

# PSDC General Membership Meeting

Denver, Pa. May 12, 2018

Submitted by Secretary Carolyn McKenrick

1. **Call to Order:** President Johnn Molburg call the meeting to order at 2:09 PM.
2. **Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by Mary Wolf to accept the Secretary's Report from the October 21, 2017 meeting in Blakeslee, Pa. The Report was emailed out to all PSDC Members through a mass email. Elain Bartholomue seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - a. **Amendments Report:** A Report was made by Secretary Carolyn McKenrick on the Proposed Amendments. All Amendments were passed with 100 percent Approval.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Jessica Borman reported to the PSDC Membership that the checking account balance is \$1255.58 and the saving account balance is \$6892.11. Mary Wolf made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as it is. Rich Stanaitis seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - a. Jessica Borman reported a donation of \$150.00 has been made by a Siberian Huskie Club from Virginia, to be used for our purses in upcoming races.
  - b. Also noted that the Treasurer position has been approved by the Board to be a paid position. That position will pay \$100 per month as this position requires a good deal of time.
  - c. Just a note to the Membership, dues are due June 1, 2018 for membership in the PSDC. The Membership runs June 1, 2018-May 31,2019.
4. **Committee Report:**
  - a. **Election Committee:** Secretary Carolyn McKenrick reported that we have nominations for the positions as follows: President and for the two Board of Directors seats that are open, as Chris Jacobs and Dan Rehak positions are up for election. As of this time we do not have any nominations for the Treasurer position.
  - b. **ISDRA:** Jessica Borman reported that the upcoming ISDRA Conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, June 22-24, 2018. She also reported that ISDRA has made a ruling regarding the bike and scooter vehicle requirements for Dryland Events.
  - c. **Merchandise Report:** Meredith Michener reported that as of this moment we now have a PSDC Company Store, where you can go to buy merchandise. There will be a link set up on the PSDC web page to gain access to the Café Press where

the merchandise will be located. Insa Robinson will be managing the PSDC Company Store. The Board also approved that 5 percent of all sales will be redirected to PSDC.

- d. **Social Media Coordinator:** Donna Quante is our new Social Media Coordinator. She has done a fantastic job with getting articles and pictures on our Facebook page. She also gets information to Jessica Kizmann who is our webmaster. Our Facebook page is now getting more views than it had in the past. Thank you, Donna, for doing a great job!
- e. **Website:** Jessica Kizmann is doing a great job with our PSDC website. She is very quick to update information that is sent to her. Thank You Jessica, for doing fantastic work on the webpage.

5. **Old Business:**

a. **Past Events Review:**

- 1. **Mount Misery-** Jessica Borman and Chris Jacobs reported that this event did not happen due to inclement weather.
- 2. **Grand Canyon Challenge –** Mary Beth Logue reported that this event did not happen also due to weather. They did put on a Demo event that made an impression with the folks working on this event. Other PSDC members participated in the demo, too. Mary Beth thanked Dan Rehak for helping write up the rules for this event. This effort will go a long way promoting PSDC and Sled Dog Racing.
- 3. **Tug Hill Challenge-** Johnn Molburg reported for Jan Haring. The weekend had pristine conditions for the race. The course was the best it had been in years with great snow and great weather. They had a great turn out with 70 plus teams. Future plans for this race will also include “limited entries” because of limited parking space and also in order to get all the classes run before losing light.
- 4. **Fair Hill Challenge-** Lynda Ninos and Ed Schreckner reported that the turnout was lower than they expected. They want everyone to know that they have made considerable changes in the trail and that it is a great course to run. In the past they had some issues and have now resolved those issues. The trail is a very fast safe trail. They are also working on raising a higher purse and are hopeful that this will bring more teams.
- 5. **Fall Campout-** LuWanna Krause reported that with many Dryland events competing with the campout, the turnout was

light. Along with training in the morning, a timing clinic was held, Turkey dinner on Saturday evening, and a Halloween Party was held Saturday night. Everyone had a great time.

**b. Current Events:**

1. **Spring Meeting-** Chris Jacobs and Jessica Borman reported that registration for the Spring Meeting and Awards Banquet was much lighter than in the past. Guest speaker Walter Herrmann gave a great presentation on a trek he participated in by dog team. It was a great adventure especially for a guy coming from Louisiana. The Awards and Banquet will be a little later along with the Gag awards presented by Nancy Molburg and LuWanna Krause. Also, we will be having a silent auction. They wanted to Thank Walter and his wife for sharing his experience with our club.

**c. Up Coming Events:**

1. **Summer Campout-** Diane Geitzenauer & Liz Stanaitis are the organizers for this event. The scheduled dates are August 3-5, 2018 at Twin Streams Campground in Morris, Pa. Plans include, a Calcutta and drag races, guest speaker will be third place finisher in the Yukon Quest 1000 miles Sled Dog Race, Laura Neese. Rich will once again be making his famous Chicken along with a pot luck dinner.
2. **Fall Campout –** Plans are being discussed and will be finalized at a later time.
3. **Fair Hill Challenge-** Lynda Ninos and Ed Schreckner are looking at a tentative date of December 1 & 2, 2018. They are also working on increasing the purse and wanted to let everyone know it is a much better course since they have made upgrades and improvements. The course is much safer for dogs and mushers. They are also planning either a 50/50 or silent auction.
4. **Mount Misery-** There is no race scheduled at this time.
5. **Tug Hill Challenge-** Jan Haring reported to Johnn Molburg that the tentative date will be February 16 & 17, 2019. The plan now is to have “limited entries”, 85 entries is the current number the club is looking at. With limited parking and having enough time to get all the classes ran before losing daylight seems to be the driving factors.

**6. Grand Canyon Challenge-** Mary Beth Logue is looking at February 23, 2019 for the race and possible a training day on February 24, 2019. The trail is a 19 mile out and back. The training session on February 24, 2019 would also have a fee and you would be required to be a PSDC member. She is also looking at a possible skijor race.

**d. Review of PSDC Policy & Procedures:**

**1.** Dan Rehak researched the PSDC Policies & Procedures. All changes that were necessary to keep the club operating have been updated. These changes will be reflected on the web page under PSDC Policies & Procedures.

**e. Longer Distance Canicross:**

**1.** Laurie Stone suggested to President Johnn Molburg, that there is interest in Longer Distance Canicross. Question arose on how we could incorporate that into our dryland events. It is a way the club could grow and possible increase membership and offer another class. We need input from the dryland organizers to see if it would work in their schedules.

**6. Audit Committee:** President Johnn Molburg ask the General Membership for 2 volunteers to do the Audit of our books. Donna Quante & Heather Walls are our volunteers.

**7. New Business:**

**a. Possible Valley Forge Canicross** – Meredith Michener has an idea for a Canicross event in the Philadelphia area. She is working with Dan Rehak to get the details of organizing an event. She is looking for anyone with information or help in getting this started for a possible date in the spring. She will take any help with this project.

**b. Proposed entry fees for the 2018-2019 events-** A motion was made by LuWanna Krause to accept our current entry fees with no changes. Jane Keiner seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**c. Proposed 2018-2019 Events-** LuWanna Krause made a motion to accept the upcoming events that have been proposed. Liz Stanaitis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**8. For the Good of the Club:**

**a.** Donna Quante “Lead dog Competition”, Donna explained how this would work, it could be done at a race or the summer or fall campout. It would be like an obstacle course for your lead dog.

- b. Nancy Molburg and LuWanna Krause giving out Gag Awards a fun way to lift everyone's spirits.
9. **Elections:** Positions up for Election are President, Treasurer and two Board of Directors currently held by Dan Rehak and Chris Jacobs.
- a. **Position for President-** Johnn Molburg elected to run again for this position. Nominations were taken from the General Membership with no other candidates. A motion was made to close nominations by Mary Wolf and seconded by Donna Quante. Secretary Carolyn McKenrick cast one vote according to the by-laws protocol.
- b. **Position for Treasurer-** Rich Stanaitis elected to run for this position. Nominations were taken from the General Membership with no other candidates. A motion was made from Mary Beth Logue to close nominations and seconded by Mary Wolf. Secretary Carolyn McKenrick cast one vote according to the by-laws protocol.
- c. **Position for Board of Directors-** Two candidates elected to run for this position to fill two Board seats. Laurie Stone and Dan Rehak are the two candidates. Nominations were taken from the General Membership with no other candidates. A motion was made by LuWanna Krause to close nominations and seconded by Mary Wolf. Secretary Carolyn McKenrick cast one vote for each candidate according to the by-laws protocol.
10. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the May 12, 2018 General Membership Meeting by Mary Wolf. Laurie Stone seconded the motion at 4:19 PM.