

NWSDA Board Meeting Minutes – 10/10/20

Attendees: Sue Scofield, Matt Hamel, Larry Roxby, Connie Starr, Judge Sullivan, Michael Johnston, Don Duncan, Ingrid Earle, Kevin Casey, Chelsea Dill, Renee Lirette

Meeting commenced at 6:05 PM

Minutes from July meeting were approved as written.

Officer Reports

Sue – wants to keep the club together and keep the spirit of unity. She may have a general membership meeting via Zoom.

Judge – Thanked the board for the vote of confidence and looks forward to taking on the challenge.

Connie – proposed sending a sympathy card and \$50 donation to Lance Mackey who just lost his partner in an ATV accident. Board approved.

Ingrid – NWSDA bank account (debit card) was hacked and the bank is reimbursing. \$6800 in the general fund and \$3100 in Dogtown fund.

Old Business

Slippery Slope Award – Connie will ask Mikki to make the award.

Rainbow Bridge/Parade of Seniors – Chelsea offered to compile videos and pictures for the Rainbow Bridge tribute and Connie will ask Mikki to compile videos and pictures for the Parade of Seniors. These will be uploaded to the club YouTube channel.

Michael – Camp K is open for running; however a trail pass is needed. Camping for NWSDA is \$10 per person per night. No dog fees. Musers will have to open and close gates. There is a tree across the trail on the 4-dog loop, on purpose. Mikki is working with landowners to remove. If the tree isn't removed, Michael will update the trail map.

Races

Dog Town Derby – 1/9-10

Michael said we should be able to hold the race. The Drivers Meeting may be a challenge. The only road to be plowed will be up to the RV loop.

Crystal Dog Challenge – 1/16-17

We are not going to get a Forest Service permit; they are not responsive. We will get a State Park permit. Michael needs snowmobiles to help set up the course. Connie said she would call Dave Schnars and will ask Scott Barbee if they can volunteer. Connie volunteered to create entry forms and put the bib packets together.

(See below for Board decision on races)

Covid Concerns

Matt asked about our intent. We all want to get together and see each other but people may not come due to the virus. Said maybe Iron Paws is the answer.

Kittitas County is currently at Phase 3, which means outdoor gatherings of 50 or fewer. To keep attendance down we could limit to club members. Renee has access to covid restrictions so we can plan. We can't do same-day bib pickup and no spectators. We won't be able to have a potluck.

We discussed replacing the races with fun runs. Judge said this is not the time to plan races; anything could change. Sue read what PSDSA is doing with their virtual race. Sue may contact the club presidents who participate in the Pacific Northwest Challenge (PNC) to see if they would have interest in a virtual multi-club race series. The race would be on the honor system. If someone who participated in all races there would be some sort of award. Matt said this will be more difficult to do on snow and may inadvertently create a race scenario. Sue said this would be a dryland circuit and could go into spring.

Don said we need to step back and look at what we are trying to do this winter with our two races and maybe limit it to Dogtown Winter Derby. Connie said the snowparks will most likely be overrun this winter due to people wanting to get out.

Matt motioned that we scrub CDC and have a fun run at Dogtown in place of the DTWD race. Motioned was carried.

Judge – if we have a Zoom meeting for club we need to figure out presentation and have a solid game plan or it could turn into a nightmare. Everyone would have to be on mute but could use chat box so presenter could answer questions in real time. Renee also conducts meetings with many participants and said multiple people on a meeting can be difficult. Recommended having a host and an assistant to monitor chat. Chelsea agreed. Renee agreed to be the hall monitor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr
Secretary - NWSDA