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TO: Race Officials
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FROM: Mark Nordman, Race Marshal

Iditarod Rookie Ben Valks (Bib # 63) has been withdrawn from IDITAROD XXXIV. Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Marshal Mark Nordman Cited Rule 56 as his reason for withdrawing the musher from Netherlands. The ruling cited reads as follows:

Rule 56 Competitiveness: The race marshal shall have the authority to withdraw a team that is out of the competition and is no longer making a valid effort to compete. The race marshal also has the authority to withdraw a musher whose conduct, in the race marshal's sole and exclusive judgment, constitutes an unreasonable risk of harm to either himself or other persons.

Valks was informed in Shaktoolik this afternoon. Nordman stated that Valks had taken good care of his team and himself throughout the race, but that in his judgment Valks' team was no longer considered competitive.