

MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SUMMIT THERAPY ANIMALS
Abbey's Coffee – Frisco, CO
Thursday, August 25, 2016

Meeting began: 8:10am

- I. **Financial Report** – Jan shared the financial report. She will make adjustments to the 'Tax Filing & Charity Renewal and Website Fee' (\$20.00 & \$18.17).
- II. **Current Membership** – Susan & Brad: 23 Teams and 17 are READ teams
- III. **New Members in 2016** – Lyn: Louise Ehrich, Dietra, Holly Holden has a new dog, Deb Snyder and JJ from the Animal Shelter. Lyn is getting a new lab to have as a therapy dog. Lori York will be contacting Lyn – per Jan. It was suggested that Lyn send Susan & Brad the new member's email address. Lyn did not feel comfortable without the person's permission. She will ask if he/she wants to become a part of STA after she is finished testing and if 'yes' – will then get the email address to Susan & Brad.
- IV. **Creating a New Board Position** – Susan shared how Ann Hill has really helped with the Newsletter and membership. Susan wanted to nominate a new position to allow Ann to become a Board member. There was a motion to nominate the new position of Historian, a second and all Board members were in favor. There was a motion for Ann Hill to fill the Historian position, a second and all Board members were in favor.
- V. **Date of 2016 Annual Membership Meeting and Details** – Lyn: Sept 21st or Sept 22nd 6-7:30pm. Sarah Conrad is willing to do a Dog Massage presentation. Susan will find out which day works for Sarah and Donna will look into rooms available at the Senior Center. Topics – send to Lyn/Susan – included are Budget, Ideas to get new members, Humane Ed, 2015 Minutes from Annual Meeting (Donna will make 20 copies), Venues – presently go to as well as new opportunities, share that there are no 'dues' but we always accept donations and STA includes other surrounding counties. Jan will bring copies of the STA Handout. How to get more public to come to Meeting? Ask current members to bring a friend, advertise in the Summit Daily, put in the paper 'Dog Massage' speaker, Drawing for 'Free Training Session' and 'Free Dog Massage'.
- VI. **New Members' Workshop** – the Board discussed how it really didn't seem to bring in new teams. Table it until the Annual Meeting and the Board will reassess this at 7:45pm (after Annual Meeting).
- VII. **Meeting with New Superintendant, Kerry Buhler** – Lyn & Susan will be meeting with Kerry. Brad knows her well and he & Max will be joining them. Lyn will bring a STA Handout to help show the process of becoming a team (we aren't just buying vests on-line).
- VIII. **Susan will be meeting with three new Principals** – Brad will get her the names of new Principals.
- IX. **Fundraising** – Brad donated his 24 year old MR2 car – they asked for which charity – he designated STA. They towed it, will try to fix it, and try to sell it or maybe just sell the parts. STA will get 75% of the profit which should be at least \$500.00 – could be more. Brad will know in 45-60 days. Jan will likely give a donation this year as well.

- X. **Relationship with Grand County and Park County** – Susan shared that there are teams going to Kremmling to the Assisted Living Facility. Should we be advertising we can go to surrounding counties? Brad pointed out that our mission does include that. (“We promote and provide animal assisted therapy and animal assisted activities in a variety of settings throughout the Colorado Summit”). We can share this at the Annual Meeting. Fairplay – there has been interest, just no follow-through. And Lake County – Adrienne goes there July 4th as well as in December.
- XI. **How Many Teams in the elementary schools?** Silverthorne (4), Upper Blue (2), Breckenridge (1), Frisco (1), Summit Cove (2-3), Dillon Valley (1)
- XII. **Budget for 2017** – Manuals – 5 at \$185.00; Sponsor 5 Teams for \$100.00 (Lifetime Membership) -\$500.00; Advertisement - \$200.00; Materials - \$50.00; Banking Fees – Check Printing - \$10.00; Tax Filing & Charity Renewal - \$20.00; Website Fee - \$20.00
- XIII. **Meeting Adjourned at 9:10am**