

General Membership Meeting July 20, 2026

Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Pam Buhl, Tamara Barach, Rodney Martin, Sue Wangerin, Lorrie McAllister, Heidi Nieman, Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Julie Morris, Martha Lageschulte, Shanan Streweler, Samantha Steweler, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Michele Schmitt, Jan Cherne, Kent Cherne, Linda Kitzman, Cathy An, Diana Healy, Terry Walb, Rachel Paulson, Donna Dannen, Valerie Passmore, Connie Rudd.

Guest: Julie Beth Yelin

Meeting Called to Order at 6:48 by President Martha Lageschulte

President asked for June 2026 Minutes to be approved. Approved

VP Report: Linda Kitzman made the first reading of Julie Beth Yelin's application to be an Regular Member. Julie Beth owns 2 Samoyeds and has recently moved to Colorado from Texas.

Recording Secretary: Pam Buhl has no report.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy read a thank you note sent to the Club by Cheri Hollenback thanking the club for the trophies she won at the June Concurrent Specialty and commenting on how welcoming we were and how she enjoyed the ice cream social.

Tammy also mentioned that volunteers were needed for the 2026 Nominating Committee. We need 3 members and one Alternate. She described the duties of the committee and asked volunteers to reach her by Friday, July 24th, 2026.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance	\$31,604.87
Rescue Fund Balance	\$ 9,768.59
CD Balance	\$ 26,762.64

Our bank, First Bank, is transitioning to PNC Bank

Board Members: No Reports

Agility: No Report

Awards: No Report

Cheer: Tamara sent Valerie a note on her surgery.

Legislative Liaison: None

2026 Concurrent Specialty: No new report

Fast CAT: Tammy is working with Harmony on the contract

Library: Pam Buhl has not finished inventorying the library material that was received from Donna Dannen. There are several thoughts on how to proceed with the library materials, including scanning historical Sam-O-Grams (the ones not already on the website) and speaking with Jim Cheskawich to see if any of the Working Samoyed information we have might be a good fit for the Rex Library. Once everything is inventoried, we can make a better decision.

IT: Cathy An reported that the committee met and created a plan of action to address the website, WhatsApp, Ecwid, and Google Drive. Cathy and Elisabeth will also document actions for future reference. Another meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday

Hospitality: Summer Soiree: 2 of the Summer Soiree's are complete, and if you haven't already attended one, we would love to see you at the next one, which will be brunch on 8/9/26. Watch WhatsApp and email for the location and other details.

Local Specialty 2026: All the apparel items are at R&D awaiting logos! The last of the pre-purchased purple chairs will be depleted after the 2027 show. Shanan Streweler volunteered to store the chairs at her place. A motion was made by Julie Morris and seconded by Jan Cherne to approve the purchase of additional chairs

Motion 26-013: Denver Samoyed Association will purchase 12 Purple Picnic Time Chairs for Best of Breed Trophies for the November Specialties in 2028-2033.

Motion Passed

Local Specialty 2027: No Report

Public Education: We will participate in Meet the Breeds at the Colorado Kennel Club Shows in February 2027. Please reach out to Pam Buhl to participate.

SOG: Please get articles and reports to Martha by the first of the month

Social media: Lori and Pam are trying to keep our pages active. Reminded members that they can also post themselves.

Rescue: Sue reported that we were contacted about several dogs in need. A 7-year-old male that was then listed on Adopt-A-Pet and adopted, an 11-year-old male in New Mexico needing a home, and 2 females in Alamosa whose owner was placed in assisted living and needed a foster for the dogs, although it might turn into a permanent situation. Sue also expressed concern, and

others echoed the concern, that with the recent news that Travis Kelce and Taylor Swift have a Samoyed puppy, there will be a demand for puppies, then a subsequent increase in those puppies showing up in rescue when people found out the work required to happily coexist with a Samoyed. The Kansas City newspaper did a great interview with Jazmine Light, President of Heart of American Samoyed Club. We will try to post the link to that article on our Facebook pages and website.

Old Business: Martha had a conversation with Tad Walden at Roaring Fork KC Shows, and Tad told Martha that the Douglas County Commissioners decided that the various dog events held at the fairgrounds were very important to the fairgrounds and surrounding economy, so they had returned to allowing clubs to contract the buildings 1 year out, instead of the 6 month period they told us was going to be instituted this year. That means that after our show in November, we will immediately be able to contract for the use of the buildings next year.

Given the new information, is there any interest in a new venue for the November Specialty, or changing the specialty to a new date? General conversation indicated the majority would like to stay at Douglas County Fairgrounds and keep the show the weekend after Thanksgiving. However, a committee was formed to research entries at other Samoyed Specialties, so the club has additional information. The committee is Lori Elvera, Tammy Linnert, Jan Cherne and Pam Buhl.

Summer Concurrent Specialty: Does the club want to hold a concurrent specialty in June 2027 with the Flatirons Kennel Club? There were questions presented about using indoor rings, having the start time of the specialty earlier and the time of the all-breed judging later and more tents and possibly misters for the judges.

It was noted by Lori Elvera that the trophies sponsored for the Concurrent Specialty may take away from the trophies sponsored for the November Specialty.

Linda Kitzman made a motion to vote on holding the Concurrent Specialty in June 2027. Lorrie McAllister seconded the motion.

26-014: Linda Kitzman moved and Lorrie McAllister Seconded.

Move that Denver Samoyed Association holds a Concurrent Specialty on Saturday, June 5th, 2027 in conjunction with Flatirons Kennel Club in Longmont Colorado.

Motion Passed

New Business: Contracts for Judges for the 2028 November Specialty have not yet been sent. Lori Elvera suggested that given the declining numbers of entries in obedience, that starting with the 2028 November Specialty we quit offering Obedience on Saturday and instead offer working Sweeps on both Saturday and Sunday.

Motion 26-015: Lori Elvera moves and Lorrie McAllister seconded

Move that beginning in 2028 Denver Samoyed Association will no longer offer Obedience classes at the November Specialty

Motion Passed

Motion 26-016: Lorrie McAllister moved and Tammy Linnert seconded

Move that beginning in 2027 Denver Samoyed Association offers Working Sweepstakes classes on both Saturday and Sunday at the November Specialty.

Motion Passed

Barks & Growls:

Connie Rudd and Pam Arnold: Pam Arnold's puppy boy Ardon took Reserve Winners Dog on Saturday and Winners Dog on Sunday at the Roaring Fork KC. Pam handled Ardon for his first point out of the 9 -12 month puppy dog class. Arden is Summit & Azteca's Scouting for Arden Creek

Rodney Martin for Savannah Martin: Savannah was Grand Champion in Showmanship for her age group at the 4H competition and participated in the winning Rally Team competition.

Martha Lageschulte: Capella competed for the first time in Scent Work on the first day of Roaring Fork KC. She Q'd in all 4 of her classes

Linda Kitzman: Showed her girl out of the Trudy X Chrome litter for the first time at the Roaring Fork KC shows and she was WB/BOW on Sunday.

Rachel Paulson: Showed LOL's Zazie Takes Paris at Roaring Fork KC at was WB/BOW on Saturday for a 3-point major.

Pam Buhl: GCH Queen City's Dancing in the Moonlight (Appa) made a quick trip up to Wyoming for the Sunday show at Buckhorn KC. She went BOB/OHBOB/OHGroup2. At the Roaring Fork KC shows, Appa was BOB 2 days and BOS 1 day, OHBOB all 3 days, and was OH Group 2, 3, and 4 over the course of the weekend.

Tammy Linnert: Winter was Select Bitch all 3 days at the Roaring Fork KC shows.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.