



# Southbound GSMD Club

## 2018 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 2003, please accept this as my letter of intent to run for the position of President for the Southbound Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club.

I currently own two Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs and have had at least one Swissy since 2002.

Over the past 16 years, I have participated in numerous activities and events with my dogs, including: conformation, agility, obedience, rally, drafting, weight pull, herding, pack hikes, fun days, and charity demonstrations.

In addition, I have helped at Southbound Club events, such as: Swissypalooza (x8), Cotton Classic Fun Day (10+), 2011 National Specialty (Working Events Chair), Blythewood Draft Trials, Hitchcock Woods and Annie Springs Greenway Hikes. I am a GSMDCA approved Draft Judge and Weight Pull Judge and I'm on the GSDMCA Board of Directors.

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 is that we are in love with the Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and we provide activities, events and education to promote and preserve the breed's heritage.

If elected, I will work to maintain and enhance the activities and events the club has offered over the past few years, while being a good steward of club finances and club records.

Our accomplishments over the past 4 years have been many. We have maintained a healthy treasury while acquiring weight pull equipment and a cargo trailer for the club's use. The participation at Swissypalooza has grown with increased attendance from individuals outside the Southbound footprint. We have improved communication to our members using Facebook and our websites have been maintained and are updated following each event with results and photos. We have reestablished our incorporation status and organized all the club documentation dating back to 1999.

Finally, I would like to share that as previous Southbound Club President I understand the challenges of the position and the importance of tolerance for the varied opinions and personalities within the club. We can always find common ground when it comes to this breed which is so dear to us.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melissa H. Jarriel*