

Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – August 27, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM via Zoom

Attending: Susan Scofield, Judge Sullivan, Rory & Terri Frolick, Connie Starr, Maggie Taasevigen, Ari Sigglin, Ingrid Earle, Margaret Black, Renee Lirette, Don Duncan, Donna Morton, Michael & Doreen Johnston, Michael Thompson, Kathy Walimaki-Thomas

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from 8/6/22 were approved (minutes consisted of Zoom recording.)

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Sue thanked the Bylaws team and the Race Rules team for working on the revisions. The Race Rules have not been reviewed/revise since 2016.

Voting Results

Only members in good standing are allowed to vote, so 24 ballots were distributed.

Bylaws and Constitution Revision

24 Ballots sent
15 Ballots received
15 YES
0 NO

Race Rules Revision

24 Ballots sent
18 Ballots received
17 YES
1 NO

Discussed the lack of volunteers and equipment needed to conduct a race safely. Ari suggested we conscript people who are there to race. Don suggested we have a person responsible for dropped dogs, (dropped dog coordinator) with an ATV and crate and a picket line available near the race finish. Margaret suggested a spotter should be given a drop chain or picket line from the musher if the musher needs to drop a dog. Maggie said spotters should not have to bear the responsibility for dropped dogs. The

rewritten race rules encourage mushers staying with their dogs. Donna requested that we decide how many spotters are needed and where. Renee said we have radios to communicate, and an official can go get a dog. Michael stated we also need snowmobiles and spotters for snow races as well.

Don is going to talk to Matt about dropped dog procedures.

Sue will act as Race Volunteer Coordinator. If a member meets someone who wants to be a volunteer, get their information (name, email) and send to Sue. The Race Management document needs to be reviewed and updated.

Pointed Classes

Michael said the trails off-property are too rocky and dangerous for 3-dog bikejor and 3-dog scooter.

A motion was made to approve the pointed classes as presented with evaluation of individual classes based on trail conditions for each individual race. Motion was approved.

Race Calendar

Calendar was accepted as presented.

Volunteer Weekend

Michael – the trail by the Waldorf needs rock and gravel since it's too wet to use. Kevin will go in half with the club. Michael estimated approximately \$700 to fix it. He also asked if we were going to set up tents this year. Consensus was we will put up tents. There is a lot of wood that needs to be split. Camp trails are in good shape, but the off-property trails need lopping and rocks need to be removed. There will be no camping fee for the weekend.

Cascade Quest Update – Ari & Michael

Permit is still in work. Michael Thompson is working on the Operating Plan. Ari will format it and ask the NWSDA Board to review. They will use NWSDA race rules. Sue is going to send Ari the Cascade Quest race rules. Discussed required equipment for mushers to carry.

Good of the Order

A motion was made and approved that Kevin Casey be made a lifetime member of NWSDA.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary