

North Country Mushers (NCM)
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2015

In Attendance:

President: J. Foucher

Vice President: S. Jallet

Treasurer: R. O'Hearn

Secretary: S. Renner

Member at Large: C. Alexander

17 Additional Members

Call to order 12:48

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Events

- NCM Fall Weekend 2014 was successful
- Hill, NH Race - Cancelled due to trail conditions
- Wonalancet, Jericho, and GNWSDC were successful
- 2014/15 membership included 15 Family Memberships & 44 Individual Memberships

2. Treasurer's Report

- Current balance \$4367.05
- GNWSDC lost a small amount, only when accounting for addition of \$1000 of NCM funds to the purse
- Wonalancet was profitable at +\$353
- Jericho was profitable at +\$104
- NCM Assets include Race Bibs, Popup Tent, Timing device, Snow Fencing and Stakes. All are insured.

3. Points Program - still being drafted

NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming Events

- a. 12/6 Christmas Mush - K. Berg & K. Berg are acquiring permits
- b. 1/10 Hill Race - K. Berg & K. Berg are acquiring permits
- c. 1/23 Mahosuc 100 - NCM will be host organization, not RGO. Participants will be required to be NCM members
- d. 2/18-2/21 Great North Woods Sled Dog Challenge - 4 day stage race Thursday-Sunday and 1 day trophy only race on Sunday. George Cook will be the race marshall. Approximately \$3,000 raised for purse so far for the 8, 12, and skijor classes

- e. 3/12 & 3/13 Wonalancet - will continue as a 2 day event
 - f. Sandwich Race has been cancelled. Sandwich Sidehillers Snowmobile Club does not have ability to support race trail due to lack of membership support
 - g. 3/19 & 3/20 Season Ender - Possible sites include Jericho or Mahosuc Inn. This event needs a volunteer RGO committee in order to be held.
2. Request for Vounteers
- a. Volunteers who serve on a committee established by the NCM board will be eligible to receive a voucher of up to \$25 towards the entry in a NCM race/event.
 - b. Points Program - Whatleigh Torsey, Rhonda O'Hearn, and Margaret Sweeney volunteered to continue developing the points program
 - c. Season Ender - no volunteers stepped forward, so further discussion was tabled.
3. Coordinating with New England Sled Dog Club (NESDC)
- a. S. Renner, S. Jallet, & J. Foucher will be meeting with members of the NESDC to discuss events where both clubs can participate. This meeting will be held at Auburn, NH on 11/7 during the NESDC dryland race. The purpose of the meeting will be hear NESDC's proposal, discuss the possibility of joint events in 2016 (Tamworth and season ender were proposed by membership), and details about how the two clubs could coordinate.
4. Election of Officers
- a. Treasurer: Whatleigh Torsey was nominated, ran unopposed and was unanimously approved by the membership
 - b. Vice President: Steve Jallet was nominated, ran unopposed and was unanimously approved by the membership
 - c. Member at Large: Margaret Sweeney was nominated, ran unopposed and was unanimously approved by the membership

Meeting Adjourned: 1:32