

IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Teleconference – ITC Headquarters  
August 20, 2009

The meeting was originally called to order at 9:06 but there was not a quorum present, so discussion followed and no formal actions were taken until a quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1055AM by President Leelan Larsen.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Aaron Burmeister; John Handeland; Jim Palin; Leelan Larsen; Mark Moderow; Dan Seavey and Rick Swenson

Members absent: Mike Owens, Sam Maxwell, Joe Redington, Sr.

The president noted that Joe Redington's absence is excused. He is on the trail.

Others present: Stan Hooley, Executive Director;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Seavey/Handeland moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 29

**Moderow/Seavey moved to approve the minutes of May 29. Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 27

**Seavey/Swenson moved to approve the minutes of June 27. Motion passed.**

REPORTS

**Palin/Seavey moved to accept the staff reports as presented.**

Swenson asked about the historical documentary. Hooley explained that it was included in the budget plan and that it is expected to generate a fair amount of income. He noted that he will send the Board the details of the budget for the documentary.

**Palin/Seavey motion passed.**

Qualifying Review Board Report

**Palin/Moderow moved to accept the report with thanks.**

It was noted that every musher who had entered to date was not in the list provided by the qualifying board and this will be clarified with the chair of the qualifying board.

**Palin/Moderow motion passed.**

#### DRUG TESTING COMMITTEE REPORT

Larsen noted that the ITC is now responding to three years of requests from the IOFC. The recommended list of prohibited drugs includes marijuana, Cocaine, Amphetamine/Methamphetamine, Opiates (codeine/morphine) and synthetic Opiates (hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxycodone, oxymorphone) and add propoxyphene.

The question of regarding the use of therapeutic drugs was raised and if a musher needs a therapeutic drug, the use of it will have to be approved prior to the start of the race.

Moderow noted that if we make people apply to use drugs, all records become subject to federal regulations because of medical records.

Nordman noted that the way it reads now, if you are found to be taken prohibited drugs, you can not compete.

**Seavey/Moderow moved to adopt the list of prohibited drugs as presented. Motion passed.**

**Moderow/Seavey moved to reconsider the procedure at the next board meeting. Motion passed.**

#### IDITAROD TRAIL EASEMENTS

Palin provided a written report.

He noted that the ITC Bylaws require certain action by the Board of Directors, we need a motion approving the application and authorizing reimbursement for his out of pocket expenses.

**Handeland/Seavey moved to approve the application for an additional \$410K in State funding and that Palin be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses. Motion passed with Palin abstaining.**

Purse Distribution

Swenson noted that of the various alternatives for purse distribution, he prefers the \$48.1K because he noted that it is the people in the middle who have the most difficult time.

**Handeland/Swenson moved to leave first place at \$50K and modify the rest. Motion failed.**

**Palin/Handeland moved to use the \$55K (for first place) scenario. Motion passed. Burmeister, Handeland, Palin and Moderow voting in favor and Swenson and Seavey voting against.**

#### NOME KENNEL CLUB/LEO RASMUSSEN PROJECT

An e-mail from Jim Palin to Mike Owens (Nome Kennel Club) was included in the packet.

Following discussion, Larsen asked that Hooley work with Owens and Handeland to sort this out. Handeland will be the chair.

#### FAA EXEMPTION STATUS – GREG MILLER

Miller noted that this issue has not been taken up by the DC region and he has the name of the individual in DC, Denny Prall. Miller says the FAA is in favor of the five year exemption, but suggests that in five years we are the same as part 135. He stated everything is on track. He said he is confident that 2010 will not be a repeat of 2009. No action was taken by the Board at this time.

#### MOU Anchorage Cooperative Weed Management Area

Hooley suggested entering into this agreement. The risk is whether they will use the ITC as a cause. There is a risk of a negative reaction if ITC is not at the table.

Nordman noted that it may mean a \$25K grant for straw. He noted that this gives him the opportunity to see what other groups are doing.

**Moderow/Palin moved to approve the MOU with the Anchorage Cooperative Weed Management Area.**

Nordman noted that 45 minutes a month might save him hours with the BLM.

**Moderow/Palin motion passed. Swenson opposed.**

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Palin/Swenson moved to go into executive session to discuss financial issues. Motion passed.** Note – Board went into Executive session at 12Noon and back to regular meeting at 1245PM.

#### DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Dan Seavey: No comment

Mark Moderow: Board has dealt with some important stuff. He said he hopes to get the information out to the mushers and maybe to the press.

Jim Palin: No comments.

John Handeland: Thanked the board members and apologized for being late.

Lee Larsen: Appreciated all the projects being done by the staff.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

James F. Palin  
Secretary – ITC Board

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