

# **\*SUMMIT THERAPY ANIMALS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING\***

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 5:30-7 p.m.

Senior Community Center, Frisco, CO

## **MINUTES**

- I. **Call to order 5:30pm - "Welcome"**: Susan Alderman and Lyn Manton Krueger. The Board Members were introduced.
- II. **Treasurer's Report**: Jan Shipman - see report
- III. **Newsletter**: Ann Hill - Coming soon. Thanks Ann!
- IV. **Member introductions and members who are retiring their dogs. What's new?**

A. **Present at the meeting**: Jan Shipman, Bonnie Brown, Dawn Banas, Patt Reyes, Janice Parrish, Holly Holden, Gemma Taylor, Brad Perry, Ann Hill, Sandee Smith, Suzanne Allen, Donna Corcel, Susan Alderman, Lyn Manton Krueger, Karlene White, Peter Diegel, Maggie Hillman.

All shared what they have been up to with their dog or their aspiration of where they want to be. Donna shared news about Adrienne Sielaff/Pepper who could not make the meeting.

B. **Teams have been responding to emails**: Whenever a need is put out to our teams for an organization in need of help teams have been responding. Lyn expressed a big 'Thank you!'

- v. **Pet-Co grant of \$2500 and fundraising**: Brad Perry.

A. Thanks Brad!!

B. To honor this grant we can spend the money in three categories: (1) Recruit train new teams. (2) Sponsor new teams/pay the R.E.A.D. or other one-time startup fees. (3) Supply existing teams with supplies they need (such as bookmarks for kids, business cards for teams).

C. We also need to conduct at least 2 hands-on workshops and the first one needs to be completed by the end of March 2020. Lyn said we could use her studio to conduct that workshop.

D. October 16<sup>th</sup> at 1pm is the date we are to receive the grant.

E. Ideas to spend some of the grant money - bookmarks, tee-shirts that say, "Ask me about STA" - folks could wear at Dog Parks, among other places, business cards so teams can hand out when sharing STA.

F. If any team needs materials - contact Brad.

- VI. **Therapy dog, professional therapy dog, service dog, and emotional support dog. Rights and privileges:** Lyn Manton Krueger shared the difference between all these working dogs, the responsibilities of the handlers, the laws and the challenges the folks who have real service dogs are challenged by folks who claim their dog is a service dog, but are not. There are only two questions that can be asked to people who claim to have a service dog: (1) What task does your dog do for you? (2) Is your dog a service dog? Only Service Dogs are allowed public access; these dogs trained for specific skills - i.e. for folks who are blind or have a disability.
- VII. **Gemma Taylor and her professional therapy/facility dog, Nugget:** Gemma, a registered Play Therapist, shared how Nugget has been helping students/families in the school/counseling setting.
- VIII. **Karlene White and her mobility service dog, Mason:** Karlene shared her experience with Mason and how he helps with her needs - which are not just physical. He is able to help with lights, unzip her jacket, find her shoes, they are in tune with each other's needs. All were so grateful for both our speakers!
- IX. **R.E.A.D. updates:** Susan Alderman. Susan shared how the Summit Daily does a piece on a dog in the newspaper 1-2x a week. She was encouraging teams to submit their dog's story, have him/her wear her Vest and at the end - "Job? children read to me". In addition, reporter Deepan from the Summit Daily news is approachable for stories.
- X. **New team recruitment workshop on Thur. July 18, 2019:** Donna shared how it was another successful workshop. It is so helpful for folks interested in becoming a team to get pointers from Lyn on what to expect when she tests dogs and she also get pointers to those who have juvenile dogs that aren't ready to go through the testing just yet. We had a great turn out of folks/dogs.
- XI. **New business:** another way to advertise/recruit for new teams - maybe we should have a FaceBook page; also advertise on Summit County Loves their Pets - social media.
- I. Meeting Adjourned at 7p.m.

**Reminders:** \*Resource lending library for S.T.A. members at Dogsong Animal Training & Behavior, 330 Dillon Ridge Way, Suite 8, Dillon. 970.376.3934 Lyn Manton Krueger