

Willow Dog Musers Association
Minutes February 25, 2015

Members Present: JP Norris, Steve Charles, Justin High, Sue Morgan, Peter Duncan, Dave Wurt and TC Wait, Kari Skogen and Jenny Evans

Meeting called to order at 7:09

Agenda approved with the following change: Add discussion of Hatcher Pass Road Report to new business.

January 28 minutes approved

Officer Reports

- Treasurer: \$221.00 was made at the Willow Winter Carnival. Refund was received from Iditarod for table at restart. Homestead web service cancelled. There are currently 53 club members. Steve Charles asked for \$200.00 for trail signs.
- Members At Large: No reports.
- Vice President: No report.
- President: Junior race went well – there were 10 racers.

Committee Reports

- Trails: The Junior Iditarod was moved to the Denali Highway. Willow Trail Committee purchased a new groomer. The Lucky Shot Bridge construction starts Thursday. WTC is applying for two grants from MatSu Trails and Parks Foundation. One will be used to rent a mulcher to grind stumps and roots on trails. Steve asked how many trail miles on the east side need stumps ground down. Willow Trail Committee has a new Facebook page.
- Special Events: No report.
- Technical Support: No report.
- Animal Care Board: No report.
- Carnival: The Earl Norris Race went well. Need more help next year.
- Chamber of Commerce: Sue forgot to attend last meeting.
- Forestry: No report.

Unfinished Business

- License Plates: No report.
- Trapping: No report.
- Kashwitna Trespass Trail Report: This is a good winter trail but landowner is bulldozing road illegally. Steve will write a letter from WDMA to support a winter trail and keep the gate closed.

New Business

- Race Reports: Knik 200 went well. Sue brought up the need to make sure WACO will have proper insurance to cover the Earl Norris race next year. Steve mentioned a permit is needed for any races run on State Parks land and that WDMA may consider a letter to Parks to modify use application for Carnival events.
- Dog Food Donation: Jenny will pick up some dog food and put in storage shed.
- Steve suggested a tour of West Gateway Trails.
- Merchandise for sale: currently have T-shirts, lapel pins and neck gaiters. May consider polar fleece hats, wristies, neck gaiters and tote bags. Justin will bring samples of products.
- Symposium: Potential date October 3. Need a symposium committee and it was suggested that emails be sent to members asking for people to be part of the committee.
- Elections: TC, Chris and Jenny are on the Nominating Committee. The nominations brought forth tonight: Treasurer – Peter Duncan, Secretary – Jamie West, President - Robert Sexton, Vice President – Justin High, Members-At-Large: Steve Charles, Jenny Evans, Sue Morgan, JP Norris.

- All nominations are due by March 15th.
- Willow Fish hook Road improvements to be discussed at WACO meeting March 2. WDMA has an interest in putting an underpass on road to connect Haessler Norris and Emil Stancec dog trails.

Announcements

- Jenny needs a handler

Adjourn 8:31

Next Meeting March 25