

PRIDE BOARD MEETING 7/11/07

Members attending: Mitch Michaud, Bob Anderson, Ben Woodard, TC Wait, Jolene Giese, Karen Ramstead, Jane Fuerstenau, Bridget Schwafel, Shawn Linendoll, Nils Hahn.

The meeting started at 4:00pm Alaska Standard Time. The first half hour consisted of introductions and a general statement of "What does PRIDE mean to you?" from each board member. A report on the history of PRIDE was presented by President Mitch Michaud. Bridget Schwafel spoke on the mission of PRIDE, as outlined in the current bylaws.

The meeting was officially brought to order at 4:37pm

The first order of business was to select board members that would serve one year terms in a two-year cycle. Half of elected members will serve for one year before their seat is up for re-election, and the other half will serve for two years before re-election.

Members elected to a one year term are Nils Hahn, Bridget Schwafel, TC Wait, Jolene Giese, and Mitch Michaud.

Members elected to a two year term are Jane Fuerstenau, Bob Anderson, Ben Woodard, Shawn Linendoll, and Karen Ramstead.

Election of Officers:

President: Mitch Michaud

Vice President (President-elect): Karen Ramstead

Treasurer: Bridget Schwafel

Secretary and co-treasurer: Jane Fuerstenau

Election of committee chairs:

PR Committee: TC Wait (with Jane, Shawn, and Donna Quante)

Membership: Jane Fuerstenau (with Ben)

Guidelines: Nils Hahn (with Karen)

Education: Jolene Giese (with Bob)

Bylaws: Mitch Michaud (with Ben)

Nominations: Karen Ramstead (with Ben)

Committee chairs should seek out members to serve on their committees.

A motion was passed to have Jane continue as Business Manager until these duties can be delegated to the appropriate committees.

Election of Executive Committee--to perform the business of PRIDE when the board is not in session: Mitch Michaud, Karen Ramstead, Bridget Schwafel, Jane Fuerstenau, and TC Wait.

New Business:

2008 Sled dog Symposium in Fairbanks: A motion passed to co-sponsor 50% of Wes Rau's travel expenses with the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musher's association. Rau would also be scheduled to do a presentation at our Friday evening program during the symposium. Preceding his program, a PRIDE board member would give a 5 minute update on the status of PRIDE and our new board, and an invitation to the Saturday membership meeting. Also at the symposium, we will arrange for a table in the vending area to promote PRIDE and sell memberships. Mitch will take responsibility for contacting Wes Rau and organizing the Friday night program. We will ask Donna Quante to assist with video taping the presentation for delivery to PRIDE members outside of Alaska.

Similar seminars in other states and locations: Mitch requested board members to identify seminars and gatherings in their geographic areas where PRIDE could have a presence similar to the symposium in Fairbanks. TC mentioned the Race to the Sky symposium, and Bob and Shawn discussed the New England and Down East symposiums in the northeast. Shawn will organize a table for the Northern New England Sled Dog trade fair in New Hampshire Sept 29-30th. Cost of a table is \$50. Other board members will report at the next meeting on other local gatherings.

A motion was made to establish a stipend for out-of-state board members to attend the annual meeting in Fairbanks. Board members interested in coming to Fairbanks for the meeting are asked to come to the August meeting with cost estimates for airfare. Board members were favorable to paying airfare for travel to the annual meeting, but the issue was tabled until the board is presented with some figures for these stipends.

A motion was passed to officially schedule the 2007 annual membership meeting in Fairbanks October 20th at 1:00pm during the Sled Dog Symposium. An agenda will be published in October, and teleconference services will be available.

A motion was passed to approve Jane ordering more PRIDE patches and bumper stickers. Jane will report cost estimates and quantities to the board through the board listserv before committing funds.

The next agenda item was to discuss drafting Humane Guidelines for Races. After board discussion, it was agreed that we did not wish to single out any particular race, but may want to draft guidelines similar to our Dog Care guidelines that say "This is what we feel defines a well-run race." Discussion was tabled. The Guidelines committee will report on this issue at the next meeting.

A motion was passed to keep the membership year November 1 through October 31st, with new members signing up after June 1st retaining membership through the following year. Iditarod racers would be considered members at the time that they sign up for the race and through the following year.

Discussion of the Kennel Certification program was deferred to our next meeting due to time constraints.

Shawn was contacted by Team and Trail for an article concerning the re-organization of PRIDE. It was decided that Shawn will draft a response for T&T, and run it past the PR committee for approval. In addition, the PR committee will draft a general press release which will be appropriate for a variety of media sources.

A motion was passed to hold monthly meetings the 2nd Wednesday of every month until the snow flies. The meeting time will remain 4pm Alaska time. The next meeting will take place August 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 6: 25pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Fuerstenau, Secretary