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2024/2025 Kearney Dog Sled Race Advisory Committee

October 29, 2024 - 6:00pm

Kearney Legion

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order Resolution No. 01-29-10-2024

Approval of Agenda/Amendment Resolution No. 02-29-10-2024

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Attendance:

Andre Dellaire
Kaitlynn Tidwell
Lisa Lahn
Leah Fetterley
Ron Pattion

Regrets:

Sarah McPherson
Jeniese Beatty
Kaja Kotulak

Guests:

New Resolution(s):

Committees/Sub-Committees Updates:

1. CHAIR
2. NICOLE GOURLAY TRAINING: cancelled
3. BANQUET AND FOOD:
 - a. The Legion will likely provide the food for the whole weekend for the event
 - b. If we do the banquet at the community center, we will have more space.
 - c. Sunday night dinner we were over capacity last year.
 - d. Saturday night we will do Calvin's awards so that gives people reason to stay for dinner
 - e. Legion has an executive meeting next Wednesday and can let us know about meals.
 - f. MEALS: Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner; Sunday Breakfast and lunch at the legion, dinner banquet at the community center.
4. TRAIL/RACE
 - a. 8 dog decisions:
 - i. Possible to go up to the ski-hill and extend the trail.
 - ii. If we can create a longer trail with an extra team that could make it possible.
 - iii. Keeping the trail on the main trail and looping it allows everything to be open/ easier to see.

- iv. If we loop the trail using the dog sled rides trail then it will help the dogs not get confused. We would need people to man gates.
 - v. Echo Ridge road is paved now.
 - vi. Part of what we could use in theory to extend the trail is on ATV trails.
 - vii. We will need more trail help if we extend the trail.
 - viii. Worst case scenario: we can do 2 laps and avoid the finish line. This would be 12 miles.
 - ix. Ask OPP to monitor snowmobile trails – will need a map to propose to them. This would be about 15 miles.
 - x. 8 dog is a go but mileage and route still TBD.
- b. Confirm entry cap, entry deadlines and protocols
 - i. We will cap entries at 100 teams not including kid and mutt
 - ii. Monday Feb 3, 2025 at 8:00 pm entry deadline
 - iii. Notification of entries on the waitlist would follow with their conformation closing at 12 noon on Friday.
 - iv. Jim, Leslie and Marcel will aim to make it to the area by 4 pm and start ranking and have starting times for each class and for each participant ready to publish by 6 pm.
 - v. That would relieve some of the stress on Friday Night.
 - vi. If WE have to cancel the race for any reason, we will give entry fees back. People can let us know by a specific date after that call if they want to leave the entry fee as a donation.
 - c. Sanctioning ISDRA poll update:
 - i. The committee does not feel that there is benefit to ISDRA sanctioning for our event at this time given the cost. We will not proceed this year.
 - d. IFSS sanctioning: paperwork is done and submitted.
 - e. Entry fees for this year: Skijor: 35, 2 dog 35, 4dog 65, 6 dog 75, 8 dog \$100, ikidarod 5
5. RACE WEEKEND
- a. Officials confirmed: Doctor Ron and Stella for vets, Jim for race marshal, Lesley and Marcel for timers
 - b. hut for timers/vet: confirmed by peter! He is going to do a hut for us.
 - c. Banner for starting – Kaitlynn will make a banner design and send it to Lisa
 - d. walkie talkies – **RESOLUTION # 03-29-10-2024**
 - i. Sarah got a quote. \$80 peer pack of 2. Thinking will get a few to start and make sure we like them. Overall budget of about \$400. The ones found are from amazon and have fantastic reviews. Will confirm who can buy those and then go ahead.
 - ii. Kaitlynn will ask the town to order these.
 - iii. We will buy 8 – motioned by Ron, second by Leah. Leah will send me the link.
6. ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES
- a. Saturday morning ceremonial start
 - i. Can go out and around the corner and do a fun small loop if there is enough snow for a small bypass.
 - ii. Can use touring sleds from North ridge?
 - iii. Will ask Jacob about doing a small loop for the start as well.
 - iv. Do the land acknowledgement then
 - b. dog sled rides quote: **RESOLUTION # 03-29-10-2024**
 - i. quote confirmed
 - ii. there are no other providers who can do rides.
 - iii. We always lose money on it. We provide it for the experience.
 - c. independent scavenger hunt – created in drive. Kaitlynn will send it to the committee
 - i. full bingo card gets a free hot chocolate. Design is to be made.

7. MONETARY

- a. Race budget – completed it and will be submitted to town.
- b. Sponsorships in general; package update – Sarah to provide an update at next meeting.
- c. Beer sponsorship – will get update for next meeting. Eric says no. Will connect the beer people and Eric.
- d. Ron will ask Mys Retreat and Edgewater to sponsor again.

8. SILENT AUCTION

- a. Everyone will continue to look for items!
- b. Regatta assigned a few people normally.
- c. Will ask Kaja if she is open to taking care of active role on silent auction items and monitoring donations coming in for that.

9. ADVERTISING

- a. Radio again – ask country 102.2. Lisa will send me the contact information.
- b. Programs and posters – Kaitlynn will create a new design before next meeting to be confirmed and ordered from Vistaprint or 2Bees.
- c. 50 posters; 500 programs

10. SOUVENIRS:

- a. New orders needed - stuffies, buttons, shirts, hats, etc.
 - i. Need to do buttons again; will order new button materials.
 - ii. Kaitlynn will go through what we have for inventory.
 - iii. We will go to 2Bees for promos again.
- b. paw patch quote – **RESOLUTION # 03-29-10-2024**

11. VOLUNTEERS

12. OPEN FLOOR

- a. Snowmobiles: Andre will be looking at the sleds and get work done as needed. He will talk to Robbie about doing the work.
- b. For next time:
 - i. consider a plan B for alternate weekend, cancellations planning, other options and ideas for course. Maybe plan for the weekend after.
 - ii. Ikidarod race will run 2 days.

Adjournment Resolution No. _04-29-10-2024: Next meeting is November 19th at 6:00pm