

Aurora Dog Musher's Board Meeting
11/3/07

Member's Present:

Larisa Myers-McCoin
June Takagi
Lori Berrigan
Dorleen Jewell
Marilyn Mapes
Jim Uhl
Lynn McCoin

Member's absent:

Randy Cummins

1. Meeting called to order 5:27PM
2. Thanks to everyone who came to the work party 10/28 (June, Yuta, Larisa, Lynn, Jonathan, Vern & Jim)
 - Stairs finished
 - Clubhouse vandalized, new doorknob purchased along with new locks
 - Fuel filter purchased for generator
 - Total time: 2 hours each in-kind donation
3. Minutes of previous meeting accepted
4. Treasurer's report
 - Dorleen is taking a Quickbooks class this month. Is working on balancing accounts from 2007.
 - Treasury as written.
 - Insurance information \$650 to renew (must sign release form before racing, helping, working, volunteers, etc.)
 - Gaming permit arrived
 - Trail grant received
 - Motion made to pay receipts as they are given, 2nded & passed
 - Moved & 2nded to accept report
5. Trail Grant:
 - Payment for grooming: (as written in Grant)
 - Using club machine: \$15/hour
 - Using own machine: \$30/hour
6. Roger Bliss:
 - Rake is frozen but we do need to take down the bushes in the parking lot/staging area
 - Will need to rent a brush hog to take them down. So moved & 2nded, passed.
7. Borough/State Land Lease
 - Papers will be coming in the mail to be paid for current year.
8. By-Laws:
 - Motion made to accept by-laws changes, 2nded. Passed, one abstain
9. Radios: talk with Richard Plack re: ham radio operators for 25/25 & 50/50
 - Radios purchased by Dorleen at Costco for the club. Passed to pay her for them.
10. Web site:
 - Larisa spoke with Teresa, web site re-designed & easier to use. Ready to go up on site.
 - Needs race schedule to be sent to her & map to Aurora.
 - June will google map to Teresa & Marilyn will send race schedule.
11. Race Schedule:
 - We need volunteers or we won't be able to have races! If you are able to help or know someone who can, please contact us soon!! Jr. races will take place with parent volunteers, but Sr., races are dependant upon volunteers.
 - Purse for championship/Memorial Race-TBA: research has been done on pull-tabs vs. slider cards.
 - Tabled until next meeting.
 - Races will be points races and end of year prize money: TBA
12. Scholarship money for Jr. mushers is in the works. Larisa hopes to have money available for this

season. Donations to the scholarship fund are tax deductible, if you are so inclined!

Hopefully, scholarships will be available for 2-doggers through 7-doggers. Money will be put into a scholarship fund that will be available to the student at age 18 going to an approved school of higher education or trade school. The money will be going to the institution, not to the student.

13. Timing classes:

June & Dorleen are interested in timing classes.

Try to get Lexie Runyan to teach class

14. Calendar:

Only about 6 people want to re-donate back to the club who were on the calendar last year.

We'll make new contacts for the calendar.

15. Bed Tax?

Where does the bed tax go for the Mat-Su Borough.

Check into it as a source of revenue. Does anyone know ??

16. Railroad meeting:

Dorleen attended the meeting in Houston. As of yesterday (11/2) all of the comments should be into the railroad and data will be turned into the transportation people. An independent company will look at the land to figure out the best route. Decision should be made by 2009. Everyone is up in arms about the trails and that is holding up some of the decisions. Iditarod, Willow & Houston were represented, Dorleen was the only rep. from Aurora. The Borough is pushing to get the port opened and the railroad put in to service it. Maybe they will put in tunnels, maybe they won't. Larisa talked to the Borough & the engineers and found out that our trails are on the maps and someone from the Borough was "sticking up" for our trails to make sure they were on the map. The railroad has said that they would make an effort to put in tunnels where necessary to save the trails where they can.

17. We need to make signs from the Parks Hwy, through Big Lake and out to the track. They need to be larger and easier to read. Sandwich boards for race days would be good. Need to check with street & maintenance to see about permits.

18. adjourned 7:15PM