

## **DSA Annual Board of Directors Meeting**

Sunday, January 9, 2022, Pam Buhl's Residence

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

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**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.

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### **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 & 120<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **Central Storage for Important Club Information**

- From this point, the recording secretary will number club motions by year, month & 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.

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### **Objectives (Requirements) for "Central Storage:"**

1. This will be a place to store passwords, and access to the club bank account.
2. There will be a password protected spread sheet that is available to the Officers and Board that is changed each year
3. It should have ease of adding and subtracting members to the website.
4. Each person has individual passwords to get into this, so one main password cannot be shared.
5. All members will have access to past club motions on the Google Drive
6. The Newsletter is the club's transparency
7. There should be a Communication Committee

8. 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)
9. The Google Drive will connect to the Website

**\*22-1-001 MOTION: 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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 Goggle 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**

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## **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):
- In person meetings
  - Zoom meetings
  - Compromise meeting with those not in person listening in with no interaction
  - Alternating on month's meeting in person and one month's meeting by Zoom

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## 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

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## 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.

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

**2<sup>nd</sup>: 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.

**\*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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Martha Lageschulte**

**Discussion: This motion TABLED until the January Club meeting**

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#### **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.

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## **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