

Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – 8/12/23

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM via Zoom. Minutes transcribed from audio recording.

Attending: Sue Scofield, Don Duncan, Lucy Botcher, Maggie Tassevegin, Rory & Terri Frolick, Jeanne Roxby, Ari Sigglin, Donna Morton, Karen Behm

Minutes were read and approved from last meeting.

Carole may not know she is a lifetime member. The Secretary usually sends a card notifying the person and the Secretary did not do that.

Treasurer Report

No new status.

President Report – Sue

Michael attended the WRAC (Winter Recreation Advisory Committee), reported \$10,203 approved for grooming and we received money for new signage for Crystal Springs trail system.

Old Business

Race Calendar

Moving the Joe Loveless Race to a date where snow won't force us to cancel again.

Race calendar was approved. See attached.

Pointed Classes

We will be keeping 8-mid and 8-sprint.

Fat tire bikes are allowed in dryland bikejor classes.

Pointed classes were approved. See attached.

NWSDA Store

Donna Peck will be running our online store. Karen is working with Tara Buell (K9 Scooters) to get the store infrastructure set up. Interest is in long-sleeved shirts and beanies. Shirts will have our logo in vinyl and patches will be on the beanies. Karen Hoban is doing the patches. There is interest in coffee cups and front-zip hoodies also.

New Business

Dwayne Beals: Nothing has changes since Don posted an update on the NWSDA Member Facebook page. King County Animal Control issued Mr. Beals a Corrective Action Plan. We are trying to get a copy of it and want to work with the Okanogan County Sheriff to ensure he adheres to the plan (veterinary care and body condition of his dogs) and that corrective action will be taken if he does not. Don read a statement from Linda Pierce who talked to Mr. Beals. Please refer to the recording for complete details. It is important that we keep discussion of this situation off social media as he may be monitoring comments.

Lucy Bottcher volunteered to be Race Director for the fall races. Thank you, Lucy! Hopefully Karla will oversee camping. The Volunteer Weekend is September 9 – 10. Kevin Eichorn (Camp K) approved our race/event calendar. Michael reported previously that the Waldorf has been remodeled iand s available for our use. We may want to move the fire pit and start/finish lines if we want to use it. Michael will report fully to the next Board meeting. We need someone to take charge of organizing the Fall Warmup. Lucy asked about having a gear swap at the Fall Warmup. Discussed ways to increase attendance and that may spark new people to attend. Don asked if it would be practical to have a rabies clinic. Terri said she could ask one of the vets she works with.

Karen Behm joined late to report status on the Store and WRAC. A new groomer for Lake Easton SP was approved. She said it was a good meeting. Karen said it will take some work to get the store up and we might have to upgrade our Wix (website developer) subscription.

Good of the Order

To receive Championship points you need to be a NWSDA member in good standing. Also, Best Kept Team and Volunteer awards only go to members. Jeanne asked if it would be a good idea to include this on the race form. Someone can join NWSDA at a race if they have a sponsor. Discussed having membership forms at races. Karen said it's possible to have the form online so someone could fill it out on their phone. She will research. Don said we could also mention membership perks at the driver's meetings.

The Joe Loveless Memorial Race will not be a pointed race.

Terri asked if you run 2 dogs and then 4 + dogs at a race do you qualify for both large and small best kept team? The Board will discuss at next meeting.

Donna asked if the meetings could be held earlier, like at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary