

# PSDC ELECTIONS CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR 2020

## **PRESIDENT:**

### **Christina Gates –**

Bid for position of Presidency for PSDC

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself as I run for the position of President of PSDC in the Spring of 2020. I grew up running Samoyeds in NJ and NYS as my parents owned Warlord Kennels. My first race was at the age of 2 in 1977. I continued to race and work with sled dogs through College at Cornell University as I worked for Dr. Arleigh Reynolds in canine nutritional research. I have trained and raced Samoyeds, Alaskans, rescued Siberians and most recently Racing Siberians. I was PSDC Secretary from Summer 2005 to Spring 2011. I rejoined the PSDC Board of Directors in Spring 2019 and am currently the Region 5 director for ISDRA. I have traveled to and raced in Quebec, Ontario, the East Coast and Mid-West USA. I look forward to the opportunity to move forward with an excellent and diverse Board of Directors as we promote and continue our role in dog powered sports

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina E. Gates

## **TREASURER:**

### **MARSHA STOFFA-**

I enjoy knowing the folks in the club and their devotion to their dogs and their support of the club's activities. Being the treasurer has been something of a challenge, however new experiences are always welcome. I would be happy to serve another term as treasurer. Marsha J. Stoffa

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

### **Meredith Michener -**

I am pleased to once again be running for a board seat of our club. My history with the club includes multiple terms as a board member and vice president. My most notable past accomplishment with the club was the creation of our company store which helped us eliminate the need for a club member to order, house and track club merchandise. I am an active member of the dryland and sled racing community and travel from Maine to Wisconsin and Canada. After a brief break I am excited to once again serve it's members.

Meredith Michener

### **Ronald Klepadlo –**

I am reaching out to accept the nomination by Christina Gates to run for a PSDC board member position.

"My name is Ronald Klepadlo, and I accept the nomination to serve the PSDC community as a board member if elected. In the five years I have been around the sport, the mushing community has been incredibly helpful in my start and especially growth within the sport.

I would like to see our club host more events beyond races to strengthen our PSDC community and to provide learning opportunities for newer mushers to learn the basics or for all to refine skills to be best prepared for race day. I am by no means a professional, but attending these types of events with other clubs the past two years has given me the confidence and the tools to grow as a newer musher. Creating opportunities for all members, new and experienced, to learn from and spend time with each other will only help us grow!

-Ronald Klepadlo"

Thanks!

### **Donna Quante –**

I am asking for your vote for Board Member on the PA Sled Dog Club Board of Directors.

I have lived with Siberian Huskies since 1973. I have shown them, raced them, worked them in obedience, agility and dock diving. At present I have 6 huskies and focus on mushing.

I spent 8 years in Alaska. I was lucky to run their magnificent trails. I sat on the Board of the Willow

Dog Mushers Association for seven years. I held the position of treasurer, vice president, president

and member at large over the years. It was a wonderful opportunity and I enjoyed it very much.

I've also enjoyed being a member of the PA Sled Dog Club these past five years. I find this club to

be well organized and important for the well being of our sport. I've helped the past two years with

organizing the Spring meeting. I was very pleased to be asked to be the social media director and have tried to help spread more news about mushing and our club. If elected, I would like to see our club delve more into the doings of AR groups and find ways to counteract them. If not as a club, to find ways for individuals to speak against them. I would also like to continue helping with the Spring meeting and being the social media contact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Donna Quante

### **Laurie Stone-**

I accept the re-nomination for PSDC Board of Directors.

Currently, I am serving on the PSDC Board. My past experience includes several other dog clubs, holding several Board positions and serving on

various committees. I have been on committees ranging from By-laws, membership, to Show Chair for 3000+ entry televised dog show. I have also volunteered on several Samoyed National Specialty Committees and judged at one. I have also enjoyed volunteering at PSDC races.

Overall, I been involved with dogs for 30 years (showing, breeding and very randomly training obedience). I fell in love with the sport of canicross six years ago. My first attempt to learn dog sledding was over 17 years ago, however things didn't go as planned. Friends reintroduced me to mushing about eight years ago. I have owned Samoyeds for the past 25 years.

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Laurie

### **Steve Fox-**

My Name is Steve Fox and I am seeking the position of Board Member for the PSDC. I have 20 years of mid-distance, open class and limited sprint racing experience across the United States, Canada and most recently Alaska.

My family and I enjoy mentoring people in the sport and sharing our knowledge.

I believe the relationships I have built in the greater sled dog community would be an asset to the club.

Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Fox