

Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – July 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM via Zoom

Attending: Susan Scofield, Judge and Jody Sullivan, Michael and Doreen Johnston, Teri and Rory Frolick, Renee Lirette, Ari Sigglin, Ingrid Earle, Donna Morton, Connie Starr, Maggie Tasseviegen, Kevin Casey, Carole Parsons

Minutes were read and approved from last meeting (8/10/19)

President Report – Sue Scofield

Sue is happy that we can go forward with our season, finally! She thanked everyone for attending the Zoom meeting.

Vice President – Judge Sullivan

Happy to see everyone and excited for the upcoming season.

Treasurer Report – Ingrid Earle

There is in \$8,023.80 in our bank account, with \$2,955.38 of that in the Dogtown fund.

Dues are due July 1. Members need to PayPal Ingrid. \$20 for single membership and \$25 for family membership.

Secretary Report – Connie Starr

The club sent a condolence card to Valerie Scott on her daughter's passing and sent a get-well card and a \$50 gift certificate to Mikki Douglass.

Old Business

Camp K – Michael has been loaning out much of his equipment and helping out mechanically, which goes towards our volunteer hours. Trail brushing will be very important during the volunteer weekend. He wants to get a brush mower to help. We will need to formalize our contract with Camp K to understand the final cost for our reserved weekends. Camping fees in the RV Loop will probably be less since we won't be using the pool and they won't provide meals. Camping will be free for the Volunteer Weekend. Need good, heavy-duty loppers and possibly a small chain saw. Michael may be able to wet the trails down before we work for dust control. We Discussed incentives for the volunteer weekend. Sue reiterated that when you volunteer, you shouldn't expect any kind of reward. Matt proposed unique "event" to entice volunteers. Camp K will feed the volunteers lunch and dinner. Kevin C. asked that the incentive be ½ off a race fee. Connie stated that this can be difficult

to manage, as our Treasurer would have to know who volunteered and then keep track of what race the person wants the discount for. Ari volunteered to donate a pair of beaver mittens to raffle off to just the volunteers. We could also raffle off the sleds and cart we have. We could also give a year club membership or a free race entry but the issue of keeping track of that still exists. A discussion ensued that the weekend be a celebration with food, bands, and dancing. Connie will contact John Conrard and ask if he would want to play Saturday night. Michael will ask his neighbor, Jeff if his band would play for free. If we have more than one band, we could call it Dogstock. K9 Scooters should be involved, and Sue stated they know about the work party.

Crystal Springs and WRAC meeting – Michael presented 4 funding requests – parking lot, DP100 maintenance, and Low Route and Dave’s trail maintenance. The WRAC gave him more than he asked for and we scored very high in the review, the WRAC gave us more than we asked for, with the total coming to \$18,000. The State will do the parking lot improvements and most of the work will be done in late fall. There will be a 12% increase in grooming funds for special use trails (our dogsled trails.) Michael asked if someone would be interested in serving on the SMAC or the WRAC. Rory volunteered and Michael will contact him about being our rep. Crystal Springs won’t need any brushing.

Rory Frolick reported that he ran the Snoqualmie Tunnel and there was a large event there with many people and vehicles. He suggested that someone investigate this for our future runs through the tunnel. Sue stated that will be K9 Scooters responsibility. The event was a marathon from Hyak to North Bend and there are more races scheduled: <https://www.tunnelmarathon.com/>

Race and Event Dates

September 25-26	Volunteer Weekend at Dogtown
October 2-3	Fall Warm Up
October 16-17	Pacific Northwest Dryland Championships
October 30-31	Camp K Dryland Challenge
November 13-14	K9scooters NW Fall Race (possible Iron Paws Championships)
January 8-9	Dogtown Winter Derby
January 15-16	Crystal Dog Challenge
April 23-24	Joe Loveless Spring Celebration
May 7-8	K9scootersNW Spring Race
May 21-22	Spring Cool Down

Kevin at Camp K has these dates, but we have not heard back.

Proposed 2021 - 2022 Pointing System

Dryland

8 Mid

6 Mid

8 Sprint

6 Sprint

4 Sprint

2 Bikejor

2 Scooter

1 Bikejor (includes Fat Bikes)

1 Scooter

Canicross

Novice

Senior

Junior-Ages 9-14 with Board permission 1 dog scooter, bikejor, canicross (No Points)

Snow

8 Mid

6 Mid

6 Sprint

4 Sprint

3 Mid, skijor or sled

1-2 Skijor

1-2 Fat Bikejor

Novice Sled or Skijor

Junior up to 4 dogs on sled (no points)

Peewee sled (no points)

E-bikes aren't allowed with power assist. Matt proposed this go in our dryland race rules. Matt volunteered to research the use of E-bikes and report back to Sue.

Good of the Order

Matt - Going forward running races can we get a new template of the race entry forms. Connie volunteered to provide one to the board.

Sue – we need to get people to engage with the club more. Ingrid said we will get more turnout if we do it online.

Renee asked to discuss the rule to carry a dog in dryland races. She asked if we could have people write a "position statement" for or against the rule so members could make up their minds not in a heated environment, since this rule garners several strong opinions. Statements are to be sent to Sue. Donna asked if the vote could be done by email. Sue said we have discussed voting by email, but nothing

has come from it. Michael discussed having a proxy vote section in the bylaws. Renee, Connie, Sue and Michael will work on reviewing and revising the bylaws.

Renee proposed having a Safety Officer for both mushers and dogs, given that a musher suffered a head injury at the Joe Loveless race and continued racing. Connie said given we have a difficult time getting volunteers currently, it may be difficult to fill this position. We discussed forming a race rule committee since our bylaws state that race rules be reviewed bi-annually. Any changes to the race rules will take effect next season.

Sue will email the club membership asking for volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary