

IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – SUMMARY

Millennium Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska
October 10, 2008

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present for the meeting, which began at 900AM. President Larsen stated that Joe Redington, Sr absence was excused, as he was on the trail. Several staff members were present as well as Judy Bittner, Will Peterson, Donna Quante, Helen Hegner, Cheryl Metiva and Marty Metiva.

Marty Metiva stated that he is a huge fan of the Iditarod and hopes the City of Wasilla continues a good relationship with the Iditarod. He is running for Mayor.

Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director of the Wasilla Chamber, advised the Board that the Chamber has a new marketing strategy that markets Iditarod 365 days per year.

Judy Bittner, President of the INHT, thanked the Board for partnering with them on trail ROW adjudication.

The minutes of the May 30 and June 2, 2008 as well as the Executive Committee meeting minutes of July 23 and August 30, 2008 were also approved.

President Larsen advised the Board the Executive Committee will attempt to have meetings during months when no Board meetings are schedule. A brief summary of the meetings will be provided to the Board members.

Executive Director Hooley provided a written report on the financial outlook. He advised those present that Mark Moderow was not attending the meeting because of the recent death of his mother.

Hooley introduced Greg Miller, an attorney familiar with aviation issues. Miller explained the status of the discussions with FAA concerning the Iditarod Air Force. These efforts will continue over the next couple of months.

Palin and Hooley reviewed the status of the Willow Airport parking and re-start permit with the State DOT. Hooley reviewed the status of marketing efforts, financial issues, merchandise sales, sponsors and general operations of ITC.

Written staff reports were reviewed by the Board.

Seavey suggested the Board be provided with a confidential list of race rules violation and penalties at the conclusion of the 2009 race.

The Honorary Musher Committee will make a recommendation for the 2009 nominee at the December Board Meeting.

The Board approved an additional \$50,000 from grant funds to the State Division of Mining, Lands and Water for continuing their efforts on ROW adjudication along the Iditarod Trail.

President Larsen appointed a Banquet Committee that included Richard Burmeister (Chair), Dana Rogers, Joanne Potts, Dan Seavey, Mike Owens and Greg Bill.

Will Peterson, Chairman of the Rules Committee, provided some proposed changes, primarily concerning qualifying races. The Board will consider the proposed changes at its December meeting. The Board requested input from the IOFC before the December meeting.

President Larsen appointed a committee to study the matter of required membership for volunteers.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 510PM

James F. Palin
Secretary – Board of Directors

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