



Willow Dog Musher's Association Minutes – March 2016

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, March 23, 2016 – 7pm

- A. The March, 2016 meeting was called to order by President Robert Sexton at 7:06 PM.
- B. A quorum was established. Board members present included: Bob Sexton, Jamie West, JP Norris, Peter Duncan, Sue Morgan, Kari Skogen and Jenny Evans were present.
- C. The current agenda and meeting notes from the February 24, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved with a minor correction under Committee Reports (Section D) item b concerning grants was corrected to read:
D (b) - \$10, 000 grants are open, still have a couple of weeks to turn in ideas to MatSu Trails and Parks. The Haessler/ Norris Trails and the Emil Stancec systems have already applied for their grants,
- D. Guest Presentations – There were no guest presentations at this time
- E. Officer's Reports
 - 1. Members At Large – No reports given
 - 2. Secretary – reviewed prior meeting notes
 - 3. Treasurer – Peter Duncan reported that there was \$12, 500 currently in the checking account, \$570.00 in the savings account and \$1800 in the PayPal account.
 - 4. Vice President – No Report Given
 - 5. President – No Report Given
- F. Committee/Special Groups, Reports:
 - 1 - Trails – Steve Charles
 - (a) Surveys are being done on the Haessler/Norris Trails. Vic and Chris are clearing trails for easements. This rerouting of trails is in an effort to get the trails off of private property.
 - (b) There were two applications for snowmachines through the grant process. Joan's letter of intent for \$13,000 toward a snowmachine for grooming was approved. Dave's letter was not approved due to an EIN number issue. It was suggested that Dave reapply to the Trails and Parks Foundation during the fall grant cycle. It was also suggested that Dave needs a \$3000 matching grant.
 - 2 – There were no reports from the following committees – WACO, Special Activities/Symposium, Tech Support, Animal Control, Carnival or Chamber of Commerce.
- G. Unfinished Business
 - 1. Bylaw changes:
 - A – Article V was read to the group by Steve Charles as follows:

ARTICLE V

Directors

SECTION 1. The government of the...The five (&) to seven (7) directors shall be elected from the general membership of the corporation for a two year term. Board members may serve consecutively as often as elected or appointed.

SECTION 2. Classification of Directors: The board of directors shall be divided into two (2) classes. Directors of the first class include the President, Secretary and Member(s) at large Seat 1 and Seat 3. Directors in the second class include Vice President, Treasurer, and Member at Large Seat 2.

SECTION 3. Terms of Office: Directors in the first class hold office beginning and ending when the annual meeting is held on odd number years. Directors in the second class hold office beginning and ending where the annual meeting is held on even number years.

SECTION 4: Duties and Powers

SECTION 5: Increase in the Number of Directors

SECTION 6: Vacancies

SECTION 7: Mode and Manner of Removing Directors

SECTION 8: Special Meetings

SECTION 9: Quorum

SECTION 10: Chairman

SECTION 11: The order of business

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 2. The term of the officers shall be for two years.

Discussion was asked – no discussion – Motion was made to accept the changes in the bylaws as read by Steve Charles by Marianne. Peter seconded the motion. A vote was taken- 12 in favor/3 not in favor. The motion passed.

Jamie noted that the bylaws will need to be changed on the website reflecting these new changes.

2. \$100 Professional Membership by law change is being dropped at this time by JP.

H. New Business

1. Letter regarding the old cabin at the Willow Community Center.

Jamie brought to the table the discussion that Jim Houston would like a letter stating that we have used the cabin. The Borough owns the property but Jim Houston owns the building. At this time the building will need to be moved by September 1, 2016. Jim Houston wanted to turn the cabin into a historical museum. In the past we have used the cabin during Symposium and vaccination clinics.

A motion was made by Jenny to write a letter that states/verifies WDMA usage of the old cabin building. Motion was seconded by Sue.

Discussion: Steve noted that we should include the exact dates that WDMA used the building. We should also consider what the property is being used for and how it could be used by others. Motives are in question. It could be a valuable asset but currently there are no plans.

Vote on writing a letter listing exact dates of usage by WDMA – passed by majority.

2. Nominating Process –

Jamie noted Dave Wurts suggestions about how the board is formed. Nominations are taken to the nominating committee and then to the board. There needs to be a way to streamline the nominating process.

3. Election Results –

- a. President – Bob Sexton
- b. Vice President – Chris Stitt
- c. Secretary – Marianne Schoppmeyer
- d. Treasurer – Sue Morgan
- e. Members At Large – Jenny Evans, Tracey Schaeffer and Josh Schlosser

4. WACO Board Meeting Elections –

Steve encouraged WDMA members to vote at the April 4th WACO meeting. It is an opportunity to have a trails and mushing friendly WACO Board.

I. Announcements

1. Bob Sexton made special presentation to Jamie West for all her hard work during the Sockeye Fire and its aftermath. And for all her organization during this time.

J. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm. Next monthly meeting will be April 27, 2016 at 7pm

** Clerical Corrections 4/27/2016 – misspelled Jamie (was typed as Jaime) and removed the words East Gateway from the correction to the minutes from Feb 2016.

