

## NWSDA Meeting Minutes – 8/11/18

Meeting called to order at 11:33 at the Snoqualmie Pancake House.

In attendance: Bruce Crawford, Matt Hamel, Jeanne Roxby, Donna Morton, Judge Sullivan, Michael and Doreen Johnston, Connie Starr, Kevin Casey, Kathy Thomas

Meeting minutes from July were approved.

### Treasurer Report

Camp K camping fees are \$10 per person per night. Children under 12 are \$5 per person per night.

Matt asked for funds to make more cards for the poker run. Approved for \$100. Doreen received funds for camping slips for Camp K.

Doreen and Connie ordered 50 Camp Koinonia hats that will be for sale in September/October.

### Committee Reports

No status on Mexican sister club.

Discussion tabled on media presence at events and allowing the use of drones.

Race Rules vote:

5 yes

4 no

Vote carries.

As a result, entries in the 3-dog distance class will have to use a rig that can carry a dog, so no more 3-dog scooter.

Horse Park – we will be charged a use fee, so if NWSDA has an “exhibition run” we would need to charge an entrance fee.

### 2018 – 2019 Race and Event Dates

10/6 – 10/7	Fall Warm Up / Volunteer Training
10/20 – 10/21	PNW Dryland Championships and fall meeting
11/10 – 11/11	Camp K Dryland Challenge
1/12 – 1/13	Dogtown Winter Derby (Camp Koinonia)
1/19 – 1/20	Crystal Dog Challenge (Crystal Springs Sno Park)
3/10	Dog Days of Winter (Crystal Springs Sno Park)
4/27 – 4/28	Spring Fling and spring meeting

5/18 – 5/19	Spring Cool Down
6/8	Awards Banquet
8/10	Tunnel Run

NOTE: Due to a contract with the Boy Scouts, the Dogtown Winter Derby had to be moved to 1/12

#### 2018 – 2019 Race and Event Directors

PNW Dryland Championships	Connie Starr
Camp K Dryland Challenge	Larry Roxby
Crystal Dog Challenge	Connie Starr, Mikki Douglass & Larry Roxby
Dogtown Derby	Kevin Casey
Spring Fling	<u>Open</u>
Dog Days of Winter	Matt Hamel
Awards Banquet	Kevin Casey & Karla Boyle

#### 2018 - 2019 Pointing System

8-mid  
8-sprint  
6-mid  
6-sprint  
4-dog sprint  
3-dog mid distance  
2-dog scooter  
2-dog bike / fat bike  
2-dog ski  
2-dog sled  
1-dog scooter  
1-dog bike / fat bike  
1-dog canicross.

Proposed to not point the Novice class since the rigs and number of dogs are different. Junior class is 1-2 dogs dryland, up to 4 on snow. Discussed that a small child may have difficulty setting and pulling a snow hook. Fat bike will be combined with bikejor. Keep 3-dog class (rigs needs to be able to carry a dog). Class pointing was approved.

#### **Michael Johnston Report**

Crystal Springs - will not be used by DOT after August 30<sup>th</sup>. A large containment pond has been dug in the east snowmobile parking lot. Our new dog parking lot will be available. Michael will be going through the trail system with State Parks. He is working on getting a new trail out of the parking lot that is less prone to washouts.

Grooming will most likely be Thursday and Monday afternoon for dog trails and 420 road. Easton SP will continue grooming JWT and dog sled trails. Funding was approved for an excavator to take the "S" curve out of Dave's trail. Mountaineers may groom Nicky's Trail.

Still need brushing on 5-dog and Dave's trail. Can be done in October. There is a slight chance there may be a special plowing sticker at Crystal Springs.

#### Crystal Dog Challenge Proposed Classes and Mileage

Novice - 3

1-2 sprint and fat bike - 4.5

4 sprint - 6

6 sprint - 7.3

6 mid - 18

8 mid - 15.7 (2480' elevation gain)

Courses will be groomed both days.

Camp K – Michael asked for funding for a permanent OSB plywood tent floor (\$830), permanent PA and start chute, and wood shed. He estimated it would cost \$1300 for everything. Funds will come out of Dogtown funds. Will need work party to build floor.

Trails at Camp K are blocked currently to keep motorized vehicles off Camp property. Michael will notify Sue when trails are open. Gates should be open by Labor Day.

Camp K dryland trail passes are \$25. All season (excluding July and August) trail passes are \$35. Passes will go on sale in the fall after Labor Day.

#### New Business

Need to change the bylaws that race rules can be voted on line-by-line.

John Conrad proposed Joe and Becky become NWSDA permanent members. This was approved unanimously.

Connie read Margaret's proposal (attached) for a small dog team best kept team award. Discussed if a musher brought 15 dogs, for example, but only running 2, is that a small dog or large dog team? Table the discussion for now. Attendees would like Margaret to weigh in on this. Discussed that it is exponentially more difficult and time-consuming to care for a large team than a smaller team.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr  
NWSDA Secretary