

ADMC Meeting Minutes 12/22/2010

Gayle Wood, President
Brenda Burge, Vice President
Jenny Stull, Secretary
Dave Stull, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Treasurer's Report: Dave asks that if anyone other than himself makes a deposit or withdrawal from our accounts, please let him know as soon as possible what the amount was and what it was for. Gas money will always come out of the operations account.

Secretary's Report: The 12/8/10 meeting minutes were read and approved by all.

Alaska Excursions 120 Wrapup:

*Erin and Ryan Redington gave the club a signed bib and a nice thank you card. Overall, the race was very successful. Robert Moore asked if next year, we could have either a PA system or megaphone to announce each musher to make the race more spectator friendly.

*Tabitha did a great job with the concessions. Next year, we'll plan to be open and selling in the afternoon when the mushers get from their runs.

*Ken Anderson's check went thru the wash cycle. Payment will be stopped on that check and a replacement check sent out to him. Dave will take care of this item.

*It was nice to have a mid-distance race. It brings in a whole different set of people. All volunteers that worked to make this race happen are appreciated.

Trail Grants & Gas Reimbursements: Gayle was able to get in touch with Elizabeth from the borough this afternoon. The grant paperwork was sent out by her personally in September. This paperwork was never received by us. All grant requests had to be in by November 1st. They were then approved on a first come, first served basis. The borough requested \$85K and the assembly allowed \$30K for everyone who did put in for grant money. Next year, we will be better prepared for this and we will get our application paperwork in right away. Gayle did let them know that she is very unhappy about us getting misinformation from Maria from the borough earlier. The good news out of all of this is that the trail groomers should be reimbursed for fuel. Repairs of equipment was not approved in trail grants.

Patches: Since the last meeting, Greg Sellentin gave us a contact for patches from Woodstock, New York. The company's name is 'Stadium Emblems' and all they do is patches for groups around the world. They are making 200 patches for us for \$520.30 which includes shipping. We also got a 10% discount because of Greg's

recommendation. We did get rid of the whip and changed the musher's arm position from the old design. Greg said that he would be happy to help with any graphic design items if we need it. The patches should be here by the 1st week in January.

*It was voted on and approved that we will sell patches for the following amounts:

\$15/free shipping if it has to be mailed out

\$10 if sold at the club, sold by members or visitors pick up on site

*Ryan's race enrollees will each receive a patch.

Club Membership Fees: It was proposed that we keep membership fees at \$25/\$15 thru the end of the year and then raise them as of January 1, 2011. The following rates will take place as of January 1st:

New Single Membership \$35

Single Renewal fee \$25

New Family Membership \$45

Family Renewal fee \$35

This was voted on and approved.

Sunday's Race:

*Trail conditions per Vern are not very good. They are alright up until the 12 mile mark. Beyond that, the trail is pretty bad as there is very little snow.

*Chugiak is running races on December 26th.

*Brenda Burge stated that she doesn't feel good about running a race on an 'iffy' trail. Our trails must be safe for the dogs and mushers.

*It was decided that we will cancel the race for this year.

*The next scheduled race is planned for January 8th & 9th.

Big Lake Lions Club Donation:

*We need to send a thank you card to the Lions Club of Big Lake for the generous donation that they have given us. Thanks also to Bud Smyth for that! Bud will pick up the check for us.

*This concludes old business.

New Business:

*Doug Bartco sent Gayle an email about using Aurora's trail/gaming permit for a 1 day 40 mile race to be held the 2nd weekend in February. Gayle will find out more of what he wants/needs from us in regards to that request.

*A Businessman's Race was discussed for January 16th in conjunction with the open championship. It would be 3 miles and the musher would start with the businessman in the sled. Then they could stop and change out or the businessman may just ride along for the entire race.

*It was brought up to do a skijour race on Saturday, January 15th. It would be a 3-mile trail with 1-2 dogs. It usually only takes them about 20 minutes. We could send them off 5-10 minutes after the open teams.

*We received a request from Erin McLarnon from the Willow Dog Mushers Association asking for a donation of money or time for the Willow Tug Race. We cannot afford money, but they need lots of volunteers. So if anyone is interested in helping them out, the race is on February 4th. That would be great if we could help out our fellow valley club.

*Entry fees will be raised as of January 1, 2011.

Jrs - \$1 per dog remains the same
\$35 for open
\$50 for 25/25
\$75 for 50/50

Classes: 4 dogs \$12
6 dogs \$18
8 dogs \$24
Open dogs \$30

This was voted on and approved.

*We need 3 more trophies and to change 3 plates for our remaining races. Valley Trophy is reasonable.

*Brenda Burge announced that Bunny Rasmussen passed away a couple of days ago and that the club should send a sympathy card to the Rasmussen family. All agreed and Brenda will take care of getting the card and mailing it out.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm.

In attendance:

Gayle Wood Dave Stull Jenny Stull Brenda Burge
Ryan Redington Erin Redington Vern Cherneski Bud Smyth

Respectfully,

Jenny Stull
ADMC Secretary