

North Country Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2016

12:30PM - 2:30PM

Attendees: J. Foucher, S. Jaillet, D. Jallet, W. Torsey, M. Sweeney, J. Coffey, S. Renner

1. Financial Report:

Club in good financial standing going into this season, in part because of fewer hosted events in winter 2016.

\$5479 in NCM account

\$102 in NCM Paypal account

GNWSDC has approximately \$1500 balance carry over from cancelled event last year.

2. Points Program

Main goal of the program should be to encourage participation at events from smaller kennels

NCM may consider hosting an end of season awards event.

NCM needs to announce the points program in advance prior to fall and winter events. Goal is to have points program information available at annual trade fair.

Steve R. & Margaret S. are new points program committee. Proposal due at next meeting.

Events to be included in points program: Fall Rig Race, Christmas Mush, Wonalancet, GNWSDC, Mahoosuc 100 (if shorter 1-day or 2-day race is added - 20 miles),, season ender, Berg sprint race

3. Mike Ellis Camping Weekend: October 21-23, 2016

Will be reimbursed for airline ticket shortly after he purchases

\$300 fee for weekend (does not include membership fee or rig race entry), 1 team = 2 people and 1 ATV team

Proposed schedule:

Friday night - set-up, maybe a run, meet and greet, issues/goals for weekend that are stated on registration form

Saturday morning - individual coaching in a scheduled block of time (1 hour?), or group training with simultaneous with teams running, or lump groups together with similar issues

Saturday afternoon - arrival of regular camping weekend, setup, training (without Mike), lunch is included

Saturday night - dinner and slideshow presentation - need projector (ask where it comes from) and microphone - fee for general public and non-weekend with Mike attendees. Dinner will be provided by NCM. \$20/person. \$18/person purchased in advance. 6PM

Sunday - Rig Race, then annual meeting

Will limit to 10 teams, NCM invited first, 50% non-refundable deposit, balance due 14 days prior or spot will be forfeited.

Extra people with a team, will pay camping fee and meal fee

Auction/raffle of Mike Ellis memorabilia?

4. Other Fall Events

-Trade Fair

Booth

Raffle - Danler raffle

Rig - but must be lower cost up front, or extend length of raffle

Baskets to raffle either at trade fair or NCM weekend dinner

Sell tickets for the Mike Ellis dinner and slide show program

Video

Calendars - if it breaks even, continue. Perhaps charge extra \$5 to members for calendar

Info about points program available

- Xmas Mush - check to see if Hill will give permit

5. Winter Events:

- Wonalancet

- GNSWDC - March 10-12

Distances likely to be shorter, few teams based on purse size, probably less than 30 miles each day

Start fundraising earlier for larger firms

Non-profit status - Whatleigh will ask about expense and work to get non-profit status

RGO - Jaye would like to reduce workload, RGO needs more help. Jean C. will help and will coordinate lodging and mushers dinners. This includes reserving blocks of rooms, look into musher host families, and coordinating Mushers' dinners

Steve R will type up fund-raising letter to send to large potential sponsors. Steve R and Steve J will coordinate on fundraising efforts beginning ASAP.

-Mahoosuc 100 - Jaye F. will contact RGO to see about shorter race format option and to determine if NCM will still be host organization for insurance purposes. NCM needs to create a set of event standards in order for NCM to be the host organization. These conditions will include a specified number of volunteers, trail marking, trail conditions, etc. NCM will reserve the right to inspect conditions in advance. Might consider asking to have an NCM member on RGO. Specific set of conditions will be discussed and drafted at the next meeting. Jaye F. will check Google Docs to see if a set of conditions already have been drafted.

- Sandwich Notch - Jaye F. will contact Marcia about Sandwich race.

6. Trail Sign Recovery -

Jaye F will recover or Bailey Vitello will recover signs from Mahoosuc?

Whatleigh can store NCM trail materials in barn

Recovery EZ-up from Ronda

ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY:

Complete P&L to be submitted with meeting minutes (Whatleigh T.)

Full draft of points program to be submitted at next meeting (Steve R and Margaret S.)

Jean C. and Jaye F. will contact Mike Ellis to finalize plans for the Fall Camping Weekend.

Calendars will be made this year. Jaye F. will put out a request for images for consideration

Fundraising for GNWSDC (Steve J. & Steve R.)

Non-profit status research of cost and requirement (Whatleigh T.)

Draft NCM host standards for discussion at next meeting (Jaye F.)

Inquire about Sandwich Notch Race (Jaye F.)

Trail signs from Mahoosuc 100 - Jaye F will contact Bailey Vitello about bringing signs to Whatleigh T for storage.

Next meeting scheduled for 9/23 at 9:00AM

Meeting Adjourned approximately 2:30