

Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – 10/26/24

Meeting called to order at 12:08 PM

Attending: Sue Scofield, Don Duncan, Maggie Tassevegin, Michael and Doreen Johnston, Margaret Black, Jeanne Roxby, The Hamel Family, Andrew Schwartz, Karla Boyle, Lucy Bottcher, Ana Sofia Guerra

Minutes were read and approved from the August meeting.

Treasurer Report

Karla has collected \$770 from camping fees.

Old Business

Race Rules update – the Race Rules committee has finished reviewing the rules. The classes were updated, some wording was changed/updated for clarification. We did not have a rule that bibs are mandatory. A question was asked if NWSDA should have a Purebred (Registered Northern Breed) category. Sue said it could be a recognition of the breed. Connie will research IFSS rules for guidance.

Fall Warmup/gear swap –There was not a lot of gear to swap. Maggie has Carole's garage sale items.

Race updates – Lucy said she is not getting the race entries in a timely manner and that has been difficult. The web site was upgraded and there's a glitch somewhere. Karen (webmaster) is investigating. If we could get our race dates set earlier that would make things easier. People need to arrange time off from work and the Race Director needs more time to make the awards and determine start order. Traditionally NWSDA has held its fall races on the 2nd and 4th weekend of October. Don suggested we change setting of the race dates to May/June. Dates will be proposed in May and finalized in June. Sue will contact Karen for additional access to the NWSDA website for Ana, Lucy and Karla. Email inquiries from the website need to go to Sue and Connie.

Children's Museum demo – December 6, 7 & 8 in Burlington. They would like NWSDA to attend.

Snovana – a snow sports expo where we could feature skijoring, etc. Apparently, there is a charge to have a booth, so it's not likely we would

participate.

New Business

A Boy Scout get-together at Camp K called Klondike and there is interest to have a dogsled demo. March 8th 10:00 – 3:00. Karla offered to have a wilderness first-aid demo.

Good of the Order

Honorary Musher – Don wore the Honorary Musher bib to honor Tom Hannon who passed away this year. Tom was a fixture in the mushing community, running his beloved Samoyeds.

IFSS Champs – Sue recognized our mushers who are racing in Wisconsin – Rory and Terri Frolick and Mikki Douglass.

The group reminisced about the early days of racing at Camp K and how everyone met Larry and his camper full of dogs. It seems he gave pretty much everyone food and a fine beverage.

Matt requested there be an assigned cleanup person after potlucks. Margaret has graciously agreed to be the person for this week.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary