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2024/2025 Kearney Dog Sled Race Advisory Committee

January 21, 2025 - 6:00pm

Kearney Legion

## MINUTES

Meeting Called to Order Resolution No. 01-21-01-2025

Approval of Agenda/Amendment Resolution No. 02-21-01-2025

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Attendance:

Kaitlynn Tidwell  
Sarah MacPherson  
Kaja Koutulak  
Leah Fetterley  
Ray Sparrock  
Ron Patton  
Jeniese Beatty  
Lisa Lahn

Regrets:

Mike Rickward

Guests:

### New Resolution(s):

Committees/Subcommittees Updates:

1. CHAIR
2. TRAIL
  - a. Current conditions
    - i. Fantastic! Brushing is 95% done.
    - ii. Lack of snow, but even as-is we could have the race. Yay!
    - iii. Great base for snow hooks.
  - b. Maps
    - i. Kaitlynn and Andre made maps and a legend for trail signs
      1. Some printed copies will be made, and hung up for folks to take pictures
    - ii. 2-dog is just under 2.5mi
    - iii. 8-dog is 8.3mi
      1. Head on passing signs will go up. Only one blind spot and it will be flagged.
3. RACE WEEKEND
  - a. Set up friday - aiming for 2pm
    - i. Ron here doing sign placement

- ii. Kaja available at 3pm
    - iii. Sarah available after Noon
    - iv. Kaitlynn here most of the day
    - v. Jeneise available too
  - b. Snowmobile/ ATV drop off from Rickwards
    - i. 4 Directors from the ATV club are coming to drive the ATV's
      - 1. Leah has told Sue to get the Directors here for 8:30am to the Legion to check-in with Sarah
    - ii. Snowmobile is for Glenn and Andre has been in touch with Mike
  - c. Generator
    - i.
  - d. Sound Equipment
    - i. Kaitlynn will get the outdoor speakers from the Town on Friday. Indoor set will be at the KCC ready for the banquet.
  - e. Plywood for pool tables
    - i. Mike to supply
  - f. Banner for starting - Lisa Plan!
    - i. Lisa talked to Paul - will put culverts standing up inside boxes to hold the banner up!
  - g. Inukshuk Delivery update
    - i. Leah has coordinated a drop-off at Rickwards by the last week of January
    - ii. Mix of 30/25, 26/16, and Marine 16
  - h. Registration and waitlist update (kaitlynn)
    - i. We've worked through the waitlist from cancellations
    - ii. Registrations technically close on February 3rd - so we will finalize the purse breakdown after that (i.e. why have 5 purses for a class with only 3 registrants)
4. BANQUET AND FOOD:
- a. Set up for awards
    - i. Sarah will put a sign up with our selling hours (silent auction, merch, sled rides, etc.)
    - ii. Sarah and Kaitlynn will
  - b. Wendy's Food - support needed?
    - i. Initial quote was \$18, but ground beef and cheese has increased. Wendy would like to increase the price to \$20. Committee agreed to the increase.
    - ii. Tea and coffee is included. Ray has left two messages at FreshCo to donate bottled water and a couple flats of pop/drinks.
  - c. Trophy name plates
    - i. Sarah to call tomorrow. And re: red lantern.
  - d. Sponsors invites
    - i. Sarah to send official invite tomorrow!
  - e. Lifetime achievement
    - i. Kaitlynn will send an invitation to honourees to attend the banquet.
    - ii. Les McKye - giving him a book to thank him for the use of his land
5. ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES
- a. Pet a Pup sign ups
    - i. Sign ups are great, there are a couple blank spots.
  - b. Tim hortons
    - i. Sarah needs to go in person. Getting nowhere by phone.
6. MONETARY
- a. Sponsors update
    - i.

- b. Any new sponsorship signs for Leonard?
  - i. Krystal Cosstick - ordered gold vinyl banner (3'x6')
  - ii. Stick n Stone - order 3x6
- c. Books
  - i. Not ordering any more for now. Will take pre-orders to gauge if we place another order.
- 7. SILENT AUCTION
  - a. Updates- Kaja
    - i. Tanzilla harness supply will donate some great gear
      - 1. Kaja to send Sarah their logo for donating
    - ii. Non-stop hasn't replied yet
    - iii. Knoxgear is a maybe
- 8. ADVERTISING
  - a. Programs and posters distribution
    - i. Kaitlynn brought more to give away.
- 9. SOUVENIRS
  - a. Have been ordered and are on the way! Carmine is bringing them up - maybe to NRR?
  - b. Need to track how much \$\$ we make for dogsled rides vs merchandise and souvenirs.
    - i. Need to do end-of-weekend inventory.
- 10. VOLUNTEERS
  - a. Update
    - i. Lisa has 2 high school students for sure coming to the Info Night
  - b. Volunteer Night Jan 25th - who's coming?!
    - i. Kaitlynn, Sarah, Jeniese, Lisa (bartending)
- 11. VENDORS
  - a. update
    - i. Town knows to clear the snow out back of the Legion
  - b. bonfire wood
    - i. Bruce will supply the wood
- 12. SOCIAL MEDIA
  - a. Collaborative posts help exposure.
- 13. OPEN FLOOR
  - a. Balloons have been ordered from the Balloonary.
  - b. Sarah will call Lisa again re: Red Lanterns
  - c. Musher survey will go out by e-mail immediately after the race. Feedback will be discussed at the first meeting after the race.
- 14. NEXT MEETING DATE = February 25th

Adjournment Resolution No. 03-21-01-2025