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Meet the Breeds a Success!

DSA participated in the
'Meet the Breeds'
public education event hosted by Plum Creek
Kennel Club, held on February 14, 2014.

Rachel Paulson, DSA Public Education Chairperson, coordinated the club members and their dogs to man the booth. Kent Dannen provided new pictures to update our photo board depicting the various activities that we enjoy with our Samoyeds!

There was a steady amount of visitors to the booth, that enjoyed our dogs but most importantly asking great questions and receiving important information about our breed.

Thank you to all the volunteers that participated in making this event a success and helping DSA fulfill an important AKC compliance requirement so that we can hold our specialty in the future!

Special points of interest:

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Patrick's Day!

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Membership Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2014

Attendees: Lana McClellan, Martha Lageschulte, Andi Mast, Thalia Peletis Terry Walb, Marnie Grube, Mary Lloyd, and Chris Stewart

The annual Board meeting for DSA started at 10:05 and was chaired by the incoming President Lana McClellan.

Unfinished Business:

1. Lana expressed kudos to Thalia for all she does for the DSA Club. Much of what the Club does could not be accomplished without Thalia's hard work and organization.

2. There is approximately a \$1,600 negative balance for the 2013 calendar year. Lana asked if this needs to be addressed by the Board. Thalia responded that for 2012 and 2013 there was a negative balance due to the stand alone DSA Specialties and also some things that are out of our control such as an increase in Insurance costs. Also, during 2013 approximately \$1,400 was donated. In the past, the Board agreed that unless the treasury balance drops below \$10,000 the negative balance is okay. There was a short discussion concerning if there is a surplus of funds.

3. A motion was made by Thalia stating: Each year at the DSA Annual Board meeting the Board will review the prior year's financial state to decide, if there is a surplus, to donate that money. Andi seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

4. Lana would like to have a tape recorder to tape the meetings. Lana will get a recorder and the Club will reimburse her.

5. Lana asked about being a co-signer on the DSA Club checks. Jan Cherne and Thalia are co-signers and Lana, as the President, will be added. This will be used if Thalia needs to be reimbursed for any funds she incurred.

6. Last year it was decided that Cheer would not send Birthday cards to members due to the time it takes. There was a discussion and it was decided that Birthday cards should be sent.

7. Lana inquired about the need for President's Notebooks to be passed down from one President to the next. A discussion took place concerning using a Drop Box on our website that can be accessed only by Board members. Thalia said she could not do this. It was decided that there is no need for the President's Notebooks since most of what is contained in them can be viewed on the DSA web site. Thalia will provide a CD to the Board members at the January meeting. It will contain the past year's bank statements and any minutes from closed meetings.

8. Lana provided a copy of the job descriptions for the positions in the Club and asked the members who hold those positions to review

the descriptions and to update them. This needs to be completed by the end of February and sent to Lana. She will review them and they will be presented at the March meeting.

9. Committee Chairs are required to provide an annual report to the President by the end of December. This has not been done for a couple of years. Lana will bring this up at the January meeting.

New Business:

1. Last year most of the DSA meetings ended up being held at Gander Mountain instead of being split between the Church and Gander Mountain. This was due to some meetings being cancelled. Mary asked, why not have all the meetings be held at Gander Mountain? It was mentioned that this should not be decided since members who are not Board members should be able to vote on this matter at a regular meeting. We have to find out if we can get out of the Church arrangement since we are already on their schedule for 2014. Also, we have to find out if Gander Mountain is available for all of our scheduled meetings. Lana will check with Gander Mountain and also check with some hotels concerning availability and cost. This item will be voted on at the January meeting.

2. Board meetings are scheduled for January, March, May, July, September, and November. It was agreed that this schedule should be kept.

3. At last year's Annual Meeting it was brought up that the Club should try to have more Social events. This did not occur and it will be brought up at the January meeting. The main issue is who will volunteer to organize the events?

4. Thalia made a motion to amend a motion made on 1/10/2011 to have the Club pay the annual membership dues to the Colorado Dog Federation. Marnie seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

5. Terry Walb suggested that we move the Agility Trial to Denver Dog Sports for next year. Jefferson County Fairgrounds is adding costs and requirements each year. The Agility Committee will look into this and get back to the Board with a recommendation.

6. Mary needs to update the awards report so that Thalia does not have to retype it for the SAM-O-gram. Lana will help Mary with this for 2014.

7. Kathi Metter, who does Breeder Referral, has moved to Texas for part of the year. This position will be discussed at the January meeting.

8. Chris brought up the idea of the Club renting a storage space for the Club materials. There was a discussion and it was decided that this was not a good idea.

9. Thalia asked if the library is necessary. Does it get used? Lana will contact Donna and ask

her. There was a suggestion that the books be brought to a meeting to distribute to Club members who would like them. If there are any books left over they can be donated. This will be discussed further at the January meeting.

10. Martha asked if Plum Creek had asked Rachel this year about Meet the Breed at the February show. No one knew, but DSA is scheduled to participate this year according to the Premium List. Lana has a contact with Plum Creek and will talk to them about future show and Meet the Breed.

11. No one has volunteered to be the Show Chair for the DSA Specialty for 2014. Thalia asked if the Board can be the Show Chair and have Helen Hittesdorf be the Judges contact. There was a discussion about having a Samoeyed person be the Judges contact particularly at the show site. The main issue is that the Show Chair cannot show their dogs at the Specialty. Lana will send out a Yahoo message asking for a volunteer.

12. Terry suggested that we nominate judges for the Specialty for 2 years since Thanksgiving weekend can be a problem. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

13. All Treasurer's reports can be viewed on the DSA Website. Lana will audit the 2013 Treasurer's books.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48.



Membership Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2014

Attendees: Lana McClellan, Marnie Grube, Heidi Nieman, Heidi Nieman (Scooter), Andi Mast, Martha Lageschulte, Chris Stewart, Nancy Golden, Julie Morris, Jan Cherne, Mary Lloyd, Donna Dannen, Thalia Peletis, Sue Wangerin

Guests: Joe Morris, Jodi Putnis, John Putnis, Pam Buhl, Sydney Wagner

Meeting started at 7:10

President's report: Lana McClellan - There was a motion to approve the November minutes by Julie Morris and Mary Lloyd seconded it. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

If you have not given Lana your committee report from last year please get it to her.

Job descriptions for Club positions are due to Lana by the end of February.

Vice President's report: Andi Mast presented two applications for membership. Sydney Wagner is sponsored by Martha and Andi and Pam Buhl is sponsored by Heidi and Scooter.

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Meeting Minutes

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The applications were read by Andi. Additional comments were made by Pam and Sydney.

Recording Secretary's report: Chris Stewart had nothing to report.

Corresponding Secretary's report: Martha Lageschulte has sent in the required reports about the DSA Specialty and agility trial to SCA.

Treasurer's Report: Thalia Peletis reported that as of the end of 2013 there was \$15,309.64 in the General Fund and \$22,589.43 in the Rescue Fund. She has submitted the required information to our Tax preparer. Most of the Membership dues have been collected. Sterling Clark sent a \$50 donation.

The Agility Trial netted a \$2,253.01 profit from entries and \$1,000 from leash and collar sales. There was a total of \$100 donation from vendors.

The IRS needs a W-9 for Helen Hittesdorf since she was paid more than \$600 during 2013.

Agility Trial report: Marnie Grube reported that the Trial was excellent this past weekend. The only down side is that Jefferson County Fairgrounds has raised prices. A videographer and still photographer took pictures that are available for the participants to purchase. Lana gave kudos to the committee. Andi asked if she can purchase the materials to make 4 more seat pads. This was approved.

Awards report: Mary Lloyd hoped that all the tags were correct and has not heard otherwise. Lana will help Mary automate the reporting system.

Breeder Referral: Lana got an e-mail from Kathi Metter and she will continue in the position this year. The Breeder Referral Program is not being used. If anyone has puppies please let Kathi know.

Cheer report: Michele Sottile was not present.

Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs report: – no report.

Historian and Librarian report: Donna Dannen is getting things organized this year. She can use help so let her know if you can help her.

Lana asked if we needed a Hospitality Chairperson. Each event has its own Hospitality Chair. There is no need for an overall Hospitality Chair.

There is no Local Specialty Show Chair. This will be addressed later.

Programs report: Mary Lloyd and Donna Dannen – Mary – Cathy Balliu is having financial problems. The interest in Herding instinct testing has fallen off and Mary does not want to set up a session if there is no interest. She asked if people want to do Herding instinct testing? There appears to be conflicts with Agility and Conformation. Several people expressed an interest in having their dogs tested for herding instinct. Cathy's personal number for pri-

vate testing is (303) 857-1216. Also, Mary will put together information and contact Cathy about future events and a preregistration cost.

Donna – years ago we had programs and that has dropped off. Jim Cheskawich has offered to come and do a presentation on his book. Donna will check on this.

Mary asked if we can we bring dogs to Gander Mountain for massage or Chiropractor presentations. Thalia mentioned that Lori Elvera might be interested in a presentation about Pet insurance. Mary and Donna will get together to talk about these ideas.

Public Education: –Rachel Paulson was not present, but sent information on Meet the Breed at the Denver shows. Samoyeds will be at 1 PM on Saturday at the main entrance. Without knowing show times it is hard to commit. Once show times are published let Rachel know if you can provide a dog.

Rescue report: – Andi Mast reported that there are no rescue dogs now.

Sam-o-gram report: Thalia Peletis had nothing to report.

Specialty Match: Do we want one this year? The last one was in 2011. There was no interest in the past. Heidi Nieman volunteered to do it this year. Martha mentioned that the Ridgeback Club might want to do something with DSA. There was a discussion about Lure coursing and several people were interested in this. Martha and Heidi will coordinate this. Heidi will pursue the Specialty Match and Martha will check on Lure coursing.

Supported Entry report: Michele Schmitt was not present, but it is set to go at the February Denver shows.

Unfinished Business:

2014 Local Specialty – No one has volunteered to be the Show Chair. Problem is not being able to show if you are the Chair person. It was brought up at the Board meeting that Helen Hittesdorf be the Judges liaison with the Board acting as the Show Chair. Jan Cherne stated that one person needs to be assigned as the Show Chair, so this idea will not work. Thalia recommended that we plan for two years out instead of just one year. Our administrative paperwork needs to go out 4 months before the show. The Show Chair needs to be a Family member of DSA so that limits the selection. Lana volunteered to be the Chair for 2014. Andi made the motion that we take the selection of the Specialty Judges back from the general membership and assign that responsibility to the Specialty Committee. The motion was seconded by Julie. There was a brief discussion. Mary feels that the membership should be involved in the Judges selection. Can the Show committee make recommendations to the membership? There was an issue with cost of one of the Judges of the 2013 Specialty. In the past there has also been a problem with having enough members at the meeting when the Judges were voted upon. A vote was taken

and the motion was approved. The Specialty Committee will select the Judges for the 2014 Local Specialty.

New Business:

Committee budgets need to be submitted to Lana by March.

Lana asked if the 2014 meeting locations should be alternated between the Church and Gander Mountain? Nancy asked if people from the south have a preference? It was decided that we will alternate the meetings. In March the meeting will be at the Church and in April the meeting will be at Gander Mountain. This will be put on the website.

At this point the February and September meetings are cancelled for 2014.

The December meeting is the Christmas party.

There was a discussion concerning the 2015 Local Specialty. Mary asked if we could have the Specialty in June vs November? Mary made a motion stating that we have DSA specialty in June vs November. Nancy seconded it. Discussion – Lana made the comment that Thanksgiving weekend is a family weekend and weather can be a problem. Several members spoke to why it is Thanksgiving weekend. We cannot do a Local Specialty September 1st through November 1st according to SCA because of the National Specialty. The Douglas County Fairground is not air conditioned so it would be hot in June. The motion was tabled until the March meeting.

Growls:– Sue Wangerin's 12 ½ year old had to have surgery for a blockage due to Himalayan dog chews. These are advertised as being natural and chemical and preservative free. She recommended to not use them.

Did you know? – Lana mentioned that SCA is considering a \$200 donation to AKC for a disaster relief trailer. The vote will be soon so Lana suggested that people contact the SCA board about their opinion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.



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DSA members
are committed to the
protection and advancement
of the Samoyed breed.



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WE'RE ON THE WEB!
WWW.DENVERSAMOYED.ORG

Mar 17, 2014 Meeting Reminder- 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: St. Joseph Episcopal Church - 11202 W Jewell Ave - Lakewood, CO

- Discuss specialty show, specialty match and other business pertinent to the club.

Denver Samoyed Rescue Report

no HOME, all ALONE As of 03/16/14, we have NO Samoyeds available for adoption!

If you know anyone who might be interested, please call the DSR at 303-453-1360, or contact one of the Rescue committee members:
Andi Mast, Sue Wangerin, Thalia Peletis, Michele Sottile. Pam Arnold, Deb Castro and Michael Prewitt, Thanks!

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