

SAM-O-GRAM

March 2022



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March 2022 Musings from the President

March means Spring is in the air, and Daylight Savings Time begins March 13th! For many of us that means more daylight in the evening to spend training and playing with our dogs.

February's winter weather delayed our general membership meeting for one week, so on February 28th we met at Julie Morris' home, where we had the use of her large, heated garage building. Sixteen members attended the meeting, with several fresh faces!! Thank you, Julie, for hosting our meeting.

DSA will host video presentation and discussion on Rex of the White Way and the early history of the breed in the United States, including Snowland Kennels, on May 7, 2022. The presentation will be at Colorado Veterinary Specialty Group on County Line Rd in Littleton, and open to all DSA members. Please see the notice in this Sam-O-Gram. We would like to get a group together for lunch after the presentation so watch for more details.

We discussed additional upcoming events including a picnic on June 11th (pending approval by South Suburban Parks), the 2022 Specialty in November, and the annual Awards/Holiday Party. This year, Linda Kitzman has secured reservations for a Holiday Brunch at Simms Steakhouse on December 18th. This will be a fun change for us and give members a chance to attend without driving in the dark in December. Thanks Linda!

We also voted on obtaining bids to redesign our website. We lost access to the website when we tragically lost Thalia last year, and we have been working hard to obtain access to the domain name accounts and web hosting account.

DSA is still searching for a Show Chair for our November 2023 Specialty. Please consider volunteering for this critical position. Since we developed the position of judges' liaison, the show chair can show their dogs. We have a talented team to help the show chair, and it is a fun and rewarding position. Volunteer, or get a friend to split the duties and be Co-Chairs for the show.

The March meeting will be back on the south side of town at Colorado Veterinary Specialty Group at 401 E. County Line Rd., Littleton, CO 80122. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Until we can locate a central meeting location, we will try to alternate between North Denver and South Denver meetings.

Please attend meetings to support your club, and feel free to reach out to me with any questions or with any suggestions. I hope to see all of you at the February meeting. Thanks!

Pamela Buhl, DSA President

Meeting Location for March Meeting!

March 17, 2022

CVSG Colorado Veterinary Specialty Group
401 E. County Line Rd. Littleton, CO 80122

DSA BOARD MEETING February 11, 2018

Present via Zoom: Lori Elvera, Julie Morris, Pam Buhl, Linda Kitzman, Heidi (Scooter) Nieman, Martha Lageschulte, JoDee Putnins, Terry Walb, Donna Dannen

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

DSA Website Discussion

Pam Buhl described her frustration with trying to work with web.com and Network Solutions for access to our former website designed that was designed and administered by Thalia Peletis before her passing. Pam is attempting to procure the password for the website so that we can retrieve, archive, and continue with our club's site.

We also need to procure our domain name: it was explained that we are up-to-date with the domain name; JoDee Putnins paid \$95.00 in October of 2021 for ownership of our domain name.

Website Options:

1. Leave the website as it is and continue with that format
2. Create a new, more up-to-date website with a web designer that they administer
3. Create a new, more up-to-date website with a web designer that we administer

Questions to our member web expert: JoDee Putnins:

1. Current website format? HTML code is necessary to make changes or add to the current flat file-style website.
2. A new website using the WIX template, or other template, would be easier to work on together once we can point our domain name to a new web hosting site.
3. To archive the information contained on the current website, we would need to "scrape" the flat files to retrieve them. JoDee has a friend who has the software to do this.
4. The web-hosting account we have had with Network Solutions/web.com is currently not up-to-date in payment. The cost is \$223.00/year and is due now.

Option #2 Discussion:

Lori Elvera has been in contact with a web designer that answered questions Lori posed on Facebook.

This Web Designer did a mock-up using current information she procured from our present website using WIX as her template. She also included links to other sites she has done. Lori provided us with an email to these links.

The above designer proposed a yearly fee for administration that we could take over at any time after the initial fee of \$500.

Adding our Store would create an extra fee This addition would bring our cost to around \$1500.00 for the package

Katie DuBois, an SCA member in Texas and web designer by trade, is putting together another proposal for our club's website. She has suggested using Square Space as our website template.

Our Discussion on any Proposals:

1. We would like to be able to administer any website that is accepted.
2. JoDee stated she has no experience with Square Space that Katie DuBois suggested.
3. JoDee remarked that the Website for SCA that she helped to develop cost \$1000 for 3 years of use with the web host.
4. A Communications Committee needs to be appointed to take on the website design and updating.
5. Eqwid was part of the \$1000 we paid for the SCA2021 site for 3 years, so was \$300-ish for our web hosting of that site.

JoDee will create an account with Square Space to take a look at that template & she will play around with it to check out it's workability.

How to Proceed:

Lori Elvera will create a Google Form so we can add our priorities for features that we want to see on a club website. This will allow us to create a list that would be a template for a contract with a web designer. This will help us to create a document on the Google Drive with a link for the form that includes our ideas for the website. It will also create options to present to our club members for their input.

Jim Cheskawich Program for the Membership

This will be done at a special weekend meeting to be held at CVGS. After discussion, a separate regular club meeting will take place on April 18th Lori Elvera will call CSVG to reserve the meeting room for April 30th at 11 a.m.

Survey for Membership on Direction for our Club

JoDee reports that Google has a free survey format that can be sent by email as a link to all members, including non-voting members. Pam will get the survey questions to JoDee

Report on Awards Banquet/Holiday Party

Linda has researched places to hold a Sunday Brunch near the Christmas Holiday. Sims Steakhouse Sunday Brunch was the most reasonable with 2 areas of the restaurant possible for use:

1. City Views Room in lower level would involve people going upstairs for their food, and carrying it back down the steps. (This option was not attractive to the Board)

2. Partition off of main upstairs restaurant and buffet that would contain room for 85 seats (this was more attractive to the Board)
\$40/person, all-you-can-eat. \$50.00 room rental, \$2000 minimum guaranteed that does not include tax or gratuity. Compares with the cost of 2021's banquet and Governor's Ranch club room site.

Linda will need to write this up to submit to the newsletter. Linda will do the deposit and sign the contract.

Report on Annual Summer Picnic

Dates available at Sterne Park are June 25 or 26, or July 9 or 10. Discussion centered around heat during late June and July. A quick current check indicated June 25th was recently taken. June 11 seems to be free & will be reserved if possible.

We will talk about activities to include at the picnic at the February Club meeting.

Concern About the Meeting on February 21/ Weather

We will decide on type of meeting (possibly via Zoom) on Sunday, 2-20, after hearing a current weather report for Monday evening. ****UPDATE:** The meeting will be postponed until Monday, February 28 at Julie Morris's heated barn. Pam will email the membership with this date change.

Martha will send out the February Newsletter via email.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dannen
DSA Recording Secretary

DSA REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2022, 7:00 pm

Location: Julie Morris' barn, Brighton

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Pam Buhl, Linda Kitzman, Terry Walb, Bob Sencenbaugh, Rod Martin, JoDee Putnins, Jan Cherne, Julie Morris, Calla Compton, Martha Lageschulte, Christine Maslin-Cole, Tammy Linnert, Samantha Streweler, Shanan Streweler, Donna Dannen, Lori Elvera.

The meeting met our Quorum requirement.

Officer's Reports:

President: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Recording Secretary: the previous meeting minutes were approved by the membership.

Corresponding Secretary: AKC has solicited support for their Political Action Committee (PAC); also, our dues are due to the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs & Owners at the cost of \$75 for the annual renewal.

MOTION 22-04: Martha Lageschulte moves that we pay the \$75.00 dues to the Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners for 2022

2nd: Donna Dannen

Motion was approved

Treasurer: Heidi (Scooter) Nieman is out-of-town; the current treasurer's report appears in the February Sam-O-Gram.

Board of Directors: No report.

Committee Reports:

Agility: Terry Walb

We now have judges scheduled through 2025.

Awards: Kristi Schopfer Kris was not present, no report.

Breeder Referral: Pam Buhl Please let Pam know if you need puppy placements. It looks as though people are finding the Breeder's list on the DSA Website.

Cheer: Jan Cherne No report.

Historian: Donna Dannen No report.

Holiday Party: Linda Kitzman This year we will have a Holiday & Awards Brunch on December 18th, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Simms Steakhouse.

The Annual Picnic will be on June 11, 2022, if Sterne Park is available (Scooter is waiting to hear back on the availability).

There was a discussion about what type of picnic food we should have

Jan Cherne volunteered to find out if her nephew has a contract with Arapahoe County to bring his Pizza food truck to our picnic/she will report back next month.

We might also consider a potluck

Possible picnic events:

1. Dog games
2. Specialty or informal match
3. Trick Dog Training
4. Stations for dog grooming demos

We will make decisions on these ideas at a later meeting.

Programs:

Are there any ideas for seminars we could put on?

Jim Cheskawich is putting on an historical seminar on Rex of White Way and other founding kennels of our American Samoyeds on March 26, 10:30 a.m, at the CVSG facility in Littleton. We will need a flier for our FB page that includes an RSVP for attendance & for a lunch after the program. The program is for our club members. The room at CVSG has a 40 person capacity with all the AV equipment we will need for the program.

Pam Buhl & Donna Dannen will work on the flier.

Please help compile a list of activities our club could offer to our membership for prospective as well as new members to make our organization more attractive to Samoyed owners.

Local Specialty 2022: Lori Elvera, show chair

Lori introduced Calla Compton as trophy chair with help from Jan Cherne & Donna Dannen for the 2022 Specialty shows.

Lori passed around a list of jobs for the 2022 shows.

Calla gave a report on trophies we will procure for 2022 & she will be asking for further donations to go onto our FB page as well as the Samoyed Discussions Page & Sam Specialties Page.

There was a discussion about the photo stanchion that Jody Carpenter made for SCA 2021, and was subsequently thrown away.

Shanan Streweler reported that she has a friend who might be able to make a new one for us. There is still a question about who will store this if we have our own stanchion.

The Aussie Club may have a new one we could rent or borrow.

DSR Report: Sue Wangerin Sue was not present, but reported that there was a Samoyed owner release of a Samoyed with medical issues.

Liz Evans has agreed to be a short tern foster

Sue and Michele are currently looking for a new home for this dog.

In 2022, our Rescue, Bailey, from Foothills Animal Shelter, was put down due to medical issues.

Michele and Sue still have an ongoing special on large White Pine collars, and some 1 inch medium collars.

Shanan Streweler reports that she sends her grooming clients to Michele for colors, and that the clients are impressed with Michele's representation of DSR.

Club Business

Discussion about our Judging Contracts for our

Annual Local Specialties:

In the past we negotiated too much money for out-of-town judges. We would like to see some other clubs' contracts such as: Siberian Club, Elkhound Club (Rod Martin suggested we check the list of provisional judges), Aussie Club, or other Samoyed Clubs.

We will revisit yearly having obedience and rally offered at our local specialty.

SAM-O-GRAM: Martha Lageschulte

Martha mentioned that she would like to have any items for the Newsletter by the first of each month.

Shanan offered to contribute several ideas for our Sam-O-Gram like she does for her local Siberian Club newsletter: puzzles, interviews, pet recipes, etc.

Lori mentioned having a DSA Movie Night sometime in June. The movie would be "Dogs."

DSA Website Discussion:

Pam outlined our challenges with procuring access to our current website, which was owned by and administered by Thalia Peletis. Thalia's executor passed along an email that helped us gain access to the domain name account. We have access to DSA domain but not DSR. We do not have access to the Web Hosting account yet, but per JoDee's discussion, we really don't need that if we are changing the website.

Options:

1. We could update the current website (the current site was created with HTML coding)
2. We could create a new website with a Store feature that a committee could update.
3. We could build a new website and then add owners.

We will need to get access to our domain name so we can point the site to a new web hosting site.

Lori Elvera received an offer to create our website by someone who does this for other breed clubs. This person sent us samples of her websites, plus a mock up of what she might create for us. The cost would be \$1200/year if she administers it and includes a Store feature. We could take it over at any time once we pay the first fee.

JoDee suggests we not use a web designer from within the Samoyed local or national club. An outside designer would be less political.

We have other club members with Website creation skills: JoDee Putnins, Calla Compton, Lori Elvera (with Store experience), Martha Lageschulte (with graphic design experience), Donna Dannen (with layout experience). These people will make up a new Communications Committee to help create a new website and to administer it.

MOTION 22-05: JoDee moves that we seek an outside source to rebuild our DSA website
2nd: Jan Cherne.
Motion approved

Linda brought up the issue of DSA donations for members who have passed within a calendar year being changed to be more consistent for each member. In the past we have donated to SCARF, but might consider donating to other canine health organizations.

This was tabled for a future meeting.

Barks & Growls

Samantha "Barked" that her puppy, Teal, won the Puppy Breed and Puppy Working Group 2 at the recent Match in Colorado Springs at the Johnson's new facility!

Rod Martin "Barked" that his granddaughter Savannah's Sammy, Charity, pulled 280 lbs at the recent snow weight pull, and she pulled 300 lbs. on wheels!

Kent Dannen has requested that someone going to the Heart of American shows consider bringing back to Colorado his male Special since he will be at home with a dog that is ill.

Shanan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

2nd: Lori Elvera

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dannen
DSA Recording Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 2/28/2022

2/28/2022		
General Fund:	\$	22,973.15
Rescue Fund:	\$	36,142.61
Total Assets:		\$ 59,115.76

Year to Date Profit on Grocery Cards: \$460

DSA General Fund Bank Reconciliation			
02/28/22	Ending Bank Balance =		22,973.15
	Outstanding Checks		
01/04/22	3072	Samoyed Club Of America (Cheer: Bulletin Ad)	\$ (350.00)
01/15/22	3079	Donna Dannen (Agility Trial: Food & Beverages)	\$ (29.47)
02/01/22	3086	K. Elliot (Agility Trial: Entry Refund)	\$ (6.00)
02/01/22	3087	L. Gillice (Agility Trial: Entry Refund)	\$ (6.00)
	Total Outstanding Expenses =		\$ (391.47)
	Outstanding Income		
			\$ -
	Total Outstanding Income =		\$ -
02/28/22	Ending General Ledger Balance		\$ 22,581.68

DSA Rescue Fund Bank Reconciliation			
02/28/22	Ending Bank Balance =		36,142.61
	Outstanding Checks		
	Total Outstanding Expenses		\$ -
	Outstanding Income		
			\$ -
	Total Outstanding Income =		\$ -
02/28/22	Ending General Ledger Balance=		\$ 36,142.61

TREASURER'S REPORT, ENDING 2/28/2022

GENERAL FUND

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
Ways & Means	
Grocery Certificates	460.90
TOTAL Ways & Means	460.90
TOTAL INCOME	3,433.18

EXPENSES

Cheer	
SCA Bulletin Ad	350.00
TOTAL Cheer	350.00
Credit Card Fees	8.60
Hospitality	
Holiday Party	500.00
TOTAL Hospitality	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	858.60

OVERALL TOTAL 2,574.58

RESCUE FUND

INCOME

Donation	125.00
Fundraiser	
Collars & Leashes	1,257.00
Microchip	-383.00
Postage	-39.04
TOTAL Fundraiser	834.96
TOTAL INCOME	959.96

EXPENSES

Credit Card Fees	39.42
Rescue Misc	
Licenses-Membership Dues	325.00
Supplies	92.20
TOTAL Rescue Misc	417.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	456.62

OVERALL TOTAL 503.34

DENVER SAMOYED RESCUE REPORT

Rescue got a girl that needs a new home. Maddie is a spayed Samoyed/Husky/Malamute mix that is being temporarily fostered by Liz Evans. 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, contact Michele or Sue for your needs

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

The Denver Samoyed Association

AND JIM CHESKAWICH PRESENTS:

“Storied Beginnings of the Samoyed in the United States”

a multi-media presentation

When: May 7, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Where: 401 E County Line Rd
Littleton, 80122

Please RSVP by April 17th to :

queencitysams@gmail.com

for the program plus lunch afterwards
at 3 Margaritas.

