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2026 Kearney Dog Sled Race Advisory Committee

January 8 2026 - 6:00pm

Kearney Community Centre - Sr. Room & Virtual
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Resolution No. 01-08-01-2026

Approval of Agenda/Amendment Resolution No. 02-08-01-2026

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Attendance: Stephanie, Lindsay, Leah, Kaja, Sarah, Ron, Jeniese

Regrets: Andre, Ray, Kaitlynn

Guests: Jim Cunningham, Marshal, Heather Pateman - Town Councillor

New Resolution(s):

03-08-01-2026 - Purse & Float

04-08-01-2026 - invoices to be Paid

Committees/Sub-Committees Updates:

1. CHAIR

- a. Jim Cunningham is joining us - any questions?
 - i. Volunteer for Marcel is to mark down bib numbers when they cross the finish line
 1. In addition, one on start line to sort properly, and one to collect bibs
 2. Ron interested in helping in the finish line
 - ii. Race judge coming from Mexico will be working the finish line to handle protests or issues, Jim will be at the start line
- b. Lisa resignation – redistribution of tasks
 - i. Confirm menu - Lisa is still the Legion contact, so hopefully she can still speak to Wendy to confirm the menu. Leah will call the Legion
 - ii. Confirm parking at the cookhouse for Sunday banquet, and permission from town to plough there. Contact is Shirley - Heather will reach out.
 - iii. Organize drop-off and pick-up of timer's hut with Peter.
 1. Peter Matheson - Ron will reach out and coordinate
- c. Dignitary follow ups – Sarah – Graydons office & RTO12??
 - i. Sent emails last week, haven't heard back yet from RTO12.
 - ii. Scott Aitchison and Mayor Phillips are both confirmed for opening ceremonies.
- d. Canoe Raffle update – Ray

- i. Looked into it, but the canoe is in poor condition. Sorting this out after the race.
- e. Ron – master list, wood for musher?
 - i. Stephanie to email Ron the contact/musher who needs wood for the weekend.
- f. Resolutions to town for closure of transfer station on race weekend?
 - i. Kaitlynn emailed the Town on November 3rd for all needs from the Town. Leah to forward this email to Heather to ensure everything is in place in advance of the next Town meeting.
 - ii. Town also helps build a portion of the trail on Patton Road, worth noting to ensure that this is still the arrangement?
- g. Confirm with roads department they have all our requests

2. HEATHER – TOWN REP. – COUNCILOR

- a. New town position update
 - i. Becky has just been hired as the Town Recreation Liaison
- b. Forms to be signed to cover committee members?
 - i. List of Volunteers needs to be sent to Nicole/Becky
 - 1. Committee members, day-of volunteers, and Andre’s trail volunteers
- c. Forms to be signed by yourself and Cookhouse to allow for plowing?- reach out to Shirley?
 - i. Heather will reach out to Shirley
- d. Dogfood delivery? Move to Community Centre? Rickwards?
 - I. Leah will follow up with Rickwards as Fetterleys is not best option
- e. Does the town need anything else from us?
- f. Get the sound system organized and set up
 - i. Looking for access to the “new” outdoor sound system.

3. TRAIL/RACE

- a. Registration Update - Stephanie
 - i. Still holding at 110
 - ii. 5 on waitlist - 6 dog, 8 dog, rest are skijor
- b. Update/Requests - Andre - DEFERRED
- c. Sled Maintenance needed/done, quotes - Andre DEFERRED
- d. New Trail Maps? Andre – send to Kaitlynn to put on website
 - i. Nothing yet
- e. Trail Fun Day – Kaja/Stephanie/Devon/Lindsay/Mia Date/Invites?
 - i. Kaja waiting on reply from Andre given the current trail conditions with rain/warm temps.
- f. Revised timeline from Jim for weekend
 - i. Approved
 - ii. Leah will forward to Kaitlynn to put on website
- g. Revised 2 dog requirements – release – how did it go? Social/email
 - I. success, lots of good feedback, not much criticism, some questions

4. RACE WEEKEND

- a. Sarah to compose an email to all entries – review/send out date
 - i. Going out on January 23
 - ii. Sarah will send to the committee for feedback first
- b. Vendors Update – Jeneise
 - i. Currently at 8, limiting to 10
- c. Finalization of Purse – post to website/social

- i. Taking remaining money for the 8-dog open and spreading it amongst 1-5 place, same with RNB into first place
 - ii. Kaja will do a post about it, and then Kaitlynn will post to website as well
 - d. Photography/Videography – send Sarah list of photos
 - i. Sarah to confirm with Joel
 - ii. Leah will send list of photos
 - e. 8 & 6 dog –4 ATV drivers requested from Sue
 - f. \$10k purse **resolution** and breakdown
 - i. Sarah to send to Town
 - ii. Sarah to reach out to Pauline to organize envelope stuffing
 - g. Float Amount – **resolution** and break down
 - i. Sarah to send to Town
 - ii. Keeping money separate from silent auction, souvenirs, and dogsled rides in order to track revenue properly

5. ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES

- a. Pet-a-pup – Stephanie schedule, Mia execute
 - i. Full coverage from 10-3 both days,
 - ii. Now that the race schedule has been shuffled, Steph will confirm PAP schedule and email folks with their assigned times
- b. Colouring contest - Mia
- c. Pet food drive – Mia execute, Ray delivery
 - I. will set up outside Legion as well as at banquet
- d. Scavenger Hunt
 - I. ?? do we still have stamps?
- e. Dog Sled Rides
- f. Whimsical Balloons – 1st I Kid, colouring contest??
 - I. will just do stuffies from our inventory unless donation (Jeniese)

6. MONETARY

- a. Treasurer Report - Leah
 - i. New expenses include Vistaprint posters and pamphlets
 - 1. Sarah will pick up when they arrive, and distribute to committee members

7. SPONSORSHIPS

- a. Updates – still need payment from.....; individual updates/follow ups
 - i. Bullock's Independent Grocer - new bronze sponsor
 - 1. Leah picked up cheque
 - ii. 6sGraphics - in-kind donation, works out to Silver level
 - iii. SportLab & Threshold Coffee - in-kind Silver sponsorship for Volunteers
 - iv. Polar Bear Sanctuary donation for Silent Auction - in Kind Bronze
 - v. Maple Hill donation for Silent Auction - in Kind Bronze
 - vi. Only payment pending is PetValu - received following day
 - vii. Centennial Vet (Bracebridge) donating gift basket for silent auction - Lindsay to pick it up
- b. Tax Receipts
 - i. Becky's first order of business - TBD
- c. Race Level Sponsors – sent invite to Banquet – Sarah
 - i. Sarah sending the last invitations out and tracking replies
- d. Delivery of Dogfood – Leah set up with Inukshuk

- i. Leah is Following up with Rickwards and Inukshuk

8. BANQUET AND FOOD

- a. Colleen - Invoice - **Resolution**
- b. Name plates on trophies for 2025? any updates/replacements needed – Sarah
 - i. **Resolution - sarah to do with all other resolutions**
- c. **Sarah game plan for banquet set up, help needed?**
 - i. Lindsay can help with set up, Ron may have some volunteers that can help with set up too

9. SILENT AUCTION

- a. Update - Kaja
 - i. looking good, about 30 items
 - ii. needs pens...is there surplus somewhere?, will print out forms at home and organize
 - iii. will set up Friday at the Legion

10. ADVERTISING

- a. Pamphlets & Posters – purchased & distribution upon arrival - **Resolution already done?**
 - i. Sarah to pick-up from town and get them to the committee to distribute
- b. Newspaper Ad – Jeneise – Great White North Arrow
 - i. Jeneise will reach out for quote for advertising - not free
- c. 6s Graphics and Peacock Signs – quotes – **Resolution** for purchase and deposits- start/finish banners and new sponsorship signs
 - i. 6s graphics came in at the best cost so we will go with them
 - ii. request grommets in the signs
 - iii forward graphics

11. VOLUNTEERS

- a. Update – Sarah
 - i. 8 Volunteers currently confirmed , still coming in steadily
- b. Meet n Greet Date/location? – January 17 confirmed **TIME**
 - i. Sarah send out invitations tomorrow by email

12. SOUVENIRS:

- a. 2Beez Order Review - **Resolution**
 - Revise stuffie order to 25
 - Not going to order toques as inventory is still strong
 - Clothing quote approved
- b. Paw patches? Come in yet?
 - enroute
- c. Set aside 4 stuffies for awards (kid n mutt, colouring contest x3)- Sarah

13. OPEN FLOOR

- To be discussed after race - 1/ potential for 2 dog to leave via start shoot again
- 2/ Skijor to have RNB class 3/ canoe raffle - state of canoe

14. Next meeting will be Wednesday January 28th 6pm - virtual only