

Chugiak Dog Musers BOD meeting

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2016

Present: Val Jokela, Deanna Partow, Kourosh Partow, Kris Rasey, Bob Buntzen, Nicole Pressman, Susan Cantor, Marti Rhyne, Deb Summers

Absent: Kerry Lathrop, Jessica Hall

Mtg began 7:05, agenda & last month's minutes approved.

Trail work –

Alternate trail excellent, trail party in June very productive. Kris spent additional 6 hours cutting trees on 2 mile and inbound trail (on MEA easement) and will spend more time after wasps settle down. Wants to take spruce tree down blocking view at finish line.

Gave SD memory card to APD re: truck intruder on trails

Lots of trees down under power line, should discourage further truck traffic on MEA powerline.

Sand by Jr. one-dog trail – need tractor to spread it.

Insurance

Refund of \$650 for cancelled events (have not received this yet). Insurance company advised us that the premium will increase 10% or we will need to reduce coverage (animal exclusion?).

Marti will ask Mike Headle about insurance for Siberian events. Kids' Mushing Clinic may be the problem.

We need to pay \$500 for deductible on our claim.

Proposed Race Schedule

Race Committee - Marti, Kourosh, Deanna, Deb

Saturday dry land clinic August 20 from 9-12 – will have registration.

Hope to hold one other clinic, probably not at CDMA

Cart demo at Willow Symposium, they will give CDMA booth

We agreed to hold all 3 prelim dry land races (not including the 2-day race)

First prelim race scheduled for Oct. 10, Deb out of town - Deanna volunteered to run it, Susan will help with sign ups & Deb will ask Adelaide to help

Speedy Glass – did not commit, hasn't had a mtng yet. Other sponsors – AK Mill & Feed – need 501c3 number, they now give \$50-100 per request (much lower than previous yrs). Will have raffle, hopefully windshield. Trek will give us the price for the fat-tire bike.

Musers Memorial Poker Run & BBQ (hopefully Greg will help)

Jr. Races – no adult leadership. Will send out request for parent advisor.

Options:

- Combine with senior races?
- Combine with ASDRA esp. for Jr. Classic?

Cluney Lake Night Race – 12 miles / 6 dogs? For non-sprint musers in January

Sponsors - \$2000 Eklutna / \$1500-2000 AK USA (Jeff)

Hoping to get \$6000 total in race sponsorships

Switch dates of 36/20 and Spring Fling

Jr. ER Classic conflicts with Tok Race –alternat date (March 19) conflicts with ASDRA's Jr/Sr Fun Run. Leave as is.

Deb – Motion to approve, Marti seconded - unanimously approved

Additional trails

Eklutna will be developing (extracting gravel) along the 10-12 mile sections of trail which will effectively close off the 8 mile inbound section, so we will have to turn at the 8 mile turn to stay within the park. We will lose our permit to use trails on their land after the 2016-17 mushing season.

Beach Lake Master Plan has 31K allocated for additional 6 miles to be put in by mushers - several options mapped out and presumably approved by Parks & Rec. CDMA very interested in options to connect race trails to the alternate trail system.

Deb suggested connecting alternate parking area to incoming 6 mile trail (crossing the camp road).

Kris suggested two "lollipop" turns at 8 mile and 6 mile turnarounds. Kourosh noted that two-way traffic not safe for sprint races.

Val will meet with Karen Richards to discuss options, encourage other board members to participate if possible. KP will work with Eklutna board.

Poster Ad

Currently have commitments for 33 ads, \$3525. Could use more. DK moved, KP approved motion to give Yvette a free ad.

Hope to have poster printed by first dry land race (Oct. 10)

501c3

Cost of ez filing \$275. Must modify bylaws to donate organization funds to another 501c3 org in case of dissolution.

Susan & Deanna will meet Thurs nite to propose changing by-laws. Procedure is to send out proposed amendments to general membership 10 days before final vote at a "Special Meeting".

Website

Susan & Deb will meet in 2 weeks.

Next meeting August 2, 7 pm (open to general membership for final adoption of by-law changes)