

Summit Therapy Animals Annual Membership Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018  
Senior Community Center  
Frisco, CO  
6-7:30pm

Present at the meeting: Lyn, Susan, Brad, Jan, Ann, Donna, Sandee, Theresa,  
Suzanne, Karyn, Amy, Patti, Margi, Dawn, Holly, Colby, Adrienne

- I. Call to Order: 6:10pm Susan Alderman and Lyn Manton Krueger
- II. Treasurer's Report: Jan Shipman (see report) -
- III. Newsletter: Ann Hill - Ann puts out a Newsletter every spring; send her photos, stories. She'd like to have a new section, 'Life in the mountains' and it would center around you and your dog out hiking, swimming, playing.  
Training articles from Lyn - she is open to any suggestions.
- IV. Speaker: Colby Ricci, Summit School District Reading Specialist.  
Therapy Dogs in the School Environment
  - a. Staff communication - connect with teachers via email - best way.  
Teachers really rely on us.
  - b. Identifying kids for R.E.A.D. - one-on-one is better than sharing this experience with the whole class.
  - c. Sharing goals - Teachers rely on us - as your student progresses, you can sense what the student needs.
  - d. Colby suggested that you request to be included in the weekly teacher's newsletter.
  - e. "The R.E.A.D. program has really changed students lives."
  - f. Colby shared her appreciation, it is 'so impactful!
- V. Membership introductions with members who are retiring their dogs. What's new? Members and new folks shared their stories and interest in becoming members.
- VI. Open Book Study/Test - Susan shared that she will meet with folks to go over the material in the Manual. The test is an open book test. There is a lot of great suggestions, information and example of the Permission Slip. Once certified, you'll need to be fingerprinted/back ground checked for the school district.
- VII. New venues for volunteering: Lyn - see handout. Also, Adrienne Sielaff shared how Bear Creek Nursing Home in Morrison, Co is seeking teams.
- VIII. New Team Recruitment Workshop, July 25, 2018. Jan - it was another success - bringing folks out to have Lyn show them the types of things she'll be testing

their dogs. We had 2-3 teams interested from that workshop, out of ten potential teams. The Board Members were present to also assist in answering questions. And folks were given the packet, 'How to Become a Team'.

IX. Fundraising - Brad. We have monies to spend.

a. The Bessie Minor Grant has helped to cover the costs of the Team Bookmarks. If you'd like a book mark made with your dog's picture/wording on some book marks - send information/photo to Brad.

b. Sponsors - folks can spend \$100 and be a sponsor to STA. Their logo/name of company will be on our website. Lyn's company is a sponsor. It was brought up that Slifer-Smith-Frampton would be a good candidate for sponsorship, as they look for worthy causes to donate money.

c. <https://smile.amazon.com> - another way we raise monies. When shopping on Amazon, use this website - and pick Summit Therapy Animals, as the organization. We will get 0.5% of the sale.

d. Have a need or an idea? Talk with Brad about it, and we can discuss options to raise more monies.

X. Other business -

a. Scarfs versus vests? It is okay to have your dog wearing a scarf.

b. If new folks are wanting a vest, we have them cover the \$24.00 fee (scarfs are a new idea).

c. There is at least one professional therapy-facility dog in Summit School District working with Gemma Taylor - dog's name is 'Nugget'.

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm