

Iditarod Trail Committee  
Board of Directors Meeting – **Summary**  
Millennium Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska  
October 10, 2007

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present for the meeting, which began at 9:03AM. The President stated Joe Redington, Sr absence was excused, as he was on the trail. Several staff members were present, as well as Mitch Seavey, Dale Myers, Judy Bittner and Larry Taylor.

#### Public Comments

Mitch Seavey asked for a clarification on the race rule stating that mushers may be held up to eight hours if they have a dog that comes into a checkpoint with a life threatening condition. He believed the rule was not clear because it didn't define a life threatening condition. He noted the rule specifically addressed dropped dogs and said he believed it should refer to all dogs. He also asked about enforcement of the rule.

The minutes of the April 27, May 18, June 1, and June 30 Board meetings were approved.

President Burmeister reported that he thought the Board Retreat in August went well. As a result of the Retreat, a Governance Committee has been appointed. He also noted he was very sorry to hear about the tragic death of Rosemary Phillips and said our prayers are with her family and friends.

Executive Director Hooley provided the Board with an update of various ITC activities: current financial projections; status of the Navigate Marketing Study; ongoing coordination with Cabela's; activities associated with Original Productions for the 2008 race coverage; possible GPS tracking for the 2008 race; and the Iditarod "Insider".

Judy Bittner, President of the Iditarod National Historic Trail, Inc, discussed their plans for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Iditarod Trail and looked forward to working with the ITC.

Representatives of IonEarth made a presentation to the Board concerning the tracking of the Musher's during the 2008 race. Additional information should be provided to the Board for their consideration at a future Board meeting.

Staff reports were reviewed by the Board with questions and comments from the Directors.

A Board Governance Committee had been appointed by President Burmeister following the Board Retreat in August. Some of the major issues discussed during the retreat included an organizational business plan based on the strategic plan, marketing planning, increasing unrestricted income and reserves, enhancement of the race and governance

issues facing ITC. As a result, the Governance Committee will be addressing the Bylaws in the area of term limits for Directors, the number of Directors, area representation on the Board, Board Development, and how the Directors are elected. It is anticipated the committee will make recommendations to the Board in the near future.

Based on the recommendation of the Rules Committee, two new races were approved as qualifiers. The Red River Race in Manitoba and the Amundsen Race in Norway were approved.

After review, the FY06 audit was approved as presented.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50PM.

Jim Palin  
Secretary – Board of Directors

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