



2026 SDSA Convention Planning Meeting – Wednesday July 16, 2025
Aberdeen Area CVB – 6:30pm

1. Introductions (If needed)
2. SDSA Convention – December 3-5, 2026 – Venue Confirmed
Best Western Aberdeen Hotel & Convention Center
3. Registration Costs - Confirmed
 - Early Registration – Before November 16, 2026
 - Adult Full Registration - \$150.00
 - Youth Full Registration - \$100.00
 - Late Registration – After November 16, 2026
 - Adult Full Registration - \$175.00
 - Youth Full Registration - \$100.00
 - Partial Registration – We will craft the partial registration after the Brooking registration. (Food costs will potentially adjust price.)
 - Beer & Bull – Adult (\$50.00) / Youth (\$20.00)
 - Saturday Lunch – Adult (\$30.00) / Youth (\$25.00)
 - Saturday Banquet – Adult (\$60.00) / Youth (\$30.00)
 - Kids 5 and under are free for all events.
4. Theme for the Convention – Confirmed
 - **100 Years of Fun – Bootleg Trails and Powder Tales**
 - Utilize New and Old Sleds
 - This theme would fit nicely with the Speak Easy Entertainment (Gambling)
5. Convention Sponsorships
 - See Welcome Letter / Donation Form / Monetary Donation Form
 - Monetary Donation Form carries conference benefits
 - Lead Time and Due Dates for Sponsorships?
 - Contact person for sponsorship donations – (Casey & Kelly)
 - Willing to house and store items for Live and Silent Auctions.
 - Monetary Donations will be directed to Lisa Friedt Club Treasurer.

- Benefits and recognition of the monetary donations will be handled by 2026 Conference Emcee (Needed) and Website/Social media contact Casey Weismantel

6. Convention Format or Agenda

- This is the approved format or agenda for the SDSA Convention per the SOP of SDSA.

Friday

10:00 am: Snowmobile
Advisory Council
12:00 Noon: Auction Items
Registered
12:00 Noon: Vendor Setup
1:30 pm: SDSA Pre-
Convention Board of
Directors Meeting
3:00 pm: Registration Opens
3:00 – 10:00 pm: Vendor
Trade Show
3:00 – 6:30 pm: Hospitality
Rooms Open
5:00 pm: Presidents Meeting
6:00 pm: Beer & Bull
7:30 pm: Live Auction

Saturday

7:30 – 8:45 am: Breakfast
7:30 – 4:00 pm: Trade Show
9:00 am: SDSA Annual Meeting
12:00 Noon: Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 pm: SDSA Post-
Convention Board of Directors
Meeting
1:30 – 4:00 pm: Awards
Interviews/Judging
1:30 – 4:00 pm: Programming
5:30 pm: Social
6:00 pm: Banquet
7:00 pm: Awards, Drawings,
Final Remarks
8:00 – 10:00 pm:
Entertainment

Trade Show – Vendor Exhibits & potentially a show and shine display?
Programming – Snowmobile Programming & potentially a dance class?
Entertainment – Speak Easy (gambling) with DJ or Swing Band

7. Vendors – Jim Weaver & Scott Malsom

- How do we want to handle vendors?
- Cost for Vendors w/ Full Registration?
- Vendor Contract Form will need to be created. – Casey

8. Entertainment

- 1920 Speak Easy Theme to complement the Convention Theme
- Utilize game tables and gambling for prizes.
- Winning hands or game wins generate tickets that can be placed in buckets to win prizes.
- Looking to partner with Safe Harbor for game tables and personnel to run the games. (Still working on the cost for this entertainment.)

9. SDSA Gun Raffle Tickets

- Sell tickets – 500 tickets at \$20.00
- Gun drawing to be held during the 2026 SDSA Convention
- Money to be used to help offset the cost of hosting the convention & hospitality room for SDSA Convention

10. General Programming for Convention

- Areas that need to be addressed?
 - Dance class instead of make and take event?
- Items to be added to the next meeting's agenda?
 - Registration Form
 - Vendor Form
 - Vendor Cost
 - T Shirts and Convention Volunteers
 - Solidify music for convention entertainment

11. Areas to volunteer

- Where would you like to volunteer?
 - Jim and Lisa 2026 Convention Hospitality Rooms
- All help is needed and appreciated.
 - Hospitality Room hosts for 2025 in Rapid – (Needed)
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12. Other areas of discussion?

Next SDSA Convention Meeting
September 17, 2025
6:30 pm
Aberdeen Area CVB Boardroom