

DSA February Membership Meeting
February 16, 2026- Zoom Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:48 PM

Attendance : Martha Lageschulte, Linda Kitzman, Tammy Linnert, Donna Dannen, Julie Morris, Jan Cherne, Kent Cherne, Lori Elvera, Dan Elvera, Chris Maslin-Cole, Terry Walb, Amber Brown Stanley, Connie Rudd, Heidi Nieman, Brielle Bolena, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin, Shanan Streweler, Tamara Barach, Cathy An, Pam Buhl, Lynn Hunkins, Michelle Schmitt, Rodney Martin, & Cheryl Martin.

President: Martha Lageschulte

No Report

Vice President: Linda Kitzman

1st Reading of the application for Kent Cherne, individual membership sponsored by Julie Morris & Dan Elvera

Recording Secretary: Donna Dannen

Approval of the January meeting minutes

My computer crashed Tammy Linnert will handle the meeting minutes tonight.

Corresponding Secretary: Tammy Linnert

Email from AKC for the Digital Asset Portal will be available February 23. Can have 2 club contacts. Its a centralized Library of AKC assets that clubs may use to assist with messaging and promotions. Will look into it further and report more next month.

Treasurer: Terry Walb

General Fund \$25,485.79

Rescue \$10,970.09

Premier CD \$21,281.37

Time Deposit CD \$5000.00

We have received the donation from Mary Lloyd's Estate. It was put into a 90 day CD. When both CD's mature, they will be combined into one CD which will yield higher interest than the 90 day CD.

Board: Tamara Barach, Sue Wangerin, Dan Elvera & Lorrie McAllister

No Report

Committees: Agility- Terry Walb

The 2026 trial is in the books. We made \$2230.87. The full report is in the Sam-O-Gram.

Cheers- Donna Dannen

No Report

Colorado Legislation- Lorrie McAllister/Pam Buhl

Key Colorado Dog Legislation for 2026 includes HB26-1011, aimed at banning the retail sale of puppies in stores and by brokers to stop puppy mills, and HB26-1131, which proposes new standards for pet custody during a divorce. Additionally, starting January 1, 2026, HB25-1207 requires public housing to allow up to two pets.

Major 2026 Colorado Dog Legislation Initiatives

- HB26-1011 (Pet Store Sales Ban) This bill aims to end the sale of puppies through third-party brokers and retail pet stores to curb puppy mills. It is supported by a large majority of Colorado voters.
- HB26-1131 (Pet Custody) Proposed legislation that would treat dogs more like family members rather than property during separation or divorce, requiring judges to consider the best interests of the pet, such as care, costs, and grooming.
- Affordable Housing Pet Allowance, beginning January 1, 2026 publicly funded affordable housing providers must allow tenants to keep up to two pets, dogs or cats.
- Insurance Protections: Laws enacted in 2025 that fully take effect in 2026 prohibit insurance companies from canceling or increasing premiums for renters or homeowners based solely on a dog's breed, unless the dog is officially deemed dangerous.

Concurrent Speciality- Linda Kitzman/Pam Buhl

Trophies have been added to the store please go in and support.

Will be working on the premium list and will check with Andrea on a deadline.

The AKC application has been submitted and paid, we are currently in pending status as AKC reviews.

Rosettes will be handled locally, very pricey

Lorrie McAllister will get additional information on the Brewhop Trolley. She had organized one during the 2021 National and it was very popular. They do tours of local breweries, cideries & distilleries. It is on a continuous loop, with a safe flexible way to visit multiple spots. Mentions a non refundable \$200.00 deposit. We could do it on Saturday, 6-9 in the evening. Sunday most people going home and Friday getting ready for the show.

Planning an ice cream social for the event Tammy Linnert volunteered to put it together with the help of Linda Kitzman.

Fast Cat- Tammy Linnert

The volunteer worker sheet is full as of today. Thank you to everyone that is volunteering we are thrilled to have you. The set up committee on Friday at 12:30 will be lead by Tamara Barach, Pam Buhl and Greg Linnert. Assisting with be Kent & Jan Cherne, Julie and Joe Morris, Dan Elvera, Cathy An & Linda Kitzman.

Everyone is welcome so please stop by and we will put you to work or just come to watch. Entries closed Friday and we were at 341 it takes 660 total to have a full trial both days, 330 a day.

Confirmed on those that are running dogs as the worker dogs will be running at 8 or 8:30 in the morning before the event starts. Donna will follow up on the photographer being there for the worker dogs.

More emails to follow for those involved in the event. Also asked if anyone might know where the photo banner might be and who possibly took it down last year to see if someone might be storing it.

Historian/Librarian- Donna Dannen

No report

IT Committee- Terry Walb, JoDee Putnins, Tammy Linnert, Lori Elvera

Terry will put together a meeting to discuss roles and responsibilities with JoDee, Lori, Tammy, Lorrie and herself.

Hospitality/Holiday Party- Tammy Linnert

No report

Local Speciality 2026- Lori Elvera

Kent Cherne & Dan Elvera had a phone call with Zack, head of the fairgrounds to discuss our situation of not being able to submit an application for the speciality until May of this year and every year following. Although we do need to comply with the board of commissioners they feel we are 95% safe with getting the approval. The new current process is we complete an application for approval in order to submit the contract for the speciality site. Lori was given approval by Tory to start the application now and then submit in May. There has been in the past a cancellation clause in our contract but we were unaware until this came to light.

Ribbons have been ordered through Premier Ribbons

Obedience and Rally could start at 8am this year since the judge is staying locally and that would give us more time for sweeps and confirmation. Also the contracts have been signed by Martha and she will get those to Lori.

Local Speciality 2027- Cheryl Martin

The judges contracts went out tonight by Pam Arnold.

Looking at doing a Nascar theme with many options for decorating.

Programs

On Sunday the 15th of February Pam Buhl headed up the "Meet the Breed" at the Colorado Kennel Club shows. Martha put together an updated flyer for the event. Special thanks to Chris Eberhardt, Rachel Paulson, Martha Lageschulte & Lizzy Fetzer for your help. This event is a good service event and promotes the breed. If we do it next year please volunteer and follow through with participation.

Sam-O Gram- Martha Lageschulte

Need articles and items for the newsletter by the first of the month.

Social Media- Pam Buhl/Lori Elvera

Posting for Fast Cat right now will be posting for the concurrent specialty soon.

Rescue- Sue Wangerin

Sent a thank you to Mary Lloyd's brother for the \$5000.00 donation from her estate.

Did a donation of \$750.00 to the Playing Again Sams in Wisconsin.

Received a possible rehoming for a dog in Boulder the couple might be moving back to Sweden.

Old Business-

None

New Business-

Lori Elvera asked how the membership feels about the t-shirts for the specialty. Are we tired of them, do we want to continue? A few spoke up and said they still liked them. A pocket logo was mentioned as well. Terry Walb gives them to the grand daughters. Michelle Schmitt brought up the golf towels. If you have an opinion one way or the other please reach out to Lori.

Barks N Growls

Martha: At the CKC shows, Capella finished her Companion Dog title with a 1st and 2nd placements and finished her Rally Advanced title with 99 and 100 scores.

Tamara: At the CKC shows, Jimi was Select Dog & OH on Saturday with a group 3 in the OH group.

Pam: Shimmer at the CKC shows, entered in the Veteran class was BOB both Saturday and Sunday. She also won an OH group 3 on Sunday. Her win on Sunday earned her Grand Champion Silver title.

Linda: I showed Clarissa Black's boy Polar Mist Legendary Reign and he was WD and BOW on Thursday, WD on Friday & WD, BOW, BOS on Sunday over the specials.

Tammy: Winter attended 2 days of the CKC shows and was SB on Saturday.

Heidi/Brielle: Nessie was BISS at the Samoyed Club of Central Arizona Specialty and BOS plus OH group 2 the following day. At the Working Dog Club of AZ she was also BOB and OH group 2. Nessie went BOS at the Samoyed Club of San Diego Speciality.

Eira has earned 4 new titles this year: CGCA, CGCU, TKA, FDC. She was SB to her mom at the Samoyed Club of Central Arizona Speciality. She also was BOB and a OH group 3 at Arrowhead KC. Brielle was Best junior Handler at the Samoyed Club of Central Arizona, Samoyed Club of San Diego and Samoyed Club of Los Angeles.

Connie: My girl Tess's singleton puppy, Ardon was entered in BPUP on Saturday only. He took BOB and a working group 2. Ardon is owned by Pam Arnold.

Cheryl: Aries went to her first CPE agility trial. She hit all of her contacts, I am very proud of her.

Donna: Mikaela's broken toenail has grown back.

Meeting adjourn at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted

Tammy Linnert, Corresponding Secretary