EXPENSES	
Cheer	
SCA Bulletin Ad	350.00
TOTAL Cheer	350.00
Credit Card Fees	8.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	358.60
OVERALL TOTAL	2,613.68

RESCUE FUND - Balance \$36,077.18

Category	1/1/2022- 2/13/2022
INCOME	
Donation	125.00
Fundraiser	
Collars & Leashes	1,197.00
Microchip	-383.00
Postage	-47.04
TOTAL Fundraiser	766.96
TOTAL INCOME	891.96
EXPENSES	
Credit Card Fees	36.85
Rescue Misc	
Licenses-Membership Dues	325.00
Supplies	92.20
TOTAL Rescue Misc	417.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	454.05
OVERALL TOTAL	437.91

DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE REPORT

As of 2/13, we have no Samoyeds available for adoption!

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call the DSR at 303-453-1360, or contact one of the Rescue committee members: Michele Sottile, Sue Wangerin, Pam Arnold, Deb Castro and Liz Evans, Thanks!

DSR Fundraisers:

White Pine Collars and Leads, see flier on next page for clearance sale!

Microchips - \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members

Cost includes chip and enrollment fee

Make an appointment with Lorrie McAllister siriusenergy@msn.com or Pam Arnold davepamarnold@msn.com

DSR IS HAVING A WHITE PINE SALE!!



Limited Sizes and Colors Available
Sale Prices Valid for In Stock Items ONLY

9/16" LARGE Slip and Snap Collars
Regular Price \$11 on Sale for \$8

1" MEDIUM Slip Collars
Regular Price \$14 on Sale for \$9

1" MEDIUM Tracking Harness ~ Only 1 Available
RED Color Regular \$20 on Sale for \$10

Limited Colors and Quantities Available

Contact Sue or Michele for more Info

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