

**Iron Dog Brigade
Annual Board of Directors and Membership Meeting
Minutes
June 10, 2022, 9:45 A.M. – 12 Noon**

Call to Order: President Bob King 9:50

Approval of Agenda: Jerry Hanson moved the agenda be approved as printed with second by David Low. Passed.

Introduction of all present: All present introduced themselves. The following members were in attendance: Bob King, Judy King, Duane Sutton, Florence Mohler, Marlys Knutson, Len Neisler, Greg Sorenson, John Mitchell, Wayne Mohler, Chris Gamache, Ross Antworth, Dale Vagts, David Low, Stan Slack, Dan Martin, Jerry Hanson, Jim Weaver (Pup), Marie Hixson, Jack Welch, Joann Smith, Christine Jourdain Barker, Dave Newman

Approval of Minutes June 11, 2021: Chris Gamache moved the minutes be approved as distributed, second by David Low. Passed.

Officer Reports

President's Report: Bob King, see written report attached

Vice President's Report: Bonnie Holbrook, see written report attached

Secretary's Report: Judy King, see written report attached

Review of Financial Report: Treasurer Judy King reviewed written report, attached. There were no questions. Len Neisler moved the report be filed for future audit with a second by Greg Sorenson. Passed.

Report of Yearly Audit: Documentation will be sent to members after Audit is completed in July.

Process for voting on nominated Pups and DSA Selection: Motion needed from Director to destroy ballots. Marlys Knutson moved with a second by Duane Sutton that all ballots used for new Pup vote and DSA vote be destroyed. Passed.

Director Reports:

Duane Sutton – did not have a written report but was pleased to have served as a director. He attended the Midwest Iron Dog and helped with the writing of the writing of the Iron Dog Ride Guidelines.

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Florence Mohler – see written report attached.
Marlys Knutson – see written report attached.

Suggestions for getting dues paid on a timely basis:
April 11, 2022 – 47 unpaid
May 11, 2022 – 10 unpaid
June 1, 2022 – 3 unpaid

There were no suggestions, but the Executive Board is open to any and all suggestions our members might have, at any time.

Members who are mailed to:
7 members
2 Associate - \$10 dues
5 Active - \$60 dues

This does vary at times. If we know someone is ill or has had a serious injury, we will mail information to them rather than counting on them trying to get into their email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership Committee: President Bob King – The secretary was asked to send out the listing of “where we are from”.

Bylaw Committee: No requested changes/no report – need clean up. President King volunteered to work on this after his term is completed. Ross Antworth also volunteered to work on the Bylaws.

Policy Manual (SOP’s): No changes. SOP’s are relatively easy to make changes to since this is a Board approval function. They will be reviewed in conjunction with the Bylaws.

Nominating Committee: President King served as the Nominating Committee.

Election of Officers – Wayne Mohler will conduct elections.
Tellers Stan Slack & Dave Newman were appointed by Wayne.
President – The Nominating Committee announced Vice President Bonnie Holbrook and Director Duane Sutton expressed interest in holding the position of President. Ballots were distributed

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by the tellers with results being announced by Mr. Mohler. Duane Sutton will hold the position of Iron Dog Brigade President. David Lowe moved these ballots be destroyed, second by Marie Hixson. Passed.

Vice President – The Nominating Committee announced Director Gail Hanson had expressed interest in holding the position of Vice President. There were no other candidates for this office. Len Neisler moved we dispense with the Bylaws and end nominations, Chris Gamache seconded. Passed. Dale Vagts moved, with second by David Low that Gail Hanson be voted in by acclamation. Unanimous passage.

Director(s) – The Nominating Committee announced Marie Hixson was interested in filling the remainder of Gail Hanson's 2-year position. Ross Antworth moved we dispense with the Bylaws and end nominations, second by David Low. Chris Gamache moved, with second by Christine Jourdain that Marie Hixson be elected by acclamation. Unanimous passage.

Marlys Knutson nominated Ross Antworth to fill Duane Sutton's remaining 2 years as Director with a second by Duane Sutton. After extensive discussion surrounding the Bylaws, Marie Hixson, with second by Duane Sutton moved to declare the election null and void and destroy the ballots. Passed.

Nominations were begun again to fill the remainder of the 2-year Director position left vacant by Duane Sutton's election to President. Marie Hixson nominated Bonnie Holbrook, second by Greg Sorenson. Greg Sorenson nominated Ross Antworth, second by Duane Sutton. Ballots were distributed by the tellers, voting commenced. Mr. Mohler announced Ross Antworth was elected the new Director for 2 years. Marie Hixson with a second by Duane Sutton moved to destroy the ballots. Passed.

The tellers were charged with destroying all the ballots.

OLD BUSINESS

Mid-West Ride 2022: Please review both the President's and Secretary's reports.

World Snowmobile Headquarters; Iron Dog Display; ISHOF;

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Eagle River, WI: Joann Smith announced the new Inductees into ISHOF: Ed Klim, Michigan; David Low, Michigan; Jason Howell, Montana & Craig Nicholson, Ontario. Bill McFarlane from New Hampshire will receive the Edgar Hetteen Award of Merit and Bob Keller from Oregon was selected International Groomer of the Year.

The Iron Dogs continue to have a display at the World Snowmobile Headquarters as well as the ISHOF plaques.

Web Page: Gail Hanson – continues to maintain our web page.

Facebook: Judy King & Bonnie Holbrook – we enter information as received and appropriate

Queensboro Report: Bonnie Holbrook – nothing was ordered this year.

Iron Dog Merchandise: Judy King – Available merchandise is on the table in the back of the room for purchase. Merchandise will not be brought to the Banquet tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

2022/2023 Budget: After lengthy discussion, Duane Sutton moved the Budget be approved with seconds by both Marlys Knutson & Florence Mohler. Passed.

Proposed Sponsorships: These checks will not be written until after the July 1, 2022, so they are in the appropriate fiscal year.

1. ISC Sponsorship - \$500 Jack Welch moved we provide sponsorship of \$500 for the 2023 ISC, second by Marie Hixson. Passed.
2. World Snowmobile Headquarters - \$1500 Greg Sorenson moved, second by Ross Antworth that \$1500 be sent to the World Snowmobile Headquarters for rent for our space and support of HQ. Passed.
3. Friends of ISHOF – shows as sponsor of Edgar Hetteen Award of Merit - \$500 Chris Gamache with second by Marie Hixson, moved we donate \$500 for the Friends of ISHOF to sponsor the Edgar Hetteen Award of Merit. Passed.

Proposed Iron Dog Ride Guidelines – President King reviewed the proposed Iron Dog Ride Guidelines. Wayne Mohler moved we adopt them and put them into our Policy Manual, second by Duane Sutton. Approved.

2023 Midwest Ride: After we arrived home, President King contacted Les Ollila. Les and Dave Guenther will be putting together a ride in the Brainerd Lakes area. More information will follow.

2023 Northeast Ride:

2023 Western Ride: Florence Mohler and Jason Howell are working on a ride for 2023.

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ISC 2023: June 8, 9, 10 in Moline, Illinois

Bonnie Holbrook asked that people send pictures to her for the Dog Tags she is working on and any other information you would like put into the Dog Tags.

On behalf of ISHOF, Joanne Smith thanked the Iron Dog Brigade for their contribution to ISHOF.

ADJOURNMENT: David Low moved the meeting be adjourned at 12 Noon, second by Jack Welch. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy King, Secretary