

NWSDA Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2011

Attendees: Ingrid Earle, Donna Morton, Connie Starr, Kevin Casey, Michael & Doreen Johnston

The meeting was called to order at 1:20pm by Treasurer Ingrid Earle

The minutes from the July meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: The NWSDA accounts currently have \$3,533.78. Approximately \$300 of this will be to reimburse Mikki Douglass for merchandise she bought and NWSDA sold – waiting for an invoice/request from Mikki. Also, NWSDA will be funding up to 50% of the Backhoe rental cost for the September work party weekend as approved by vote at the July meeting. The 2011 Cascade Quest has not been closed out, so it is uncertain what if any funds may still be in the CQ fund at this time.

Old Business:

Camp K: Michael reports that after Labor Day it is okay to camp. The Camp K permits will now be only \$20. Camping fees for events will be \$5 per person per night and \$1 per dog per event. Michael will check on the fund – we may not need to collect the per dog fees this season.

Crystal Dog Challenge: Nothing new to report. Proceeding as planned.

Snow Dog Super Mush: Kevin reports that there will not be a banquet this year. Trophy acquisition is in progress. Still need 2 cords of firewood for the race. Mikki is working on race sponsors.

NWSDA Race Dates: The following race dates were approved:

Oct 8-9: Camp K Dryland Challenge

Oct 22-23: Pacific Northwest Dryland Championships (at Camp K)

Jan 7-8: Crystal Dog Challenge (at Crystal Springs Sno Park) NOT A POINTED RACE

Jan 20-22: Snow Dog Super Mush (Conconully)

Apr 28-29: Spring Fling (at Camp K)

New Business:

The following classes were approved to be eligible for NWSDA championship points for the 2011-12 racing season:

3 Dog Distance Scooter/Bike-jor, 12 Dog Mid, 6 Dog Mid, 8 Dog Sprint, 6 Dog Sprint, 4 Dog Sprint, 2 Dog Scooter, 2 Dog Bike-jor, 1 Dog Scooter, 1 Dog Bike-jor & Novice.

The above classes were approved to be offered at all 3 of the dryland races. In addition, the 8 Dog Mid class will be offered at the Crystal Dog Challenge.

2011-12 Race Budgets: There was discussion about adding a sani-can or two at the Camp K races. This would be the only expense for these races, other than certificate awards which are usually \$20-\$40. Michael thinks the sani-can would be less than \$200 for each weekend. Ingrid said that Sue has requested cost information from Michael O-Cain at Camp K and is waiting to hear back. Kevin said that the SDSM race committee has asked about the possibility of reimbursements for items they are working on now. Ingrid stated that NWSDA will be sponsoring \$500, so the money could come from that for now.

Good of the Order:

Karen Behm sent a report regarding SMAC funding. It appears there will be a 20% reduction in grooming, which may result in a shorter grooming season and/or less frequency of grooming. If the program runs out of budgeted snow removal funds, the emergency reserve is minimal and chances are that Sno Parks would close for the rest of the season.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ingrid Earle, typed on 8/26/11.