

IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE
Board of Directors Meeting – **Summary**
Millennium Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska
November 30, 2007

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present for the meeting, which began at 9:13AM. The President stated Joe Redington, Sr's absence was excused, as he was on the trail. Several Staff members were present, as well as Donna Quante, Cliff Larson, Will Peterson, Ben Hagedon, and Leslie Shick.

The Board received public comments from Donna Quante and thanked her for attending the meeting.

The minutes of the October 10, 2007 Board meeting were approved with minor corrections.

President Burmeister reported that he was excited about this coming race and noted the Rookie Meeting was this weekend.

Executive Director Hooley provided the Board with an update on various ITC activities: financial statements; the Iditarod Insider; proposed tracking devices; pending licensing agreements for the 2008 race; and general activities associated with the race.

Staff reports were reviewed by the Board with questions and comments from the Directors

Dan Seavey presented a report for the Iditarod Official Finishers Club (IOFC).

The Board Governance Committee provided there recommendations to the Board. Recommendations included: 1) continue to have ITC members elect the Board members; 2) consider limiting Directors to two consecutive three year terms; 3) add a Board Development Committee to the Bylaws, which could include the nominating committee; 4) eliminate regional representation on the Board except for 1 seat in Nome and 1 for IOFC; 5) Increase from 25 to 50 the number of members required to sign a nominating petition for a member to be on the official ballot; 6) out-of-state Directors must be approved by the majority of the Board and the individual approved prior to being placed on the ballot; 7) improve the method of sending Annual Meeting notice to members; and 8) add a provision for Special Board of Directors Meetings.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the pros and cons of term limits, how to attract interested members in serving on the Board, and impose Directors own term limits. There was concern expressed about a potential major turnover of the Board over a three year period. President Burmeister asked that this be on the agenda for the next meeting with something on which to vote based on the discussions at this meeting.

Longtime Iditarod supporter, Max Lowe, was selected to be the Honorary Musher for the 2008 Iditarod.

Executive Director Hooley was authorized to proceed with a potential agreement with I on Earth for tracking devices for the 2008 race.

BLM is proposing a major increase for trail User Fee's. This could result in a major increase in the cost of the race. Staff will continue to work with BLM to either eliminate the fees or minimize them.

Teresa Morrow spent a short time with the Board going over points regarding working with the media. She will do the same at the Rookie meeting this weekend.

The start of the 2008 Iditarod will end at an appropriate location approximately eleven miles from the start. The re-start will occur in the Willow area.

President Burmeister appointed Jim Palin, David Pike, and Max Lowe to the Nominating Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17PM

Jim Palin
Secretary
Board of Directors