

DSA May Board Meeting – May 14th

Attendance: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Tammy Linnert, Dan Elvera, Sue Wangerin, Tamara Barch, Lorrie McAllister, Terry Walb, & Donna Dannen.

Guests: Pam Buhl & JoDee Putnins

Zoom Meeting started by Martha at 7:04pm

Specialty Discussion

Pam Buhl received a proposal from "Under the Sun Dog Training" in Colorado Springs for a possible location going forward or as a back up for our November Specialty, this offer is only good for the Thanksgiving weekend. The rental cost for the facility is \$1,800.00 for Saturday and Sunday. Move in on Friday for no charge. This includes all rings, gates, grooming area, and obedience/rally equipment. Tables and electrical boxes will be billed after the event, so we pay for what we use. Obedience equipment, including the AKC approved jumps are \$25.00 a day. Electrical Outlets (4 to a box) are \$25.00 each. We can still do the banquet \$5.00 per table, no charge for chairs. There is also a dog bath area for an additional \$50.00 if interested. The footing is artificial turf with a mezzanine upstairs for viewing. There are large bathrooms located in the building adjacent to the room where the rings are located. The show secretary could have her own room with a window that opens to the show area. They have dry camping with 3-4 spots at \$25.00 each.

In addition Martha mentioned that the Palmer Divide Agility Club would be interested in going in with us for the Doug Co location. The specialty dates would change to March starting in 2028. We would keep our current venue and would be on the books a year in advance. The board discussed the pros and cons of both options. Location, airport, accommodations, restaurants and the ultimate decision would be up to the membership.

Martha began the meeting stressing the importance of our comments reflect how the club is viewed. Think before you respond to an email maybe write your thoughts and wait till the next day before sending it. It is important to work together for the betterment of the club.

Board Vacancy

Tammy Linnert will be taking the meeting minutes for the board and membership meeting in May. But moving forward the board will be replacing Donna Dannen who is moving to Ohio. Martha will bring this position up at the membership meeting on Monday.

IT Committee

Martha began the process of rescinding the motion (26-006B) from the last board meeting stating Lori Elvera would be the "Chaperone" for the Google Drive as part of her role on the IT committee. A new motion (26-007B) was made by Martha that all IT Committee members will have full access to IT materials. This includes Google Drive, Website, Wix, Ecwid, and What's App. Motion seconded by Donna Dannen and approved.

Martha then shared that both Terry Walb and JoDee Putnins will be resigning from the IT committee. Linda expressed concern about the resignations and asked for further detail. Terry explained that she had received an email from a committee member that was dissatisfied with the quality of the website and fairness within the committee. Due to the internal conflict between the IT committee members, the committee is in the process of making some changes. There was a lengthy discussion on people not feeling welcome and the need for change to start with the board. Heartfelt commitment to improve our actions and perceptions. Martha will address at the membership meeting on Monday the replacement of Terry & JoDee. Most were sad to hear they are leaving us since they are an excellent resource due to their knowledge level.

Program

Lorrie McAllister proposed a new health focused program for Samoyeds. She will provide more details at another meeting.

Another Board Meeting Session will be scheduled next Thursday May 21st to begin the review of the bylaws presented by the bylaw committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Linnert, Corresponding Secretary