**TMHSDC Spring 2021 Meeting**

**American Legion Newport, ME**

**June 6, 2021**

1. **Welcome and call to order**
2. **Secretary reading of fall 2020 minutes and approval.** Read by Jill. Accepted as read. Gary motioned, Darlene 2nd, unanimously passed.
3. **Treasures report and approval. $**1,011 in the Animal Welfare account. $4,761.56 total all accounts. $360.75 spent in awards. $90 on porta potty. $1,012 deposited from race. $561.25 was the proceeds from the race. Read by Gina. Accepted as read. Terry motioned, 2nd and unanimously passed.
4. **Animal welfare report (Darlene)**
	1. The last animal welfare meeting was May 2019.
	2. Musher’s Pride posted that animal welfare is looking for board members.
	3. Darlene has submitted her application three times to the governor’s office.
	4. There are an abundance of ticks in Maine this year.
	5. Be mindful of what you post on social media.
5. **Correspondence secretary’s report (Darlene)**
	1. Charlotte took Gina and Darlene’s membership lists and combined them.
	2. 45 cards were sent out for the meeting invite.
6. **OLD BUSINESS-RECAP 2019-2020 SEASON**
	1. **Fall meeting and rig race at Lily Bay State Park, Greenville Nov 2020**
		1. We had a good turnout. Down East attended and won a lot of the races.
		2. COVID 19 restrictions were in place with masks worn and social distancing.
		3. The weather was nice and we conducted the meeting outside after the race.
		4. It is preferred that we do not run the dogs on the tar, new race locations will be discussed as new business.
	2. **Sprint races in Bradford**
		1. We had 1 of 3 races due to weather/snow conditions.
		2. We had a good turn out with Down East attending and winning some of the races.
		3. Denise did good job timing.
		4. Round of applause for Ed and Val for the trails.
		5. Saturday was the normal sprint races, Sunday was a 12 mile race running the 6 mile course, waiting an hour and running the course again.
	3. **Membership form**
		1. The membership form has been updated on our website to include the statement regarding compliance with animal welfare laws.
	4. **Club nonprofit status**
		1. A nonprofit does not pay taxes on purchases. We could save money especially on club merchandise purchases.
		2. Jill will call the stat to take Julie off and add Gina. She will also get our tax id number.
7. **NEW BUISNESS**
	1. **Fundraising ideas**
		1. FAST CAT (Coursing Ability Test)
			1. Charlotte and Val attended a FAST CAT trial/training in CT.
			2. Huge expense, AKC Club puts events on, none currently in Maine.
			3. An AKC Club in CT would come to ME. They would charge $4,000, filling the roster would make $8,000 leaving a $4,000 profit. It costs $25 per dog per run the trails. We could do training runs and charge less.
			4. Possible location here would be Topsham Fair Grounds.
			5. Val knows someone who makes the lure system.
		2. **New England Sled Dog Trade Fair in October**
			1. 1 day attendance to sell club merchandise.
		3. **Rides with club membership and insurance**
			1. Discussion about a club event so it is covered by insurance.
	2. **Fall Meeting locations possibilities**
		1. Charleston Golf Course
		2. Bangor Municipality
		3. Unity College Forest Trails – Bangor
		4. Pleasant Lake Preserve – Stetson
		5. Western Woods - Madison
	3. **Brownville race**
		1. No race officials, committee members live there.
		2. Safety is a factor with snowmobiles on the trails.
		3. It takes a lot of meetings to make it happen. Difficult to attend the meetings when you live further away.
		4. Race is not being planned/will not be held for 2021.
		5. Greenville race will be Feb 5-6, 2022 and may add some options like skijor and 4 dog events.
	4. **Bradford race**
		1. Will hold another 2 day race like we did in 2020.
	5. **Website**
		1. Neil does not have the time to update. May need to start from scratch. Marjorie knows the website. Val will take it over.
	6. **Nominations and elections of officers and board members**
		1. Nominations were made, voted on as a slate of officers. Terry nominated, Darlene 2nd, unanimously passed

President: Jill Carter

Vice President: Val Parent

Secretary: Charlotte Carroll

Treasure: Gina Deuyour

Correspondence Secretary: Darlene Farr

Timer: Denise Cory

Race Marshall: Neil Fisher

Board Members:

 Andrea Hoskins

 Charlotte Carroll

 Neil Fisher

 Don Banker Jr.

 Chris Mitchell

 Terry Knowles

1. **Good of the club, please share some good things from this past season**
	1. Jill – The club is still going strong and has the same amount of funds even though we had many challenges this year – Snowmobile accident at Brownville in 2019, a club member was in trouble with the law, we had our first complaint at a race from someone that was not in attendance at the race but their dogs were, a pandemic and lack of snow.
	2. Val- Thomas took care of a concern that was voiced about the trail by the Down East attendees. He took a wrench and removed the pipe that was sticking out of an oil tank on the side of the trail.
	3. Joan and Gary brought dog items to give away today with a donation bucket with proceeds going to the club. $82 was raised.
	4. Rhonda – glad the club is still here promoting sled dogs.
	5. Club members are still doing dog sled demonstrations at their local schools.
2. **Adjournment, Thank you**

**Attendance:**

Gary Chapman, Joan Chapman, Darlene Farr, Betsy Bricker, Don Banker Jr., Rhonda Welcome, Andrea Hoskins, Leslie Silvia, Laurie Schneider, Ed Parent, Lilly Martinson, Terry Knowles, Tara Crossman, Thomas Carroll, Todd Grant, Val Parent, Gina Deuyour, Charlotte Carroll