

DSA Board Meeting 1/10/26

Present:

Martha Lageschulte

Linda Kitzman

Donna Dannen

Tammy Linnert

Terry Walb

Tamara Barach

Sue Wangerin

Lorrie McAllister

Dan Elvera (via Zoom)

The meeting at Martha Lageschulte's home was called to order at 10:22 a.m.

President, Martha opened the meeting with a welcome to the new members of the Board

Officers' Reports

Vice President Linda Kitzman on membership:

- Keilli Kogan application for membership needs more information to process (she has health issues that may not allow her to attend meetings)
- Sponsors should be responsible for education of applicants as well as explaining the types of membership that fits applicants' interest in the club
- Sam-O-Gram should list types of membership and explain them
- We need to review the members who have not attended during the year and suggest they change to an associate membership by November when dues are sent out
- Individual members vote and can chair a committee
- 20% of voting members make up a quorum (currently, 11 members must be present for a quorum)
- 3 Zoom meetings per year were discussed

Corresponding Secretary Tammy Linnert:

- AKC has new recommendations on club finances, requesting audits in depth

ACTION: Pam Buhl, Terry Walb and Tammy Linnert will work on the AKC suggestions and then take it to the board.

- The roster of members and a list of officers for 2026 was sent to AKC

Treasurer Terry Walb:

- Terry needs to create a new account within Quicken; she will meet with Pam Buhl for reports from 2025.

- Sue Wangerin would like to see the financial reports for DSR on the website, so she is able to track expenses and donations. Terry Walb will put transaction reports for both accounts in the Members area in the financial section. Also needed is the inclusion of the 2025 specialty, agility & FastCAT breakdowns
- Terry Walb suggested we consider creating committee budgets based on the results from the previous years' reports. Committee chairs can then come back to the Board to request any needed additional funds.
- Sue Wangerin asked about Mary Lloyd's expected donation to Denver Samoyed Rescue has been received as promised
- As a non-profit organization, our bank account balance at the end of the year appears to be within IRS limits

Committee Reports

Agility, Terry Walb, chair:

- all is good to go. Set up at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan.16
- We have judges committed for the 2027 & 2028 agility trials

Awards:

- Kris Schopfer will continue as committee chair
- in 2026, awards applications will go through the website Store

Cheer:

- Donna Dannen will continue as Chair

Legislation:

- Pam Buhl & Lorrie McAllister will continue as the committee

Motion 26-001B: Linda Kitzman moved, seconded by Tamara Barach, that we give the Colorado Dog Federation a \$25 donation, and pay our 2026 dues of \$75

APPROVED by the board

Concurrent Specialty (Committee members, Pam Buhl, Linda Kitzman & Shanan Streweler

- Mary Beth at Onofrio will send a contract and portal template for the premium list
- Rosette budget is reduced from that of our Stand-Alone Specialty—the company has not been decided
- Donations will be taken at the Store on the website
- Trophies — businesses may be solicited for donations
- Major win rosettes only was suggested
- No trophies for class placements was suggested
- Info to be sent to Terry Walb for the Store for rosette & possibly trophy donations

- Martha Lageschulte suggested looking into Linda Kitzman's idea of rosettes in shadow boxes be also used as trophies
- A reserved grooming block for our group needs to be purchased by the club. Those purchasing a reserved site will then pay the club for their site(s). This procedure needs to be in the premium list
- Judges: Pam Schroeder will be paid \$4.00/entry up to \$200.00
Susie Francis will judge Sweepstakes
- We will have a picnic during the concurrent specialty, similar to our usual summer social picnic
- Questions concerning a meeting at the picnic were if, because of the timing of specialty judging and regular Flatirons show judging, should we have a brunch or lunch provided, and will there be a club meeting at this time.

FastCAT

- February 27 is set up (we need volunteers) exact time to be determined
- February 28 & Mar. 1; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- We need a link in the Sam-O-Gram to Harmony Dog Sports for entries
- A worker's sign-up list will go out after the agility trial
- There will be a designated lunch break each day from 11:30 a.m. to noon
- We request that owners of very large breeds have their own releasers

I.T. Committee (Tammy Linnert, Terry Walb, JoDee Putnins, Lorrie McAllister)

- passwords for the administrators were changed
- Google Drive access is just for Board Members. Committee chairs will have access to the section of the Google Drive pertinent to their committee.

Hospitality

- Tammy Linnert will continue as chair of Awards Banquet
- Awards Banquet: Fox Hollow may be unavailable in 2026 only, because of construction
- other restaurants are being considered for 2026

Local Specialty 2025 (JoDee Putnins and Terry Walb, Show Chairs)

- Past specialty winners were incorrect on the back page of the 2025 catalog. The file has been corrected and is in the Google Drive specialty folder for the 2026 specialty
- There was a discussion on the Best Puppy issue in 2025 (detailed in December Board minutes)
- For clarification, donations are only listed in the catalog of those received before the Premium List is due in July—donations that come in later can be listed in the Store on the donation section of the website
- Judge liaison, Pam Arnold, will have a cheat-sheet list of all the different titles that can apply to the Working Sweeps classes
- AKC has changed the jump type for obedience and rally. We have used ASCA jumps in the past & these are no longer approved. We will need to rent the AKC approved jump

- DougCo now requires a schematic of our show set up for DougCo and a permit must be obtained from the fire department.
- We will need an update of inventory of DSA supplies and location for ease of obtaining them for the show and returning afterwards

Local Specialty 2026 (Lori Elvera, Show Chair)

- A stand-alone specialty budget review is on our Agenda for the March board meeting
- Costs of both Specialties to be reviewed:
 - 1) Rosettes
 - 2) Trophies
 - 3) Decorating costs
 - 4) Banquet costs
 - 5) Hospitality costs
 - 6) Rally
 - 7) Obedience
 - 8) Dan Elvera's pivot table will be sent to Terry Walb
 - 9) Value of donated goods

Local Specialty 2027

- We need to review our process for selection show chairs of our specialty
- Open the chair discussion to the membership and ask for any interest before making a decision on the chairmanship
- Cheryl Martin may have volunteered; Martha Lageschulte will review with her before the membership meeting in January

Programs

- a possible barbecue outdoors with a short hike was suggested
- summer soiree will be continued in 2026, June, July and August
- an ice cream social was suggested
- Martha Lageschulte explained wine bottle label sales for a fund raiser

Public Education

- Meet the Breeds will showcase Samoyeds at February CKC show on Sunday
- Materials for this need to go to Pam Buhl

Sam-O-Gram

- First of each month to submit for publication
- A correction needs to be made for the November membership meeting minutes: Sue Wangerin attended

Rescue

- the Quarterly report that may include private information should go to Martha as well as to the committee members
- A non-detailed report can go for meeting minutes

Old Business

- Committee reports are due at the end of January
- Job descriptions are in except for Treasurer. Terry Walb and Pam Buhl will complete the description by the March meeting.
- We will revisit the By-laws in 2026
 - 1). number of meeting attendance for board member nominations for election
 - 2). AKC wants our club's region coverage verbiage updated in our by-laws
 - 3). Work on staggered Board terms
 - 4). Ad hoc By-laws committee will be: Tammy Linnert, chair, Terry Walb, Donna Dannen, and Lorrie McAllister

Motion 26-002B by Lorrie McAllister, seconded by Tammy Linnert: Effective Jan. 1, 2026, we will change Juniors to no dues to DSA. Any juniors that have paid for 2026 will be reimbursed.
APPROVED by the board.

- Emergency forms can be found on the website
- Breeder referral forms sent out with dues should be include opt out option on dues form
- Terry Walb will research the possibility of non-profits obtaining Adobe Acrobat fillable forms for \$15 per month

New Business

- Number of Zoom meetings (three per year) were discussed; February, July and August membership meetings will be via Zoom
- Pam Buhl will reserve Natural Grocers for the months of Jan, Mar, Apr, May, Sept, Oct, Nov
- A suggestion was made to check possibility of southern meeting place change to Rec centers or libraries or possibly REI flagship store: Tammy Linnert will research
- Douglas County Fairgrounds has instituted new polices that will significantly affect our ability to plan events there. Because we are considered a small event, we can reserve facilities only six months before the event.
- Specialty location review research by Lori Elvera found that other sites were unaffordable or unavailable on Thanksgiving weekend
- Dan Elvera and Kent Cherne will meet with the Douglas County Fairgrounds Board to request that DSA be grandfathered in for a year in advanced for facility reservations
- Pam Buhl is working on DSA taxes for 2025
- We agreed to list deadlines for important tax and reporting documents on the DSA business calendar
- IRS 990 tax form is due May 31st for the previous year
- Our annual report to the State is due the first 3 months of the year

- AKC fees have been increased to \$4.50 per entry on January 1, 2026, for all AKC events. The fee will increase to \$5.50 per entry in 2027.
- We need to increase our entry fees by \$1.00 for our 2026 specialty.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dannen, Recording Secretary