

General Membership Meeting June 15, 2026

Natural Grocers, Wheat Ridge, CO

Attendees: Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitman, Tammy Linnert, Greg Linnert, Julie Morris, Pamela Buhl, Terry Walb, Cheryl Martin, JoDee Putnin, Dan Elvera, Lori Elvera, Tamara Barach, Lorrie McAllister, Samantha Streweler, Shanan Streweler, Rodney Martin, Rachel Paulson, Jan Cherne, Kent Cherne.

Guest: Diana Healy

Meeting Called to Order at 6:45 by President Martha Lageschulte

President asked for May 2026 Minutes to be approved. Approved

VP Report: Linda Kitman made the first reading of Diana Healy's application to be an Associate Member. Diana owns CH Azteca's Untamed Elegance, shown by Judy Mears.

Vote taken to approve Diana as an Associate Member. Welcome Diana.

Recording Secretary: As Donna Dannen is moving out of state, the board has appointed Pam Buhl to fulfill the remainder of her term.

Corresponding Secretary: We received a request from CSU to donate to their 4H Dog Trials. We donated \$75.00 last year to support the 4H event. This helps purchase items for the children involved in the event. Several of the juniors mentored by JoDee who are showing in AKC events now came up through the 4H organization.

Motion was made by Pam Buhl, Second by Rodney Martin.

Motion 26-009: I move that DSA donates \$75.00 to the 2026 4H Dog Trials hosted by CSU-
Approved

If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, please contact a board member.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Balance	\$30,427.80
Rescue Fund Balance	\$ 9,768.59
CD Balance	\$ 26,674.61

Our bank, First Bank, is transitioning to PNC Bank

Board Members: No Reports

Agility: No Report

Awards: We have not received the invoice for the plaques and tags for 2025. Company was contacted multiple times

Cheer: Donna would like to continue doing cheer. She has not yet had time to send out the cards to members for June.

Legislative Liaison: The Colorado Legislature is in recess. There are several bills related to pet ownership that passed this legislative session. HS26-1011 was passed and signed on April 29, 2026. It prohibits pet stores from selling dogs and cats, bans brokers from selling pets in Colorado, and prohibits anyone from selling or transferring more than 3 dogs in a year. This does not apply to dogs bred by the seller or rescues.

Also passed was a bill involving the review and continuation of the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act (PACFA). This has passed, with an increase in fees and penalties, and is waiting for the governor to sign.

Complete document from Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners is attached to the minutes.

2026 Concurrent Specialty- Linda Kitzman reported that the show did very well, with many positive comments. We had several entries from out of state and a wonderful total entry of 43 plus Sweepstakes entries. The gross income was \$1,814.99, and the gross expenses were \$2,271.51, for a net loss of \$456.52. Our original budget was \$1,500, so we think we did well financially. Thank you to everyone who showed and came to watch and support the competitors. If you have any suggestions for next year, please reach out to Linda Kitzman, Pam Buhl, or Shanan Streweler.

Pam Buhl would like to send a huge thank you to all who sponsored trophies. It allowed us to make the first June Concurrent Specialty extra special. Several of the trophies were made by fellow Samoyed owners, including Lizzie Fetzer, Jane Adams, and Raygen and John Best. Jane and the Bests also donated some lovely items for our drawing!

Shanan Streweler mentioned that the Rosette heads and regular rosettes all arrived early, with no last-minute stress, and plenty of time to build the shadow boxes.

Tammy Linnert did a great job organizing the ice cream social. Thanks to Greg Linnert for picking up the ice cream at the perfect time.

We hope everyone who attended had a wonderful time, and we are looking forward to and planning for next year!!

Fast CAT: No report

Library: Lori Elvera transported the boxes from Donna's house to Pam Buhl's house. Pam will inventory everything in time report at the July Meeting. Items were offered to Rex of the White Way Library but were not needed.

IT: Lori Elvera reported that Cathy An is now a member of the committee and has been added to the Google Drive.

Hospitality:

Holiday Party will be held on December 13, 2026, at the Fox Hollow Golf Club. Deposit has been paid.

Summer Soiree: The first of 3 dinners will be June 25th at 6:00 pm at Block & Bottle in Castle Rock, CO. Reach out to Tammy if you have suggestions for the July (North) and August (Central) dinners. We have 18 people committed to the June dinner.

Local Specialty 2026:

Lori Elvera pointed out that AKC fees have increased this year and asked if we should raise our entry fees to help offset the new expense. After discussion, Lori made a motion and Rodney Martin seconded.

Motion 26-010: I move to increase conformation entry fees to \$33.00 for the first entry, and to increase Sweepstakes, Puppy Classes, and additional entries at the same show to \$28.00-
Approved

We will offer pre-ordered catalogs again this year for \$5.00. We will also order an extra 10 copies for people who miss the pre-order.

We will be offering a Pee Wee Class this year. RV spaces are \$40/night. Rodney and Cheryl Martin will oversee RV's and will open and close the buildings. Rodney will also bring pet waste stations and photo stand, as well as the cardboard for covering the windows.

Hospitality will be handled by Linda Kitzman and Pam Buhl, with Cathy An and Valerie Passmore helping.

The Aussie club will power wash the mats for us (Yay)

Linda Kitzman has cleaning supplies and buckets for near the rings and in the grooming area and the club banner for the grooming area.

Tee Shirts are on sale through June 29th.

Local Specialty 2027: No Report

Public Education: We will participate in Meet the Breeds at the Colorado Kennel Club Shows in February 2027.

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

Social media: Our Public Page has over 200 followers

Rescue: A 4-year-old female Samoyed in Loveland in need of a new home was adopted by a couple we referred.

Old Business: None

New Business: Voting on approval of the revised By-Laws and Staggered Board of Director terms.

Staggered Board Terms: In November 2026 two board members will be elected for a 2-year term, and 2 board members will be elected for a 1-year term. This will guarantee that no more than 2 board members' terms shall end at the same time unless there is a vacancy to be filled. In November 2027 and forward, 2 board members will be elected for a 2-year term. In 2026, 2 of the current board members will be elected to a 1-year term for continuity.

Other items addressed by the By-Law changes include a change in our described territory from "Denver Metro Area" to "Greater Denver Area" This change was requested by AKC.

A stipulation allowing meetings to be changed to zoom due to inclement weather is also included. A change in the nominating committee to include 3 members, only 1 of which is from the board, and 1 alternate (not 2 alternates as currently stated) and allowing the nominating committee to nominate more than 1 individual to a position. The nominating committee will also be required to contact all eligible club members to determine if they are interested in serving as an officer or board member.

Discussion included questions about term limits. Only the president position is term limited to a 2-year term. Reasons for not imposing term limits are that historically we have had issues with finding people willing to serve. Reason for staggering board terms is that it helps guarantee that there are always at least 2 board members with some board experience to help with continuity.

Tammy Linnert moved and Terry Walb seconds.

Motion 26-011: In November 2026 two board members will be elected for a 2-year term, and 2 board members will be elected for a 1-year term. This will guarantee that no more than 2 board members' terms shall end at the same time unless there is a vacancy to be filled. In November 2027 and forward, 2 board members will be elected for a 2-year term. Approved

A vote was taken to approve the new By-Laws. By-Laws were approved by a 2/3rd majority vote. By-Laws approved. Terry will send new By-Laws to AKC for their approval, but the new By-Laws will take effect immediately for the club.

New Business: Discuss Pros and Cons of options for holding our local specialty. We have 3 options.

1. Continue to hold the specialty at Douglas County Fairgrounds over Thanksgiving weekend as we have been doing.
2. Hold Specialty at Douglas County Fairgrounds but change dates to the second weekend in March.

3. Continue to have Specialty the weekend after Thanksgiving but move the venue to Under the Sun Dog Training in north Colorado Springs.

This discussion was tabled until the next meeting as we ran out of time.

Barks & Growls:

Cheryl & Rodney Martin: Aries has puppies and is a wonderful mom! 2 girls and 3 boys, 5 weeks old!

Lori Elvera: Miles was BOS at the Concurrent Specialty and BOB/OHBOB all 3 days at Plum Creek KC. He also received 2 OH Group 1's, and OH Group 3, and a Regular Group 2 at Plum Creek KC.

Martha Lageshulte: Over Memorial Day Weekend, Capella earned her Excellent Standard Agility Title.

Shanan Streweler: At the Flatirons Shows, their Siberian boy puppy took BOB over specials, and his sister took BOS.

Linda Kitzman: Showed Clarissa Black's boy to his championship, going WD/BOW/BOB/Group2 on Friday, and WD Saturday afternoon and BOS on Sunday at the Flatirons Shows

Diana Healy: Her girl finished her championship on Saturday, going WB/BOW at the Specialty and WB/BOW/BOB Saturday afternoon, as well as winning a group 1 Saturday.

Pam Buhl: Shimmer, BISS, MOHBIS, GCHS Queen City's Heart of Gold, RN, BCAT, FITB was Best in Specialty Show from the veteran class. She was also OHBOB, Best Veteran, and Best in Veteran Sweepstakes. Her daughter Appa was Select bitch at the Saturday afternoon show. And her other daughter, Hiccup, was WB on Sunday at Laramie.

Tammy Linnert: Winter was Select Bitch and OHBOB on Sunday at Laramie.

Jan and Kent Cherne: At Plum Creek KC, BUZZ - ASCA CH/GCH Makita Alnair Oncl9, TKN BCAT picked up 6 more quals in Fast Cat and needs just 8 points for his DCAT title

Julie and Joe Morris: At Flatirons KC, TRACY - Catalina's Life's a Dance, DCAT RATN TKN was WB/BOS for 2pts and at the Plum Creek KC she was WB for 1 pt.

Lorrie McAllister: Her puppy Keena debuted at the Flatirons KC 4-6-month Puppy class and won 2 Puppy Working Group 2's and a Puppy Working Group 1.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm

