

Southbound GSMD Club

2022 ELECTION : LETTER OF INTENT

NOMINEE CONTACT INFORMATION

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LETTER DETAILS

Dear Southbound Nominating Committee and Fellow Club Members,

As a member of the Southbound GSMD Club since 2010, please accept this as my letter of intent to run for the position of board of director for the Southbound Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

I currently own or co-own 1 Greater Swiss Mountain Dog(s) and have had at least one Swissy since 2007.

Over the past 15 years, I have participated in a number of activities and events with my dogs and I have helped at Southbound Club events, including: pack hiking (as a participant and hike coordinator & trail scout), conformation, organized our local Christmas parade gatherings, done herding, CGC/A, attempted weight pull and drafting. I have held fall picnic events at my home and been in charge of Swissy Fun Day and the annual picnic for many years. Assisted with Swissypalooza in several capacities and have been club merchandise chair designing, ordering and selling just about since I joined the club. Photography is a hobby and try to take club photographs when I can to share to our club site. I have held a board position in the past of Secretary as well as Vice President for many years, taking a break last term to enjoy some extra time with my aging pups.

If elected, I will fully participate in all club and board meetings and I will actively and openly communicate with club and board members.

In addition, my vision of the club and my role as board member would be to continue to promote our club and grow our membership by showing that we value and deem important good sportsmanship in all that we do. I wish to remind everyone that first and foremost our dogs and our members are of top priority and that kindness goes a long way. We all do what we do because of the love for our individual dogs and the breed. Titles, winning, events are all great but if we cannot do it all in a way that promotes comradery and the love for our dogs, the breed as a whole, and our club, we should not do it at all. I feel it important to make everyone feel welcome at our events whether they are participating in an event to earn titles or certificates or just to be around others who share the love for the breed. I hope we can continue to find ways to connect with breeders so they will share and promote Southbound and to grow our membership so that we may grow our knowledge and expand our horizons on how to do things. I think communication and education are the key and I hope we as a club continue the good job we have been doing to promote as much communication between our members and the community at large with our national club and neighboring clubs. If I can make a difference in just one person's experience with their dog, I have done a good thing!

Respectfully submitted, Jan Clifford