

Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – 3/11/23

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM via Zoom

Attending: Sue Scofield, Connie Starr, Don Duncan, Judge Sullivan, Maggie Tassevegin, Margaret Black, Rory & Terri Frolick, Jeanne Roxby, Kevin Casey, Tyra Sorensen

Minutes were read and approved from last meeting (1/14/23).

Treasurer Report

As of last meeting we had \$9108.26 in all accounts. Dogtown has \$2484.63 We finally got a bill from Camp K. Amount due is \$2500.

Old Business:

Aurora's Project – Tyra Sorensen

Sue read a status email from Matt (see Appendix.) Aurora, Matt and Tyra met with the structural engineer and due to snow load requirements, the plans will need to be reworked. It also increased the cost by \$15,000. We discussed the need for fundraising, who is donating what, and how it's affecting the timeline. Tyra said she will send an email when there's an update. Discussed that the scope of the project may be too large. Sue will ask for status at an upcoming board meeting on 4/1/23.

We need a Trail Boss for the spring races. Michael will not be available. Rory volunteered if Michael and Mikki will get him maps and teach him the trail system. Lucy will be Race Director. We may need a Race Marshal.

Discussed need for permanent trail signs at Camp K.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary

Appendix A

We had sent the proposed drawings off to the structural engineer to get design confirmation and detailing assistance. Due to the heavy snowloads imposed by the code in Kittitas Co, the structure we had anticipated needed some pretty significant modifications to work, including

steel columns, bigger beams, and a much steeper roof to shed the snow. We are meeting with Mark Johnson this afternoon to discuss constructability, and then will revisit the cost estimate to see if/how we can proceed.

As for costs, I don't think there is a restriction on what a beneficiary can contribute (realizing it's a little muddy about who the beneficiary is here), there is just a form we need to fill out and get approved by the Scout folks. We are really hoping that Camp K and NWSDA can split the costs in an agreed-upon way, as Aurora's project is really about planning, developing, and providing leadership/executing the project, not fundraising. I believe we can have the beneficiaries / funders provide dedicated funding to the Troop, then the material procurements can be tracked, and will provide some benefit from non-profit status / sales tax, as well as at-cost lumber and a discount that the local lumber yard has offered to Eagle Scout projects. Any surplus at the end is technically to go back to the beneficiary, in this case Camp K, but we can probably manage that through the budgeting process for initial inputs.

We will know more after we meet with Mark this afternoon and will send an update.

We are still optimistic that we can come up with a workable plan, and in fact, were discussing other ways to help get the Scouts involved in the project, since they are not allowed to use power tools, climb ladders over 4' ect., so that work will need to be done by adults. We have discussed having the Scouts build a dedicated fire ring with concrete retaining wall blocks in lieu of the portable one as a possibility.