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The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:15pm on Monday, June 21st at the United Methodist Church. Address: 1524 W. Co Rd. C2 and Snelling in Roseville. The church is at the SE corner. Use the east (main) entrance. Signs will be posted to direct you to the meeting room. **Directions:** from hwy 36, take Snelling north and turn right (east) on Co. Rd C2. The parking lot is east of the church. From I694, go south on Snelling and turn left (east) on Co. Rd. C2.

Special program starting at 7:15 p.m.: A representative of the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association will talk about ethical breeding followed by questions and answers.

Remaining General/Board Meetings for 2004

General Club: Mondays at 7:30 pm: 9/13, 11/15 locations tbd

Board: Mondays at 7:30 pm: 8/23, 10/4, 12/6 locations tbd

SAMS Participation in *Walk for the Cure*

by Leny Wendel

On Mother's Day, May 9, several SAMS members participated in the Walk for the Cure in support and celebration of two SAMS members: Cyndy McGrath and Pam Landers. Walkers included Lori Sorenson (who set up our sponsorship), Cyndy McGrath, Lynette and Robert Sylvester, and me. Additional donations were made by Laura Wolfe and Jon Gauthier. I want to thank all of these members for their time and support. It was once again a very touching and memorable experience.

Unlike last year, the weather was perfect and many more people participated amounting to a total of about 50,000 walkers. As a matter of fact, so many people were there that the organizers ran out of t-shirts and food by 9:00 a.m. Since our group got there late, the only thing left for us was coffee and yoghurt. Nothing like the spread we experienced last year! However, that wasn't what we were there for. We were there to help find a cure for breast cancer and with the synergy of all those people participating, I think we all felt we got a step closer to overcoming this terrible disease. I look forward to SAMS participating in this great cause again next year!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I want to thank our 2004 Specialty Chair, Jane Anderson, for a wonderful two-day Specialty. Jane, with the assistance of all her committees, helped make the SAMS Specialty, once again, a great success. Thank you, Jane, and all the committee chairs and members! Special thanks are also due to Ann Musker for chairing the Specialty Obedience and those who assisted her. As the Agility Chair, I want to thank everyone who pitched in setting up the agility courses and assisting in all the other numerous jobs that are part of agility. We couldn't have done it without all your help!

At our May 24, 2004, board meeting we discussed the 2005 Specialty, and Ann Musker, very graciously, volunteered to be next year's Chair. Thank you, Ann! Anyone who is interested in special committee work, please contact Ann. I would also like to invite anyone who's interested in Obedience or Agility Chair to step forward.

Although we are in the very early stages of summer and the State Fair seems light years away, it's not too early to start thinking about participating in the Sammy demos at the State Fair. Last year, we had a great turnout, and I hope we can carry the memento forward into this year's Fair. Please contact Betty Gerlach to sign up or for more information.

I hope to see many of you at the June 21 meeting! We will start off the meeting (7:15 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m) with a talk by a representative of the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association regarding ethical breeding issues. We'll start the meeting around 8:15 p.m. and, among other things, discuss and vote on the draft Jim Shea submitted on Judge Selection procedures. As you may recall, we had to table the discussion and vote two club meetings ago because we ran out of time, and we didn't have quorum at the last meeting. Since it's been a while, a copy of the draft is re-printed in this newsletter.

Leny Wendel

S.A.M.S. Weight Pull

Submitted by Barbara Gage

Our second annual weight pull was held on March 27, 2004. We started with a clinic in the morning, followed by a pot luck lunch, then a Novice and Regular Weight Pull in the afternoon. Attendance was excellent. We had approximately 30 people and 34 dogs. A total of 17 dogs attended the clinic and 33 dogs participated in the weight pull. Of those 10 were Sammies. They really did a wonderful job representing our breed and their many talents. We also had Saints, Mals, Sibes, several mixed breeds, plus an American Bulldog, an Inuit, a Mastiff, and an American Staffordshire.

Lori Peterson graciously agreed to fill in at the last minute for our original instructor who was ill. Having participated in the sport for 16 years she had lots of expertise to share. Everyone got lots of practice working with their dogs on the cart with individual coaching.

The Minnesota Malamute Club was a great help as usual. Not only did they loan us their cart, carpeting, and snow fencing but Pat Pelzer even delivered it all to the site for us. Jan Croft served as our alternate judge.

Since we wanted the new dogs to get as much practice as possible we kept the additions of weight low in the beginning of the weight pull. It was a lot of fun to watch the experienced dogs in the Regular division. The top weight pulled for the day was 1659 lbs. by a Saint Bernard.

A big thank you to all of our club members who helped, Lori Sorenson, Ricq Pattay, Ann Musker, G J Harper, Jack Harper, Pam Landers, and Leny Wendel. Everyone just pitched in and all the jobs got done. Even people who were participating in the pull helped between their pulls with holding dogs, adding weight, moving the cart, and applauding each and every dog for their effort. If you've never tried weight pulling with your dog I would encourage you to give it a try. It's just another fun and rewarding activity you can experience with your dog.

JUDGES SELECTION COMMITTEE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Dated: December 27, 2003

Objectives:

1. To select the breed and sweepstakes judges for S.A.M.S. Specialties three years in advance of the S.A.M.S. Specialties.
2. To empower the members with the selection and election of the judges.

Procedures:

1. The Judge Selection Chairperson and the Committee will be selected by the President, with the approval of the Board, according to Article V, Section 1 of S.A.M.S. Constitution and Bylaws. The President will select only one member of a household. The Committee will consist of a total of three persons and one alternate. Such Committee shall always be subject to the final authority of the Board. Any Committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full members of the Board upon written notice to the appointee. The Board may appoint successor or successors to those persons whose services have been terminated.
2. About three years in advance of the Specialties, the Judge Selection Committee will solicit from S.A.M.S. members the names for sweepstakes judges and AKC approved breed judges.
3. Survey:
 - a. A Survey form will be mailed to all voting members requesting one conformation and one sweepstakes judge for each Specialty Show. Included with this Survey will be a listing of all AKC provisional and licensed Samoyed judges.
 - b. Two weeks will be allowed for the Survey to be returned. A deadline date will be specified on the Survey form.
 - c. An envelope marked "Survey" will be included for each voting member of that household. The completed survey form should be placed in this "Survey" envelope. The "Survey" envelope will be placed in a self-addressed stamped envelope with the return address of that voting member(s) and mailed to the Judge Selection Chairperson. No other envelopes and/or survey forms will be accepted.
 - d. After the deadline mailing, the Judge Selection Chairperson and the Committee will meet to verify and open the self-addressed envelopes with the membership list. The Survey envelopes will be removed from the mailing envelopes and placed in a separate pile, not to be compared with return address envelopes.
 - e. Any Survey not meeting the post-marked deadline will be forwarded to the Board to be held for the record.
 - f. All conformation names submitted will be verified by the Judge Selection Chairperson and Committee to make sure that the names are licensed Samoyed judges with the American Kennel Club.
 - g. The names will be put on a ballot in alphabetical order with no indication of how they placed on the Survey.
4. Voting Ballot:
 - a. One ballot will be mailed to each voting member requesting to vote for one conformation and one sweepstakes judge.
 - b. Two weeks will be allowed for the ballot to be returned. A deadline date will be specified on the ballot form.
 - c. An envelope marked "Ballot" will be included for each voting member of that household. The completed ballot should be placed in this "Ballot" envelope. The "Ballot" envelope will be placed in a

self-addressed stamped envelope with the return address of that voting member(s) and mailed to the Judge Selection Chairperson. No other envelopes and/or ballot forms will be accepted.

- d. After the deadline mailing, the Judge Selection Chairperson and the Committee will meet to verify and open the self-addressed envelopes with the membership list. The Ballot envelopes will be removed from the mailing envelopes and placed in a separate pile, not to be compared with return address envelopes.
- e. Any Ballot not meeting the post-marked deadline will be forwarded to the Board to be held for the record.
- f. No write-in names will be allowed on the Ballot.

5. Final Tabulations and Assignments:

- a. The judges receiving the greatest number of votes for breed and sweepstakes will be placed number one on the list of persons to be contacted for their choice of judging either specialty date one or specialty date two.
- b. The judges receiving the second greatest number of votes for breed and sweepstakes will be placed number two on the list of persons to be contacted for the remaining specialty date.
- c. If for some reason one or more of the above judges cannot fulfill his/her assignment or he/she refuses the judging assignment, the judges receiving the third, fourth, etc. greatest number of votes for breed and sweepstakes will be contacted.
- d. Ballots and Survey tabulations shall be retained by the Secretary of S.A.M.S. until said Specialty Shows commence.

6. Follow-Up:

- a. The Judge Selection Chairperson will contact the breed and sweepstakes judges/candidates to confirm their availability. He/She will then follow up with a letter of confirmation and a contract regarding expenses. Copies of the correspondence will be in the record book for further reference if problems arise.
- b. The Committee will try to work with other AKC dog clubs in the area that might be able to use our judge(s). The idea would be to share expenses.
- c. The judges must agree not to accept a Samoyed judging assignment in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin for six months prior to the S.A.M.S. Specialty Date(s).
- d. Judges in either Sweepstakes or Breed will be informed that S.A.M.S. adds the following rules to its Specialty Show(s): "No entry shall be made at the Samoyed Association of Minneapolis-St. Paul Specialty Show(s) under a judge of any dog which said judge(s) or any member of his/her immediate household has been the breeder of, or the owner of the dog's sire or dam."
- e. The Committee is to inform the Sweepstakes Judge that he/she and members of his/her household may not show at the Specialty Show(s) nor can the dogs owned or co-owned by the judge(s) be entered at the regular Specialty. They may, however, enter the shows at the following all-breed shows as long as the Specialty is not at the same show site as the all-breed shows (AKC rules).

7. Policies Regarding the Judge Selection Committee:

- a. The Committee will work on one Specialty Show(s) per Committee Term.
- b. Any deviation from this procedure can only be done with approval from the Board and the membership prior to any action. Changes will be submitted to the Board and then to the membership for a vote.
- c. In case of a last-minute judge cancellation, i.e., a judge becomes ill the night before, the Show Committee could use a local licensed AKC judge from the Judges Book.
- d. In case of a last-minute sweepstakes judge cancellation, i.e. a judge becomes ill the night prior to the show, the Show Committee will discuss and select a sweepstakes judge.
- e. A CURRENT AKC LICENSED JUDGES BOOK SHOULD BE IN POSSESSION OF THE CLUB SECRETARY FOR REFERENCE AT ALL TIMES.