

## Two Rivers Dog Mushing Association – meeting 3 December 2014

Present:

Stacey Snyder  
Eddie Forest  
Greg Stoddard  
Michael Marx  
Matt Hall  
Riley Dyche  
Shayne Traska  
Rod Boyce  
Aliy Zirkle

7:10 pm meeting was called to by Stacy Snyder

Solstice Race: This is the biggest topic at the moment. It was discussed and decided to put on the race with the dates 20 December to 21 December. The trail conditions are still questionable. Getting to Angel Creek does not seem doable. This coming Sunday a trail team will go out and check the trail past the Angel Creek Lodge. It was suggested and subsequently voted on to turn around at the shooting range again like last year. The vote was unanimous to hold the race on basically the same trails as last year. Aliy asked about the Gas line trail being put in.

Every checkpoint needs at least 6 full time volunteers. Eddie needs experienced volunteers to partner with new volunteers. This request will be posted on FB.

Sign ups will be determined last minute. Possibly even the day before. It was mentioned that electronic signups are inconvenient. Discussion as to the best way to sign up as either e-mail with paypal or electronic with paypal or in person. A cap for 40 mushers was set for the 100 miles, 15 mushers for the 50 mile race. The race rules will need to be adjusted. Further discussion centered around the fairness of signups with a short notice e.g. one week before. Suggestion was to do an in-person signup at the Pleasant Valley Store (PVS).

Registration for the Solstice 50/100 was decided to be on Thursday 11 December at the PVS in person or by proxy from 4pm to 8pm with payment by check or cash. A racer can send a proxy to the in-person sign-up as long as this person is able to provide a complete sign-up form, fee payment (and membership, if a non-member) for the racer. Registration can also be done online starting at 8:01 pm AKST on 11 December.

Refunds: Any entry fee paid by a musher who was not allotted a starting spot will be refunded. Likewise, if an entrant withdraws prior to the race start, their entry fee will also be refunded. If a fee has already been processed (for example by Paypal or our bank), 5% of the fee is retained (not refunded) to cover our administrative cost.

Rule changes: dates, proof of vaccinations at presented at musher's meeting, fee is \$2 per mile, i.e. \$100 for the 50 mile and \$200 for the 100, with a 5 % administrative fee. Purse; 1st 50% , 2nd 30%, 3rd 20%.

Volunteer meeting at 6 pm at Edie Forest's house on 13 December.

Next Tanana Valley State Forest CAC meeting to be held on 11 December at 6 pm at the DNR meeting rooms. 73 wood cutting sales this year. Some concern was expressed about the communication with the Forest CAC coordinating 17 loogin trucks and all of the local musher's needs.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by Stacy. Next meeting was set for 7 January at TR Lodge at 7 pm.

Minutes taken by Michael J. Marx

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