

July 16, 2026 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Called to Order at 7:09 PM

Attendees: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Terry Walb, Tammy Linnert, Pam Buhl, Dan Elvera, Tamara Barach, Sue Wangerin, Lorrie McAllister

President Report: None

VP Report: New association member Diana Healy needs to be added to WhatsApp and to the SOG email list. Martha will add her name to the email list, and Tammy will add her to the WhatsApp. We will also add Julie Beth Yelin to the Zoom invite so she can attend the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: DSA received a thank you note from Cheri Hollenback regarding the concurrent specialty in June. She thanked us for the welcoming specialty and for the DSA sponsored trophies.

Treasurer: Terry will send out the Zoom Meeting notice on Monday morning so that it doesn't get lost in everyone's emails. Terry expressed an interest in discussing changing CPA firms. Ours is currently out of state and not particularly responsive. Pam said her experience was like Terry's. Terry reached out to some other clubs, and to CPA firms that were recommended and have experience with non-profits. She met with the principal at Weigle & Weigle Accounting Services, the firm who does the taxes for Greeley Kennel Club, and really liked them, and they are local! Their costs are only \$50 more than we are currently paying. A motion was made by Tamara to change the tax firm beginning in tax year 2026 and seconded by Terry.

Motion 26-012B: I move that Denver Samoyed Association switches CPA firms for Tax and accounting services effective for the tax year 2026 to Weigle & Weigle Accounting Services of Greeley, CO.

Motion Passed

Cheer: Martha will add Tamara's name to the Cheer Committee, and she will help Donna with the Cheer duties.

Legislation: No report

Concurrent Specialty: We had great feedback on the concurrent specialty, and Linda and Pam have several ideas for next year. The Samoyed entry was the biggest specialty breed entry at the Flatirons show, and they would love us back. Flatirons Kennel Club is planning improvements for us for next year, including a bigger ring and additional tenting. We will ask the membership at the July meeting if they want to have the specialty in 2027.

FastCAT: No report

Librarian: Inventory is at Pam Buhl's house, and she is working on making a list of everything. We will discuss the fate of the library at the general membership meeting

IT Committee: Lorrie McAllister reports that they are looking into having the membership application on the website as a fillable pdf. This would hopefully be more attractive to younger members and streamline information collection.

Martha pointed out that that applicants would still need to print for signatures.

The IT committee is also looking into developing a digital guide to Google Drive usage for Officers and Board, so we can use it to its fullest potential. The committee is also available for individual help and wants everyone to reach out if they have problems. The IT committee consists of Cathy An, Tammy Linnert, Lori Elvera, Lorrie McAllister and Elisabeth Walker.

Hospitality: No Report

Rescue: We have received a few emails. There are 2 dogs looking for foster homes in Alamosa. Owner is in a rehabilitation facility. Also, a request from an owner in Ft. Morgan re: medical issues and grooming. Sue suggested that they reach out to their veterinarian. The conversation focused on concerns about increased Samoyed rescues following Taylor Swift's adoption of a Samoyed, with the board discussing the need for responsible breeding education. The group agreed to share an existing Facebook post about Samoyed care and consider adding content about finding responsible breeders to their website.

Old Business:

Martha spoke with Tad Walden at the Roaring Fork Shows. Tad is now on the board of the Douglas County Fairgrounds and convinced the Douglas County Commissioners to allow dog events to reserve the buildings one year in advance, like we have always done, instead of 6 months as was the change made this year. This allows us to continue to reserve our buildings for next year right after our event, and gives us more certainty for our planning. Martha will reach out to Tad and get the name of the person at the Fairgrounds who should be our contact. We will still have a discussion about the possibility of changing venues or dates in the future at the next membership meeting.

New Business:

The Board needs to select nominating committee in July. Tammy reported that no one had volunteered for the nominating committee and proposed collecting names at the next meeting with a one-week deadline for expressions of interest, after which the board would make appointments

Pam moved to Adjourn the meeting at 8:18. Tamara Seconded.