

Iditarod Trail Committee  
Board of Directors Meeting – **Summary**  
Millennium Hotel  
Anchorage, Alaska  
February 16, 2009

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present for the meeting, which began at 908AM. President Larsen stated that Joe Redington Sr. absence was excused, as he was on the trail. In addition to several staff members being present, Paul Foutz; Dale Meyers; Donna Quante; and Helen Hegner were also present.

The minutes of the December 5, 2008 and January 27, 2009 meetings were approved.

President Larsen reported on a variety of issues: Archives Committee, Herbie Nayokpuk Award Committee, Honorary Musers, the permit for use of the parking area in Willow for 2009, the one year exemption from FAA for the Willow Re-start, and thanked the various committee members.

President Larsen appointed Jim Palin to Chair the Nominating Committee for 2009. It was noted that Director Seats A, B, and C would be up for election. Seat A (Nome area is currently held by John Handeland), Seat B (Anchorage/Mat-Su area is currently held by Mark Moderow) and Seat C (At-large is currently held by Rick Swenson) are currently held accordingly. ITC Members interested in serving on the Board should contact Stan Hooley or Jim Palin as soon as possible.

Hooley submitted a written report and briefly reviewed the information. The GPS tracking system will be available for purchase during the 2009 Iditarod. He reviewed the financial status. The Board authorized the Executive Director, in consultation with the Executive Committee to restructure the ITC debt and make the appropriate recommendations to the full Board for ratification.

Hooley noted that the Discovery Channel did not renew with Original Productions which means a decrease in revenues of \$300,000. Original Productions is seeking other potential sources to make up for this loss. Cabela's reduced its sponsorship by nearly as much as Iditarod received from the ExxonMobil sponsorship.

The major addition to the ExxonMobil sponsorship was great news.

Written staff reports were reviewed by the Board.

Seavey reported the Seppala Heritage grant has one year remaining. These funds have been used to support a rookie musher from Alaska. He also noted the McGrath Trailblazers will be building a cabin at Carlson Crossing this winter and INHT is looking for a spot on State land between Iditarod and Shageluk for another cabin.

Deby Trosper reported on membership and volunteer activities. Without the volunteers, it would be impossible to have this great race.

The Anchorage and Nome banquets were discussed. The planning for these events is going well.

Moderow noted there is pending legislation authorizing IOFC license plates. The Executive Director was authorized to send letters of support for this legislation.

Being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1106AM.

James F. Palin  
Secretary – Board of Directors

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