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2024/2025 Kearney Dog Sled Race Advisory Committee

January 9, 2025 - 6:00pm

Kearney Legion

## AGENDA

Meeting Called to Order Resolution No. 01-09-01-2025

Approval of Agenda/Amendment Resolution No. 02-09-01-2025

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Attendance:

Kaitlynn Tidwell  
Leah Fetterley  
Sarah MacPherson  
Lisa Lahn  
Mike Rickward  
Ron Patton  
Jeneise Beatty  
Kaja Kotoulak

Regrets:

Guests:

Ray Sparrock

**New Resolution(s):**

**No. 03-09-01-2025 - Payment of Invoices**

Committees/Subcommittees Updates:

1. CHAIR
2. TRAIL
  - a. Current conditions
    - i. Andre has been cutting as much brush as possible.
    - ii. Lack of snow has made grooming challenging.
  - b. 1st hill on Patton Road
    - i. Kaitlynn requested to minimize the sand in the snow to prevent trail difficulties
  - c. Town snow removal, parking, trail creation
    - i. Kaitlynn has emailed the right people!
  - d. Maps
    - i. Making maps this weekend
3. RACE WEEKEND
  - a. Banner for starting - poles from town
    - i. Banners being dropped at Eric's. Mike will pick them up and arrange for adequate installation.

- b. Inukshuk pallet delivery / awards plan
    - i. Pallet is headed to Rickward's for delivery the last week of January
    - ii. Pallet needs to go to the KCC on Sunday of race weekend.
  - c. registration and waitlist update (kaitlynn)
    - i. Will make a call to maybe let folks in off the waitlist
  - d. signage legend (kaitlynn)
    - i. Kaitlynn will inventory what we have already at Andre's and
  - e. Lifetime Achievement Award discussion
    - i. How many this year?
    - ii. Nominations?
      - 1. Jim Cunningham
      - 2. Andre Dallaire
      - 3. Ron and Pauline Patton
      - 4. Dr. Ron
      - 5. Fetterley's Garage
      - 6. Frank Herron
      - 7. Laurel Turansky
      - 8. Paul Schaefer
  - f. Steel Plant
    - i. Land is usable now, going to put dog sled rides there.
  - g. Plan B follow up
    - i. Feb 3 is the decision date.
  - h. Stop Sign system distribution
    - i. Sarah is calling Leonard this week.
  - i. Food Drive
    - i. Drop off plan
      - 1. Mia is making a sign
      - 2. Collection will be at the KCC on Sunday in the front entryway
    - ii. Email to mushers to let them know the plan - Kaitlynn is on it. Facebook posts scheduled too
  - j. Mike to bring 6 ATVs, we supply drivers.
    - i. Rick is coming too with his own ATV.
4. BANQUET AND FOOD:
- a. Wendy's Food - forms for town
    - i. Lisa is going to remind Wendy to make sure that the town has the forms that they need from her for the Health Unit
  - b. Tim Hortons Burks Falls
    - i. Sarah to call to secure hot chocolate and cup donation
    - ii. Kaitlynn will get whipped cream and marshmallows
  - c. Community center parking (Cookhouse)
    - i. Need to get Shirley's permission and then update Town ploughing expectations
    - ii. Leah will ask Heather about the same
  - d. Trophy name plates
    - i. Sarah will order winner nameplates
  - e. Dignitaries/ Sponsors
    - i. Sarah to invite sponsors to banquet to present their awards if they would like to
    - ii. Scott Aitchinson confirmed for Saturday morning
    - iii. Gold sponsors are entitled to two banquet tickets
      - 1. NRR confirms - DUH!

- f. Logistics (cutlery, beverage, napkins, etc.?)
  - i. All included with rental of the kitchen
  - ii. We need to supply our own beverages except coffee and tea
    - 1. Ray will approach FreshCo to see about donating beverages in-kind
- g. Float, Purse Money
  - i. Resolution
- 5. ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES
  - a. Pet a Pup
    - i. Arrows by Devon
      - 1. Confirmed that we can buy the materials
    - ii. Sign ups
      - 1. Kaitlynn has had lots of folks sign up
    - iii. Jeneise will reach out to Trout Creek to see if they'd donate straw, and if not, Leah will grab.
  - b. Scavenger Hunt - sponsor inclusion
    - i. Crystal Kosstik and Ashley\_\_\_\_\_ - Sarah will ask and then Kaitlynn will put their logo on the scavenger hunt in lieu of making it onto the print advertising
- 6. MONETARY
  - a. Sponsorships Update
    - i. Signs to order
      - 1. Crystal Kosstik
    - ii. Sarah to mail thank-you cards after and ensure tax receipts are mailed from the Town
  - b. Monetary resolution: **No. 03-09-01-2025**
    - i. Markers/stamps
    - ii. Country Station
    - iii. 2 Bees
    - iv. Port-a-potties
    - v. Purse
      - 1. Approved
    - vi. Vets
    - vii. Marshal
    - viii. Timers
    - ix. Dogsled Rides
    - x. Float
      - 1. \$500 cash for merch sales
  - c. BOOKS
    - i. Leah will reach out to Randy to see if he has a VistaPrint discount. Kaitlynn will also see if VP will honour the discount from the initial purchase.
    - ii. We need to decide on a price for the books after the above is investigated.
- 7. SILENT AUCTION
  - a. Updates- Kaja
    - i. Plywood for the pool tables
      - 1. 2 sheets to cover the pool tables - Mike will check if he has them from last year
- 8. ADVERTISING
  - a. Radio - country station
  - b. Programs and posters distribution
    - i. Committee members need to take them
- 9. SOCIAL MEDIA
  - a. Leah to send videos to Kaitlynn to get to Town for digital sign

10. SOUVENIRS:

- a. Books sale price
  - i. TBD

11. VOLUNTEERS

- a. Update
  - i. NOT ENOUGH VOLUNTEERS! CRITICAL LOW
- b. Highschool reach out?
- c. Email blast to past volunteers list?
  - i. Yes, no replies
- d. Volunteer Night Jan 25th
- e. Luke Hodgins - 519-498-1373
- f. Sarah will call Ron

12. VENDORS

- a. update
  - i. 6 vendors
- b. bonfire wood
  - i. Ron is getting it from Bruce

13. OPEN FLOOR

14. NEXT MEETING DATE

Adjournment Resolution No. 04-09-01-2025