

IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 31, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Andy Baker.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present were Andy Baker, Danny Seybert, Aaron Burmeister, Mike Jonrowe, Wade Marrs, Rick Swenson, John Handeland, Stan Foo, Mike Owens

– Aaron Burmeister

Others Present: Stan Hooley, CEO; Chas St. George COO; Mark Nordman, Race Director/Marshall

A quorum was established

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Introduction of Dennis McMillian to the Board -

- McMillian was asked if the staff filled out the assessment surveys that BOD members completed.
- The board decided that staff should fill the assessment out.
- McMillian scheduled board training from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, at the Lakefront Hotel, Anchorage. Additional training will continue from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 1 at the same location.
- The board meeting will follow at 1 p.m.

5. Executive Session –

Mike Owens made a motion to go into executive session to discuss communications, and IOFC Requests, Danny Seybert seconded. The board approved. Executive session began at 5:40 p.m.

Executive session ended at 7:10 p.m.

6. The below discussion points were brought forward by the Board of Directors during executive session on October 31, 2017.

Rule 39 Procedures:

- No one on the Board disagrees with the new rule as it is written
- ITC is working on a seal component for the food drop bags. Any bag that has been compromised needs to be reported immediately.
- Cameras at key checkpoints will be a part of 2018 race. Discussions with a security company that provides security systems on the North Slope will take place.
- John Handeland commented that he may have cameras ready for the Nome Dog Lot.

- ITC is looking at cost for acquiring and implementing go-pro type cameras for each team in order for mushers to be able to turn their cameras on when they stop their teams at checkpoints, or leave their team to rest.
- ITC Administration is tasked to provide the BOD recommended names of Judges, forensic psychologists, veterinarians, and public safety law enforcement as candidates for the panel at the December 01, 2017 meeting.
- All drug test investigations must be completed and decisions announced by June 1, in advance of musher sign ups.
- Polygraph tests – Legal opinion is that the test would never reach the threshold of compelling evidence in court. The panel could decide to use polygraph test as a part of an investigation, but it would not be a singular conclusive outcome.
- Withhold prize money to be awarded after the first sample test is completed if it is positive. Some flights are a big impediment to accomplishing this. A failed drug test would affect awards given to a musher, as well. (Need to update the rule that specifically addresses loss of award money)
- Recommendation that we have language in rule 39 that specifically addresses loss of money and prizes. (Rule Change)

Rule 53 procedures:

Rule 53 -- Personal Conduct Policy

- This rule, as currently written, has been perceived as a “gag rule” about all aspects of the Race. That was not the intent. Clarity of the perceived misinterpretation should be reflected in the new Rule 53.

Refund of Entry Fee:

- The problem from a monetary stand point is that we would run the risk of wasting money on ordering everything from straw to heet. Board decided to forgo the discussion and stand firm regarding the refund of entry fee.