

Willow Dog Mushers Association

January 27, 2016 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:06

Quorum established

Board members present: JP Norris, Kari Skogen, Robert Sexton, Sue Morgan, and Jamie West

October 28, November 25, and December 16, 2015 **minutes were all approved** with the addition on the December minutes that \$4,500 was approved to be transferred from the WDMA Sockeye Fire Donation Fund to AIIDRC without specific designation.

The **agenda was approved** with the following change: information on the Willow Jr 100 be added to new business as presented by Chris Stitt.

No speaker

Board Reports:

Members at Large: no report

Secretary: no report

Treasurer: not present

Vice president: not present

President: not present

Committee Reports:

1. Trails---Steve reports: a)The condition of the Eastgate Trails are okay. b)The Haessler-Norris system easements are being surveyed by Paul Pilch and being moved off private land. This is being paid for by the borough. c)The State DNR is requiring permits to use a stump grinder on state land for some specific trails so that they can be groomed. Joan Bryner is working on these through the Willow Trails Committee.
2. No WACO report
3. Activities: No report
4. Technical Support: No report
5. Animal Care: Jamie reminded the group that it would be good if another musher was on the Borough Animal Care Advisory Board. Sue is interested.
6. Carnival: Earl Norris Race is being held the first weekend of the Carnival. Some assignments for crossing guards and other positions assigned. The kids race includes a 100 yard dog dash, which is not timed, and ribbons being given.
7. Chamber of Commerce: no meeting
8. Forestry: No meeting
9. Emergency Preparation: Jamie asked for help with a emergency preparation table for the Cert sponsored event in May.
10. Racing Research: no report

Unfinished Business

1. a)Steve volunteered to create the wording to change the bylaws making the term length from one year to two years and staggering the terms.

- b)Creation of a professional nonvoting membership. Possible \$100 professional sponsorship Sponsors may place their logo on the club web site and possibly on race banners. JP is working on the wording.
2. Still looking for a good way to involve more people in the meetings by making them more interesting. Ideas?????
 3. Jamie donated \$4500 to AIIDR from the Sockeye Fire Donation Fund. WDMA is still getting donations into the fund

New Business

1. We decided not to have an Iditarod table this year. We do not have enough merchandise.
2. There is no immediate need to order merchandise to hold for the next event.
3. Jamie is again working on the Right to Mush State license plate. Artist Dave Totten is doing the drawing.
4. A Public Safety Fair is being held at the Willow Community Center on May 14. WDMA has been contacted to see if we would like to participate. Information on the special emergency needs for mushers/livestock would help personalize the fair for our particular area. Membership thought this a good idea. Volunteers to help appreciated. Jamie will coordinate.
5. Carnival already covered. Sue Morgan is coordinating the Earl Norris Race with help of the Norris's, Ted Norris will be race marshall. Road crossing guards assigned. \$5,000 purse. Tina and Vic are doing the lead dog contest.
6. Chris Stitt did a presentation on the Willow Jr 100. Start will be determined where it will be the safest for the racers. Race is February 12. Check website for additional information. Come help and show support for the kids.

No Announcements

Adjourned 8:22