

Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – October 14, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM at Camp K

Attendees

Connie Starr, Don Duncan, Michael Johnston, Doreen Johnston, Maggie Taasevegen, Lucy Bottcher, Terri Frolick, Rory Frolick, Renee Lirette, Diana Roeber

Approval of Past Minutes

Motion was carried to approve the minutes of 8/12/23.

Officer Reports

Nothing new to report.

Old Business

Duane Beales – there is no mechanism for local law enforcement to check on the dogs, a local veterinarian is going to try to go see them.

Fall Warmup – other than a lack of attendance everything went well. The gear swap was a success. The map race went well, it was too warm to do a lot of the other activities. The rabies clinic was a success, and an idea was presented to have a veterinarian give a talk on trail safety and what to carry for medical emergencies. Mikki is going to talk to Lori Clemente (ARRF) to combine a future rabies clinic with the sled dog club and the general public. Renee suggested having Victoria Alexander come and provide general training advice. Mikki will ask Dan Hanks if he would help with a scooter and bike clinic.

PNWDC – more volunteers needed. Trail was very well marked. Need back-up timers. We are suffering from a lack of participants so need to get more people here. Mikki is talking with Ellensburg SAR for Iron Paws and will ask if they would be available to act as spotters. Also need to remind people that the race clock is the official time. Discussed using more snow fencing if we don't have enough spotters.

CKDC – we are ready for the next race.

Christmas in Cle Elum - Michael can't drive the cart due to a knee injury. Rory and Don volunteered. Mikki contacted a mechanic who would be able to

fix it but he wants pictures first. The axles are frozen. We have the funds to pay for the repairs but will need someone to take it to Spanaway. Rory will take pictures and email to Mikki. A decision was made to charge \$10 per adult, \$5 per child and we will only do one day. There is a lot of construction equipment that needs to be removed first. Some ideas to enhance the day were: have Mary Franks take pictures, set up a store, dog kissing booth. Maggie offered to help with registration and the store and Mikki will ask Karen Hoban to help also. Karen could do patches. Mikki will look for a deal on stickers.

The city also wants us to participate in the parade (12/3) so we could have some retired dogs pulling the cart. Discussed using the sled that Martin Buser drove in the Seafair Parade. Connie will relay these decisions to the City of Cle Elum.

Winter Wonderland (Burlington) – Rory talked to Kate Simmons whose organization wants a sled dog demonstration. The event is the weekend of 12/3. Contact kate@skagitcm.org if interested.

New Business

Michael rode the Crystal Springs trails with Boone the groomer and several trees will be removed, most notably the two right at the beginning of the DP100. New signs are coming. Dave's Trail will be renamed "The Plunge" and the tree at the bottom of the trail will be removed to make the trail safer. The 5-dog loop will be renamed to "5-dog".

The tent will stay at Camp K and we have permanent use of it. We will take the fabric off for the winter.

Good of the Order

Holly Cook of Holly Cook Photography want sled dog stories for a book she's writing. Contact: holly@hollycookphotography.com

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM

Respectfully submitted

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary