

## **Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – November 10, 2018**

**Meeting called to order** at 1:00 PM at Camp K.

**Attending:** Rodney Whaley, Connie Starr, Matt Hamel, Judge Sullivan, Larry and Jeanne Roxby, Michael and Doreen Johnston, Ari Sigglin, Karla Boyle, Kevin Casey, Shelby and Mark Morang, Renee Lirette, Julie Brauns, Christine McPhee, Emily Drew, Kira M'Lot, Beth Kress, John Conrard, Christina Sparker

### **Old Business:**

Best Kept Team, Large and Small Team awards – all agreed that a single person could win both awards in a season.

Mexican Sister Club – Sue Scofield is writing an invitation for them to come to the Dogtown Winter Derby to the Mexican government, so they can get their visas. Kevin will mentor them, and Larry will lend them gear and dogs so they can race.

Media Use of Drones – Ari offered to write a recommendation for the use of drones at races, concerning recommended aerial height and distance from dogs from takeoff. Larry mentioned that he has had only good experience with the media, however Matt said if something goes wrong on the trail, we have no recourse to prevent the media from using their footage. A motion was made and passed that the use of drones by club member will be allowed within the parameters established by NWSDA, based on club approval.

Horse Park – this will be discussed in an upcoming board meeting.

### **Michael Johnston Report:**

Crystal Springs Sno-Park – the musher parking lot will be about 10 times bigger than the one we have now. There will be two exits, one for large teams and one for smaller teams and both will exit out to the DP100.

A windstorm destroyed the tent at Camp K, so Michael is researching a sturdier option from a company called ShelterLogic. A motion was made to allocate funds from our Dogtown fund to pay for a new shelter. There may also be an option to repurpose some funds that have been previously allocated but not used.

### **Race Status:**

Dogtown Winter Derby – Larry reported that there will be a hot dog lunch at the race site and dinner at The Brick. Kevin reported that Tim Curley will be the Race Marshal.

Crystal Dog Challenge – Connie reported that Sebastian Schnuelle will be the Race Marshal. Larry has had conversations with The Sunset Restaurant who will provide

dinner (with vegetarian option) for the musher's meeting on Friday. Larry will sign the contract shortly. Becky asked Jeff and Leanne to be timers and Jessica may be chute boss. John Conrard offered to be backup timer. No status on obtaining sponsors.

Rodney Whaley volunteered to be Race Director for the Spring Fling.

**New Business:**

Karla requested a sled for the Pee Wee race at the CDC. Larry has one she can use. We will be able to have the race within sight of the parking lot now that it's so big.

Judge made a motion to use a portion of future race fee proceeds to pay for the meat that Larry purchases for the dinners on Friday and Saturday nights. The motion was passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary