

# CHUGIAK DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7:00 pm, CDMA Club House

**CDMA Board Members Present:** Val Jokela, Marti Rhyne, Nicole Pressman-Schneider, Susan Cantor, Kris Rasey, Jessica Hall, Robert Bundtzen, Kerri Lathrop

**CDMA Board Members Absent:** Kourosh Partow, Deanna Partow, **Debora Summers**

**Club Members Present:** Yvette O'Connor

**Call to Order:** 7:03 pm

**President Report:** Val suggested introduction of attendees should be made.

**Minutes from May:** Approved. 1<sup>st</sup> Nicole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kris

**Update on Issues:** Yvette mentioned volunteer website we could use. Kris is working on the heater in the clubhouse, and asking Parks and Recreation for a mini excavator. This was added to the agenda.

**Agenda:** Approved, 1<sup>st</sup> Jessica 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole.

**Treasurer:** Reviewed and approved by the board.

**Kid Mushing Clinic:** Good flow of clinic maybe could use more activities. Order thank you notes to send out to adult clinic. 8 kids in attendance and based upon our pilot, we would limit it to 12 unless we had more volunteers.

**Thank you Cards:** Susan will order 50 cards. 1<sup>st</sup> Nicole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marti.

**Trail Report/Work for Summer:** Ruts to ½ mile need to be filled in by hand or excavator. Check with muni and Dakota Diggers for excavator. Send a thank you to Dakota Diggers. From rocks to half mile needs repaired due to plane crash. Work party scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Quarter mile loop needs brushed out, 2 mile has a rotten tree down, sand put on junior trail (ask Koroush), barriers and rock from parking lot can be used for ski trail, extend trailhead out. Kris groomed 2 mile trail on May 15th. Haul out plywood, metal posts, and chain link. CDMA shall not put in new trails without sending request to P&R/Muni for approval. We are only allowed to maintain current and existing trails.

**Race Committee:** Val will ask Koroush for status, ~~Deb is doing dryland there will be 3 competitive races, Willow Symposium races are around 10/1 and 10/2. Speedy Glass will sponsor the dryland races, we should send them thank you card. Dryland races will start in September.~~ Marti, Yvette, Kourosh are heading this up.

**Don't know who indicated this as I was not there. At that point Speedy had not made any decisions. Thank you cards were sent after last year.**

**Website:** ~~Deb and Susan will start working on in July.~~ **Susan?? Yes, we will work on it but have not made a firm commitment on time.**

Theresa is standing down as of September. PayPal may be an option for member to make payments and sign up for races. Issues discussed: Online registration, online payments, and trail updates coordinated web/Facebook. **I must have missed something because we discussed at the May meeting not accepting payments online, just registration. However, if this was discussed by the board members in attendance by all means include it.**

**Poster:** Looking for more ads. Nine adds are verified. Members offered to contact various businesses to solicit. Yvette O'Connor has agreed to do design/layout once again on the Race Poster!

**SOL C3/C4:** Deanna is working on the short form. Once initiated as should attract more sponsors, because they can claim donations as a write off.

**Renew Birchwood Camp and Eklutna Permits:** Val gave update; we need a new 2 year Land Use permit.

**Volunteers:** Pam Schamber is the volunteer coordinator for another year. Yvette found a website volunterspot.com, where we could post events to get people to sign up.

**Trail Conditions:** 2 and 3 mile open for dog training.

**Next Meeting:** July 12, 2016; 7 pm

**Meeting adjourned** 8:39 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> Kris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole

**Prepared by:** Jessica Hall

**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.*

**(From May)**

**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 1-15<sup>th</sup>, per our current By-laws.

**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.

**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.

**(From June)**

**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.

**Purses:** Race Committee