

DSA Membership Meeting 1/19/26

Present:

Martha Lageschulte
Linda Kitzman
Julie Morris
Jan Cherne
Terry Walb
Lori Elvera
Tammy Linnert

Greg Linnert
Pam Buhl
Tamara Barach
Rachel Paulson
Lorrie McAllister
Guest/Applicant for membership: Amber Brown Stanley
Guest: Julie Yelin

Martha Lageschulte called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm at the Natural Grocers, Arvada, CO

Officer's Reports

President Martha Lageschulte welcomed everyone present, and had each person introduce themselves.

Vice President Linda Kitzman reported that our guest, Amber Brown Stanley, turned in her application as an associate member and was completing her first meeting attendance (of two necessary for membership)

- Linda read Amber's application
- Linda mentioned that we should all be more interactive with applicant members, especially those we sponsor
- The different types of memberships should be explained by applicants' sponsors

Recording Secretary Donna Dannen reported the revision of the minutes for the November membership meeting was approved at the January board meeting.

Corresponding Secretary Tammy Linnert
No report

Treasurer Terry Walb
DSA bank account: \$25,157.881
DSR bank account: \$10,979.09 +money market which was the same amount as in December
As of today's deadline, dues not renewed: Krista & Sage Hansen, John McAllister
Dues not received were primarily out-of-state associate members

Board: Tamara Barach, Dan Elvera, Lorrie McAllister, Sue Wangerin
No report

Committee Reports

Agility (Terry Walb)

- 2026 agility trial is done with 700 runs (a full trial)
- We are thankful for our workers that helped support the trial. Along with committee members, Pam Arnold, Martha Lageschulte, Chris Maslin Cole and Chris Eberhardt, Cheryl and Rodney Martin, Bob Mast and Jim Lageschulte worked all day both days. Jan and Kent Cherne, Julie and Joe Morris worked all day Saturday. Tammy and Greg Linnert, Lorrie McAllister, Linda and Scott Deits worked Sunday. Lori Johnson came from home Sunday afternoon to help when we were short of workers. Full financials are not yet available.
- The 2026 AKC fee increase per entry was $\frac{1}{3}$ of our revenue this year
- In the past, there was a break in multiple entries; many of the entries came from single owners of multiple entrants
- This fee hike will impact our conformation specialties. It is not known if this includes only the regular classes or all entries

Awards (Kris Schopfer)

- Kris agreed to do our annual award plaques and tags again in 2026
- This year the applications for awards will be included on the website store

Cheer (Donna Dannen)

A card was sent to Sue Wangerin for the loss of her Samoyed, Shelby

Colorado Legislation (Pam Buhl and Lorrie McAllister)

- The Colorado Federation of Dog Clubs and Owners is our liaison for legislation affecting dog breeders, dog clubs, shows and owners. We have paid our 2026 dues and a donation of \$25
- Several bills are forthcoming that affect us: such as selling dogs in any public area (that includes meeting puppy exchanges from breeder to new owner)

Concurrent Specialty, Flatiron KC, June 6, 2026 (Linda Kitzman and Pam Buhl)

- Our contract with Jack Onofrio Dog Shows needs to be reviewed, signed by Martha Lageschulte and sent in to Onofrio
- We will have access to their Premium List Portal
- Specialty show judging will be in the morning
- Flatirons KC show Samoyed judging will be in the afternoon
- The AKC application has been filled out
- Our entry fees will be the same as the Flatiron KC's: \$32 for regular classes

Motion 26-003 Lori Elvera moved, seconded by Jan Cherne, that Sweepstakes for both our concurrent and Individual specialties' entry fees will increase to \$28 in 2026

Approved

- Martha Lageschulte worked on the contracts for our regular classes judge, Pam Schroeder, who will charge \$4 per dog up to \$200, and for our sweepstakes judge, Susie Francis
- Motion 26-004 Lorrie McAllister motioned and was seconded by Linda Kitzman that DSA look into getting a junior showmanship judge for the 2026 concurrent specialty.

Discussion: We should wait for future concurrent specialties, if there be any, to offer Junior Showmanship classes. At this point we should see what our time restraints are considering juniors is offered at the Flatirons show and may conflict with juniors at our concurrent specialty.

Motion was not approved

- The above discussion brought up whether the proposed summer social picnic should be done at another date along with a member meeting and include a lunch, instead of being included in the concurrent specialty since time restraints are currently unknown.
- Instead of a picnic lunch, we could have an ice cream social event. The “Sweet Cow” is a possible nearby source of the ice cream.

Fast Cat (Tammy Linnert, chair)

- A worker list form will be sent by email the first week of February to all members
- Entries were open as of January 15, and will close on February 13
- set up time to last 3 hours is on February 27 at 12:30 pm.
- Get worker coupons to Tammy Linnert to receive a code to use when making AKC entries through Harmony Dog Sports
- Event times: 9-11 a.m. with a lunch break (which will be pizza) from 11-11:30 a.m., resuming dogs running from 11:30-3 p.m.
- So far there are 75 entries with 330 entries being a full event
- Entries are \$27 this year to raise by \$1 in 2027
- There was a discussion of what Fast Cat is, and how it works
- Each dog can run two times each day
- This event will take place at Arapahoe Park, Washington St., Golden, Colorado
- Information will be by email and in the newsletter or through the Harmony Dog Sports website
- Tales of Voyage will be our photographers. Hopefully they can arrive at 8 a.m. to take photos of the workers' dogs running.

Historian/Librarian (Donna Dannen)

No report

IT Committee (Terry Walb, chair) JoDee Putnins, Tammy Linnert, Lorrie McAllister

- Agility photos will go onto the website on the Events page under Past Event Galleries.
- The updated membership roster will go up on the website

Hospitality (Tammy Linnert, Holiday Awards Banquet)

- The banquet likely will be moved from Fox Hollow in 2026 as it will be under construction
- Tammy is checking area restaurants for the 2026 Holiday season only

Local Specialty 2026 (Lori Elvera, Show Chair)

- As decided by the Board, Dan Elvera and Kent Cherne will meet with the Douglas County Board to request that DSA be grandfathered in for a year in advance for facility reservations
- Douglas County Fairgrounds recently decided “small events” have a 6- month reservation window which might be not available due to larger events reserving a year in advance and using the facility at the same date.
- This new regulation makes it difficult to get our applications in to AKC and SCA in time.
- The DSA website store now has the donations section for the stand-alone November specialty

Local Specialty 2027

- Cheryl Martin wants to chair this specialty
- We need a method to open and approve future show chairs at November club meetings
- this will go on our 2026 calendar for the 2028 Stand-alone Specialty
- Programs
- A barbecue group picnic site/hike was suggested for Staunton State Park by Donna Dannen and Lori Elvera
- this could be done mid-week since many of us are retired. Weekends can be busy there.
- Donna and Lori will do some research on this idea. It could also be our summer social picnic.

Public Education (Pam Buhl)

- “Meet the Breeds” at the CKC show is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, February, 15
- CKC advertises these shows on area media
- Meet the Breeds usually takes place at the main entrance area
- We have a poster board on choosing a dog breed as a pet
- We have a brochure with a QR code that goes to our website
- Other materials were requested; they should go to Pam Buhl
- Entered dogs are needed to be on site to meet the public

Sam-O-Gram (Martha Lageschulte)

- All materials, articles, etc. should be to Martha by the first of each month

Social Media (Lori Elvera, Pam Buhl)

- the committee is keeping up with events

Rescue (Sue Wangerin, chair)

Donations received:

- \$250 Betty Hill
- \$100 Elizabeth Reller (Jane Reller's sister)

Old Business

- Committee chair reports are due at the end of January
- A By-Laws committee was formed by the Board (Tammy Linnert, chair, Terry Walb, Lorrie McAllister, Donna Dannen) to revisit our current By-laws.

This would include:

- Revise the wording of our physical area of membership per AKC verbiage
- Stagger our board member terms

New Business

- Three of our member meetings will be via Zoom during non-voting months that includes February, July and August.
- Tammy will send out the link to all members to upload the meeting
- The Board voted there will be no membership charge for junior members of the club beginning in 2026. Dues that have come in will be refunded.

Barks and Growls

Tammy Linnert: Winter attended the Orlando Shows and was BOS at the Brevard Kennel club on Wednesday, BOS at the Central Florida Working Group Friday and received an Award of Excellence at the Royal Canin National Championship.

Terry Walb: Travis received his DCAT certificate. It was a surprise as we had not calculated enough points for the title.

Martha Lageschulte: Capella earned an Open Standard leg with a 1st place at our agility trial.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dannen, Recording Secretary