

CHUGIAK DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, May 3rd, 2016, 6:30 pm, CDMA Club House

CDMA Board Members Present: Val Jokela, Marti Rhyne, Nicole Pressman-Schneider, Deanna Partow, Susan Cantor, Kourosh Partow, Debora Summers, Kris Rasey

CDMA Board Members Absent: Jessica Hall, Robert Bundtzen, Amy Engeberg

Club Members Present: Yvette O'Connor, Ben Schneider

Call to Order: 6:45 pm

Kids Mushing Clinic: Ben presented update.

This will be pilot program and we can work from here. He would like 2 kids per dog, needs adult volunteers. Ben will send list of needs – we will disseminate list and have Ben keep all materials/lists centralized. He also asked for a volunteer list.

Deanna sent registration form to elementary schools.

Also need: Letter to parents, request for allergy/medical info.

Deanna to send request to Christine Roaloafs, Lois Rockcastle, Amy Engeberg, to see if they can offer rigs/equipment/dogs/time.

Val/Susan/Yvette/Marti will volunteer/time and/or dogs.

Agenda: Approved.

President's Report:

Due to work commitments, Amy Engeberg resigned. Board discussed names of people to complete board.

Executive Board: President: Val Jokela
Vice President: Kourosh Partow
Secretary: Jessica Hall
Treasurer: Susan Cantor

Race Committee: Debora, Marti, Yvette, Kourosh

Website: Debora and Susan will work on a Website this summer.

Theresa will no longer be able to maintain current website after September.

Issues discussed: Online registration, online payments, trail updates coordinated web/facebook.

Poster: Yvette O'Connor has agreed to do design/layout once again on Race Poster!

Deanna gave update. Members offered to contact various business to solicit. Others offered names for Deanna to contact.

Symposium: Willow Dog Mushers will be holding a symposium this Fall.

Board does not want to pursue CDMA hosting a symposium.

Race Schedule and SCC: Need schedule to be finalized for poster.

South Central Challenge. Not this year. Funds are limited.

CIP: Val reported.

There is a necessity to log our labor efforts to report to Parks and Recreation. It is very important to have central place to log all volunteer hours the club members put in to report back to P&R.

Recreational Events and/or alternate plans if another low snow year: Nothing was finalized.

We did discuss more 'open house' events similar to FOCDMA open house this past year.

Trails: CDMA shall not put in new trails without sending request to P&R/Muni approval.

We are only allowed to maintain current/existing trails.

Dryland:

Training:

Debora expressed need for Dryland participants to train on trails before races. Members have also requested this.

Many options were discussed. Safety issues were also discussed. For now the board proposed 2 'Fun Run' days prior to the Dryland Championships, in addition to the current clinics that Debora runs/offers.

Dryland Series and Championship Races: Currently there will be 2 Fun Run Dryland races leading up to the Dryland Championship.

Debora proposed Fat Bike as one of the Raffle items.

Board approved purchase of Fat Bike for Raffle.

Dryland co-coordinator: Nicole signed up for this position! Thanks Nicole!

New CIP idea: Debora proposed a viewing deck alongside clubhouse in full view of start chute.

Renew Birchwood Camp and Eklutna Permits: Val gave update.

By-Law Revisions: Val addressed this.

Susan is concerned with continuity from one board to next and would like to see more members staying to transition year to year. Susan will come up with By-law revision proposal by September 1-15th, per our current By-laws.

Purses: Race Committee

Snowmachine for grooming: Based on Treasury, board supports purchase of new grooming snow machine, based on best deals offered.

Communications with our members: Jessica Hall is new secretary.

We will pass membership email list off to her for all member communications.

Junior advisors: We currently have no person taking the lead on this.

Proposal to work with ASDRA and co-promote with them to keep the Junior Program going.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2016

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.

Prepared by Deanna Partow

Tabled items:

(from March)

Race Guidelines: Susan presented race guideline sheet.

Minimum age: Request to allow Jr to race PB and/or Distance races. Board thinks should be to discretion of Race Marshal.

Minimum 3 per class: Board thinks minimum 3 per class should be to discretion of Race Marshal.

Board member should be present at CDMA sponsored events: Or member should be appointed.

These will need to be added to Race Rules Vote Amendment next Fall.