

WILLOW DOG MUSHERS ASSOCIATION

December Minutes

December 17, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Vice President Jeremy Rutledge at Sheep Creek Lodge, Willow, Alaska. A quorum was present.

Attendees were: Sue Morgan, Kim Schlosser and son, Peter Duncan, Jamie West, TC Waite, Dave , Jen Dallas, TJ Scheafer, DeeDee Walker, Jenny Evans, Harry Banks.

The Agenda was reviewed and Adopted

Officer Reports:

Secretary---Jamie presented November's minutes which were read and approved.

Treasurer---Peter reports one new member signed up and some merchandise sold at the November meeting. Motion made and seconded removing Erin McLarnon and Donna Quante from Willow Dog Mushers Association bank account signature responsibility and add Peter Duncan, the current treasurer.

Vice President -leading meeting

President--- absent

Committee & Special Group Reports:

Trails: Letter read by Sue Morgan in acknowledgement to the letter in reference to the route of gasline project and our request that the man camp and routing not interfere with our trails

Jenny Evans gave report on Forestry meeting in Palmer. She met Bruce Paulson's replacement and was given his card. Forestry says there will be logging and plowing on the road at Shirley Town, but the trailhead should be maintained without a berm during operation.

Jen Seavey reported that a property owner has bulldozed a trail, or road at the gate off the Tank Trail. The trail was modified without permits or knowledge of the borough or State. A request for public input has been made to decide the resolution of the trail. Since it may be used for winter sled dog training, WDMA members think this may be favorable but want more info such as public input date.

Animal Care Board: Jamie reported that Vern Halter's amendment to Title 24 did pass and there is now a sled dog facility license available which affords more protection to kennels that licensed under the new amendment. A rewrite of Title 24 will be presented for public comment in the next couple of months.

Carnival: Tina needs help with her table. DeeDee Walker will man our sales table while she sells her fudge.

Tech Committee: JP sent word via Jeremy. Just let JP know if we want to set up list other than Lost Dog and he can set it up.

Unfinished Business:

Since race donation budget is already set, the Earl Norris race will receive its money and well as the Willow Jr 100. Sue will work on an application. One suggestion is that if race is not run the donation is returned or the race organization will be ineligible for the next year.

No money available to plow Willow Creek Parkway so it looks mushers can use the parkway for training without worry.

Jamie will write letter to try to get legislative sponsorship to get a specialty license plate “alaska a right to mush state” plate approved and developed.

Denali Park information is on facebook page with a report from the Park Kennel Ranger, Sarah Hayes.

New Business:

Dogs caught in traps recently has been a problem. Members agree that Jamie should send letter out to State Park's Board requesting change in trapping regs in State Parks.

Announcements:

StrawforDogsAk@gmail.com is now in partnership with the Willow Community Food Pantry to provide pet food to families with pets in need. Contact phone is Fran at 907 414-7555 or flynych@mtaonline

Adjourned: 8:50