**TMHSDC Spring 2023 Meeting**

**April 17, 2023**

**Awards for the January, February, and March races were given out to awardees that were present before the start of the meeting. Championship jackets were given out to the winners. The members that received certificates for “the most teams off one truck”, “traveling the furthest distance” and the “youngest mushers” were mentioned.**

1. **Welcome and call to order** (Charlotte Carroll ran the meeting in the absence of a President) It was great to see the members in attendance to the meeting growing.
2. **Secretary reading of Fall 2022 minutes and approval.** Read by Charlotte. Accepted as read. Thomas motioned, Barth 2nd, unanimously passed.
3. **Treasurer’s report and approval.** $3,745.85 total balance, $1,013.61 Allen Thomas Fund. $2,718.63 in checking. Read by Gina. The quilt that Val made and raffled off brought in over $500. Michelle and Jill Carter donated items to the club that were sold and brought in money. The money was used for the new logo, club merchandise and club brochures. Barth made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Chris 2nd, Accepted as read.
4. **501C3 –** Val has filed the paperwork for the club.
5. **Animal welfare report**

Andrea Hoskins was not in attendance of the meeting when the animal welfare report was discussed. Charlotte reported that the Animal Welfare Advisory Council had no further updates on the dog license changes that they discussed at their past meeting. The electronic state program to license individual dogs was not working properly and the state was in the process of updating the online portal to register individual dogs. The AWAC also discussed the “Help Fix Me” program for low income spay/neutering of cats and dogs. The AWAC continue to have online recorded monthly meetings and some of the meetings are posted on their website.

1. **Correspondence secretary’s report**

Val purchased 50 post cards. Charlotte mailed out 48 post cards to past and present members and people who have attended the races.

1. **OLD BUSINESS-**
   1. **Club website -** The website is updated, to include the fall meeting and forms.
   2. **Club Merchandise** –A limited number of bags and t-shirts with the new logo are for sale today for $15 each. We also have brochures with the new logo and club information. Please take some brochures to put out in places where dog people will see them.
   3. **Fundraising**
      1. **Quilt -** Val made a dog themed quilt to raffle off. The winner was drawn at the meeting. Val will make another quilt to raffle off for next year.
      2. **Tours-**A quick discussion was had about giving tours to raise funds for the club. However, no one in attendance of the meeting have dogs that would be good with tours. Some are shy and would not work well with the public.
2. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. **Races**
      1. **Fall Rig Race and Meeting –** November 12, 2023 Dover Fox-croft Fairgrounds
      2. **Bradford Race Dates:** January 28, 2024, February 10-11, 2024, March 9, 2024

A discussion was had about possibly having the stage race both days in February. Further discussion will be had at the Fall meeting. A new roof is in the works for the “warming hut” at Bradford, so in the future we could have more lunches after the races.

* + 1. **Frost Mountain Race** (Brownfield, Maine) James and Alice Fitzgerald had the race March 4, 2023. They were not in attendance at the meeting to discuss a 2024 race.
    2. **Bridgton Race** – A race formerly called the Musher’s Bowl, held by the Down East Sled Dog Club at Five Fields Farm in South Bridgton. Charlotte Carroll’s family was a major part of putting on the race in the past. Danny Gyger, the son of the owner, and who grooms the cross country ski trails at the location with a tucker mentioned to Shayla Stevens and Joel Foster that he would like to see the race held again. The Down East Sled Dog Club merged with The New England Sled Dog Club and they have no interest in holding the race. A discussion was had about holding a race in the future. With the location grooming the trails for us, restrooms on site, and a small warming hut most of the items needed to hold the race are available. In the past mushers have said that the course is very technical and the location is at the southern part of the state, some musher’s would have to travel a distance to the location. It was agreed that Shayla, Joel, Thomas and Charlotte would try to meet with Danny to discuss holding a training day on the course for 2024. Then if it went well and all parties wanted to the following year we could hold a race.
  1. **Leonhard Seppela Award and Allen Thomas Award**

The Vice President had not received any nominations as of the meeting. A two week extension was given on the deadline. To submit a nomination Email or Facebook Val Parent with nominations for both of the awards.

* 1. **Club Vacancies** 
     1. President –At this time position is still vacant.
     2. Board member terms expiring 2023: Don Banker, Andrea Hoskins and Charlotte Carroll.
     3. Section IV. Officers: A through J of the Bylaws was read at the meeting. Then nominations and volunteers for the President and Board Member positions were accepted. Barth Deuyour volunteered to be club President. Shayla Stevens volunteered to be a board member. Don Banker and Andrea Hoskins agreed to run another term. Charlotte Carroll offered to step down as a board member since she is already an officer of the club, and to give other members a chance to be a board member.
     4. Don motioned to vote on the panel as a slate, Andrea 2nd the motion. Voted on as a slate and unanimously passed.

President – Barth Deuyour

Vice President- Valerie Parent

Treasurer – Gina Deuyour

Secretary and Corresponding Secretary – Charlotte Carroll

Board Members:

Thomas Carroll – 2024

Chris Mitchell-2024

Terry Knowles-2024

Don Banker – 2025

Andrea Hoskins – 2025

Shayla Stevens - 2025

* 1. **Boot Camp next fall** – possibly held at the Dover-Foxcroft fairgrounds in October (Columbus Day Weekend). In the past the club was charged $100 for the facility. We could charge $35 a team if they brought their own food. Barth mentioned cooking in his trailer.

1. **Adjournment, Thank you.** Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd and all in favor.

**Attendance:**

Don Banker Jr., Laurie Schneider, Thomas Carroll, Barth Deuyour, Gina Deuyour, Charlotte Carroll, Chris Mitchell, Jonathan Cote, Betsy Parker, Ed Parent, Val Parent, Al Paradis, Emilima Rea, Sasha Rea, Joel Foster, Aspen Foster, Shayla Stevens, Ted Lynch, Melissa Dunn, Jeff Ladd, Matthew Ladd, Autumn Ladd, Desireah Ladd, Elyssa Jerome, Michala Therrien, and Randy Smith. (Andrea Hoskins and Tara Crossman came in during the middle of the meeting.)