Northwest Sled Dog Association Minutes – 7/20/24

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM via Zoom.

Attending: Sue Scofield, Don Duncan, Ingrid Earle, Maggie Tassevegin, Michael and Doreen Johnston, Rory & Terri Frolick, Margaret Black, Donna Morton, Karen Behm, Dave Bush, Judy Carrick, Bret Balog, Karla Boyle

Minutes were read and approved from the February meeting.

**Treasurer Report – Ingrid**

Checking - $1,444.38

Savings - $2,291.68

Trail passes are required to run the trails at Camp K. Membership renewal is in July. Our coffers are very low. We brainstormed ways to make money for the club.

**President Report – Sue**

Sue thanked the meeting attendees for…attending! Sue is pleased we were able to move forward on the Honorary Musher award and the Camp K pavilion, two big projects.

**Old Business**

Camp K Pavilion

Michael was able to level the site. The water pipe has still not been fixed. Waiting for Cedarbrook to leave camp. Once this is done, he can finish the backfill. Still waiting for funding to buy rafters and plywood sheeting. Once $3500 is raised by the Boy Scouts, Camp K will match it.

Web Site

Karen Behm updated us on what has been added. She has not been able to work on the store. She added a history section.

Fall Warm Up

Maggie is in the process of posting an advertisement about benefits of membership and to encourage attendance. She said the gear swap didn’t go that well at the cool down but said we should still try it again. We will sell NWSDA merchandise too. If there are activities Maggie will get some kind of awards for participants.

**New Business**

Membership dues are due in July. There are several perks to membership – reduced race fees, eligibility for trophies, access to club-only events, first access to club swag and access to Camp K trails.

Discussed raising the Camp K trail pass to $45 all season. Margaret made a motion to eliminate the Dryland pass and raise the all-season pass to $45. The motion was carried.

Discussed raising the membership fees by $5.00. If approved, it would go into effect in 2025.

Discussed raising the race fees by $10.00. Tabled this discussion for a later date.

Don asked if the camp fees could be increased and proposed raising them by $5.00. Margaret made a motion to raise camping fees by $5. The motion was carried.

Races

Proposed Amendment of Race Rules:

RACE RULES Section 1 Paragraph A #1: Amending the racing season dates to October 1-May 31

RACE RULES Section 2 Paragraph G #1: Amending to Any dog having raced in one class of a race is eligible to race in a second class on the same day (max. two heats per day) if the total lengths do not exceed 12 km (7.5 miles) in Dryland and 20 km (12.5 miles) in On-Snow. (IFSS) <https://sleddogsport.net/library/default.aspx>

Don proposed adding a requirement that cable cutters are required if using a cable gangline.

These three requested changes were approved to move forward and will be voted on by the membership after a comment period.

Margaret proposed a change in the fees for the Senior class. The Senior class is not pointed and only .9 miles. A motion was approved to reduce the fee from $25 to $10.

Sue has been asked to move the July/August meetings to earlier in the year. Sue is open to ideas and opinions so email her at susanlscofield@gmail.com.

Sue asked for volunteers to be on the Race Rules committee. Don, Margaret, Sue, Terri volunteered.

777 Race

The stage race would either start on Friday at 7:00 pm or Saturday morning at 7:00 am, then Saturday night at 7:00 pm, then Sunday morning at 7:00 am. Triple 7. The mileage would be 3.5, 5 or 7, 3.5.

If we use the stand-alone race date, we will use the 777 start times and mileages stated above but could also include 1,2, and 4 dog team options with mileages appropriate for team size.

NWSDA 2024-25 Pointed Classes

Pointed Classes: Points shall be awarded in a sanctioned class where a minimum of two entrants (member or non-member) begin the first heat. (Championship points awarded to members only)

8 Dog Mid

8 Dog Sprint

6 Dog Mid

6 Dog Sprint

4 Dog Sprint

3 Dog Mid Bikejor

3 Dog Mid Scooter

3 Dog Mid Skijor

3 Dog Mid Sled

2 Dog Skijor

2 Dog Sled

2 Dog Bikejor

2 Dog Scooter

1 Dog Bikejor

1 Dog Scooter

1-2 Dog Fatbikejor (snow) Canicross

Junior (snow)

Non-Pointed

Novice Up to 4 dogs with a cart, 1 or 2 dog Scooter or Bikejor,1 dog Canicross,

Skijor (1-3 dogs), Sled (1-4 dogs)

Senior (1 to 4 Dogs): Drivers 60 years & older with any age dogs or dogs 10 years and older with any age driver

Pee Wee (snow only)

2024-2025 Proposed Calendar of Events

August 10 Tunnel Run

August 24 General Meeting

September 14 Board Meeting

September 21-22 Fall Warm Up

October 12-13 Pacific Northwest Dryland Challenge (pointed)

October 12 General Meeting

October 26-27 Camp K Dryland Challenge (pointed)

November 9-10 The 777 Race (exhibition)

December 14 Cle Elum Cart Rides

January 11 Board Meeting

February 15-16 Dogtown Winter Derby (pointed)

March 8 General Meeting

April 12 Board Meeting

May 3-4 Joe Loveless Spring Race (pointed)

May 17-18 Spring Cool Down

June 14 Awards Banquet

Dates will be discussed and approved at a future meeting.

NWSDA has been offered a booth at an event called SNOVANA. Sue will email details to the club membership.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM. Please see the Zoom recording for full discussion of agenda items since there was too much to capture in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Starr

NWSDA Secretary