



## Willow Dog Musher's Association

*It is the mission of the WILLOW DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION to protect and preserve the dog mushers' historical way of life today, tomorrow, and for future generations.*

### Monthly Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 22, 2016 – 7 PM

- A. Call To Order - Tonight's meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Chris
- B. Establish Quorum - A quorum was established – Chris, Marianne, Sue, Tracey, Jen and general membership were present.
- C. Agenda Approval & Approval of Minutes – The agenda for this meeting and the meeting notes from the May meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Sue to accept both the agenda for this evening and the May meeting notes. This motion was seconded by Tracey. The group unanimously accepted the agenda and meeting minutes as presented.
- D. Guest Presentations-No guest presenters were scheduled for this meeting.
- E. Officer's Reports
  - 1. Members At Large
    - Tracey had no report at this time.
    - Jenn reported on the Fort McMurray (Canada). The club donated several items. She will calculate what the items brought in as far as donations and report back. Additionally, WDMA also made a donation.
  - 2. Secretary had no additional reports at this time.
  - 3. Treasurer - Sue presented a short financial report. Balance is \$14319.12 – Written checks that have not yet been cashed include \$320 to WACO for use of the building for Symposium and \$500 donation for the Fort McMurray mushers, and Jennifer Hawkes \$1798.00 for the Web Site.\$ 2618.00 is outstanding. \$100.00 for Change for Dogs for Fort Mac group leaving available cash of \$11701.12
  - 4. Vice President – Chris had no additional report at this time.
  - 5. President - Robert was not present at tonight's meeting.
- F. Committee/Special Groups, Reports:
  - Activities/Special Events/Symposium-Jenny,  
There was discussion about what to have on the Symposium Banner. The wording will be Willow Dog Musher's Association K9 Athlete Symposium. There will be additional room for sponsors and dates on second and/or third piece that can be attached and removed with grommets.
  - Wording for glass bottles was discussed. There will be 5 water bottles from the Sign Works lady... WDMA 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 2006-2016 with a dog team  
The cake will have similar wording.

Chris reported that the beanie order will go in with a total of 60 beanies. 30 Gray and 30 Blue. The total is \$\$724.60. Jenn made a motion to right the check for \$724.60 to the Last Frontier Embroidery Company. Tracey seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

Jenn reported on the progress of the July 4<sup>th</sup> float. There will be a get together at Jenn's one night during the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>. Group agreed to meet Friday July 1 around 4 pm.

Willow Winter Carnival meetings will resume July 18<sup>th</sup>. Chris and Jenn will try to attend.

Emergency Preparedness, Racing Research Committee

Tracey spoke about the Sockeye Fire Reunion Gathering. There were concerns about meeting with the borough about their policies and procedures. Terry said animal control does not have to do anything to help us. We are on our own. Tracey said that they claim there may be a policy. Plan on being on your own.

Racing Research –The Earl Norris and kids races. Insurance will be addressed later by Chris. Roni and Waco think we should in order to avoid issues with the airport to slide the kids races into the winter carnival... thinks we can use the lake with Willow Winter Carnival leading up to the main final event leading up to the days of willow carnival. DOT will be difficult to work with. Chris will deal with Roni to work this out.

#### G. Unfinished Business

1. Website/Social Media – Brief Update – Chris talked to Jennifer – we had an issue with Symposium - words have been darkened to be able to read them.

Old site should be shut down soon.

T-Shirt/hoodies/Hats Design/Merchandise will be posted when we have them.

Sophie like the trail markers design on the back of the one T Shirt.

We will also ask Peter for a design. Kari did the other design.

#### 2. Insurance

\$1,000,000 per occurrence, spectator bodily injury and property damage.

More than one occurrence - 2 million, \$1000 deductible

One change... prefer 5 day notice - only

\$295.94 will be the most... 6 Saturdays for juniors

Solstice through carnival 6 total dates for juniors

15 events at that quote

Willow JR 100 –Chris asked if WDMA would consider the Willow JR100 being one of those events.

Tracey made a motion to include the Willow JR 100 as an insured event under WDMA. Jenn seconded the motion. There was no additional discussion. The item passed with unanimous approval

#### H. New Business

##### 1. 300 Mile Race – Logistics

Wade spoke about the possibility of a 300 mile race – trails, routes and check points. He heard back from 1... will keep working on the map part of it. There was discussion over running this race on the same dates as the Northern Lights 300 and as to why it would run that weekend. Other races also are run that weekend.

Wade stated that this race used to go north. The easiest way is to use the Northern Lights trails. Going north is still an option but it is harder to put a race together in this direction. Chris asked about using road system checkpoints. A date is not set in stone yet. We could do something different. Chris would

like to keep the checkpoints road accessible. The cost of the straw to be trucked vs flown in. Don Bowers was 300 miles and the check points varied from year to year... same weekend as the carnival. Neil Lake check point, forks road house. Not on the road  
They went to oil well road to Joe Mays cabin. 100 mile run to Joe Mays, back to Joe Mays.

Discussion about needing to have stakes clearly marked if there is more than one race running on a weekend using similar routes. Chris said she would ask SBS for sponsorship for trail markers.

Sophie and Wade would like to see a trail for this race go north... but there are concerns over conditions... point is where to stop. Setting up a remote camp requires tents. Chris will support with her stuff from Willow Junior. Group agreed to keep it positive. Get it going. The Tustumena has had a hard time running due to snow conditions. It may be that the Tustumena may be looking to donate their purse.... Wade will find out if it is a qualifier.

Wade suggested that if there is a purse as the same weekend of the Northern Lights we may get other people too. If we put a purse mushers will come. The Tustumena thing is an option.

The Klondike was run through the Lions Club - pull tab provided the purse.

The Big Lake Lions Club may be willing to jump on board.

Date will be important.

Race dates aren't out yet... last year they were switched...

This race will also be one of the covered events (insurance wise).

Wade will investigate how the name/wording will affect this race as a possible Iditarod Qualifier. They will be looking for volunteer vets and pilots.

On another note, Wade discussed the possibility of this race being something like the Beargrease – on the road system with outside assistance. Fleur notes that as long as there is one wilderness checkpoint it might be considered a qualifier – like the Race to the Sky. And the Beargrease.

There may be a way to loop into both the Sheep Creek Lodge and Eagle Quest.

- I. Announcements – No additional announcements were noted at this time.
- J. Adjournment - Sue made a motion to adjourn this evenings meeting at 8:03pm. Jenn seconded the motion. All were in agreement. Meeting was adjourned.

