

CDMA Board meeting - Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020

Present: Deanna Partow, Kourosh Partow, Marti Rhyne, Robert Forto, Kevin O'Shea, Susan Cantor

Absent: Michelle Hill, Debora Summers, Alea Robinson, Robert Budtzen, Matt Pavegio

RF – moved to approve agenda

RF moved to approve Dec. minutes, MR seconded

Treasurer's Report:

Dec. Income-Expenses= **-\$211**,

YTD Income-Expenses= +\$1218

YTD Compared to Annual budget:

Income: Fundraiser income in line with budget, Membership income low

Expenses: Equipment expenses high, Grooming and Trail maintenance expenses very low

Overall we should come out ahead (positive balance) of projected budget for 2019-20 due to low trail grooming/maintenance costs compared to projected costs.

- Need to repair Green Arctic Cat
- RF investigated cost of upgrading PR system to include indoor speakers. Existing outdoor speakers not compatible with upgrade, would have to replace entire system. Will table project for next year as would not be achievable with \$300 approved in budget.
- Electricity usage back to normal (unusual spike observed in November resulting in 4x's normal charges) – DK turned off, emptied refrigerator. CDMA will seek donation of more energy efficient model to replace the current fridge.

Trail Report:

- All trails open, ATVs still allowed as it is not possible to set a hook for large teams.
- Trail not suitable for sprint teams beyond 10 mile turn.
- Detour on 12-mile incoming trail: The incoming segment from the 12 to the 10 mile trail is not passable due to Eklutna land-clearing activity. A teardrop u-turn has been created to avoid this section. Teams can use the teardrop turn to double back along the 12 mile (2-way traffic) and return to the main incoming trail at the 10-mile turn.
- Issues with soft edges on trail due to excessive widening, lack of coordination with trail boss (KP), lack of civility on trails and facebook comments. RF will address this on fb discussion page. CDMA has "Code of Conduct" on website.
- Trail parallel to RR tracks will be initiated next year

Race to the Stars (Sat. Jan. 18)

- Tom and Matt will set the trail, 10-13 miles long and probably including the new Birchwood Camp easement trail.
- Greg will be posted at the halfway point.
- Close track at 4 pm to set gates, move gates off trail to accommodate Jr. Spring Fling (Sunday Jan 19).
- Entry fee same as last year: \$36 for both classes (6-dog and 8-dog Siberian)
- Siberian Club to donate \$50 toward 8-dog purse
- RF will donate prize of 2 bags First Paw coffee/month for winner of each class

- RF will also donate purse to total twice the entry fees paid for each class (pre-registered)
- Payout will be determined in advance, based on pre-registration numbers and distribution formula provided by DK.
- Marti eligible for Alyeska Pipeline employee grant (\$250 contribution to be matched by company) to increase purse – she will also donate pizza for post-race gathering
- Registration to close Saturday morning. \$5 late fee. Same day entries will not be included in calculation of First Paw's purse.
- Marti would like to ensure that all participants get some prize money
- CDMA will provide money for purse up front, to be re-imbursed by First Paw Coffee.
- SC will create a first draft of the event's webpage

South-Central Challenge (Jan 19) – officially cancelled. ASDRA does not have money for purse.

Jr. Spring Fling (Jan 19) - Lead organizer Pam Schamber. Race will be cancelled unless we get more snow.

ER Classic (Feb 1-2) – Race Purse: \$1000 from Taylored, expecting \$3000 from AK USA, \$500 from North American Musher Giveaway. Trail boss – Ed Wood, Race Marshall – Jerry Raychel.

Fundraisers:

- ASDRA having “Wings Night” fundraiser on Jan. 8. CDMA should look into similar opportunities in Eagle River (Popcorn Palace, Panda Express, Odd Man Rush)
- North American Musher Giveaway – still need to sell 12 tickets before winner is selected. Will send email to membership with link to ticket sales.

Animal Control:

Pam needs more support from mushing community, too many factions for mushing concerns to be heard. DK will see if club members Andrea Resende and Daryl Laliberte are attending the meetings. New rules regarding use of direct (no-collar) chaining to post and license requirements for 3+ litters/year – MR concerned that these rules can open the door for further restrictions.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm