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The Newsletter for the Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers
Spring 2023

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Happy Spring!



CHESTER RACE RECAP

It wasn't easy to bring this race back after 6 years absent. We had lots of issues throughout the years, no snow, too much snow, then came the Dixie Fire, resulting in Collins Pine closing the area to all public access. Now that the logging has finished, Collins Pine has opened the race site to SNDD once again to hold the Chester Winterfest Sled Dog Race.

We had to move the start area due to plowing but we managed to relocate the race about 1/2 mile up the road. We had snowmobile/grooming issues. We still over came all these obstacles and had a successful race.

A first for the Chester Race was the Meet and Greet this was mandatory for all Mushers, held at the Holiday Market. This was for the communities to come and meet the Musher's and the K9 athletes. This was an over-the-top success and will be a new Chester tradition.

I want to thank the following, without their devotion and hard work this race would have been impossible:

Collins Pine, Holiday Market, April Cox, Bobbie Howe (Collins Pine), Roxy Howe, Sara Borok, Chris Irvin, Steve and Charlene LaBelle, Kellie Holden, Glen White, Troy Wagener. (See race results on the next page.)



Spring 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Next meeting is NOT set yet!*

September 2024 -

- TBD - Fun Run

October 2023 -

- Mid-month, TBD - Fun Run

November 2023 -

- 11/4-5 - SNDD Mushing Clinic (Chester Race Site)
- 11/5 SNDD MEETING, Sunday after Mushing Clinic
- 11/18-19 - Johnson Lane (Minden) Fun Run

January 2024 -

- Jan/17-24 Eagle Cap Extreme (Joseph, Oregon)

2023 Chester Sled Dog Race Results

Class	Adult	6-8_Dog	Mid_distance		14 mi	9 mi	Total Time	
Entry	Bib#	First Name	Last Name	Purebred	Day 1	Day 2	Elapsed	Place
1	1	Dan	Hewitt	No	1:13:42	1:15:54	2:29:36	2
2	2	David	Sindelar	No	1:15:54	0:58:06	2:14:00	1

Race 3	Adult	6_Dog	Sprint		6 mi	6 mi	Total Time	Place
Entry	Bib#	First Name	Last Name	Purebred	Day 1	Day 2	Elapsed	
1	3	April (Dan)	Cox (Hewitt)	No	0:44:46	0:39:51	1:24:37	1

Class	Adult	3_Dog	Sprint		3 mi	3 mi	Total Time	
Entry	Bib#	First Name	Last Name	Purebred	Day 1	Day 2	Elapsed	Place
1	4	Christine	Martin	Yes	0:51:44	0:36:46	1:28:30	3
2	5	Bodhi	Morgan	No	0:21:35	0:14:40	0:36:15	1
3	6	Sara	Borok	No	0:50:07	0:36:12	1:26:19	2

Class	Adult	Skijoring	2_Dog		3 mi	3 mi	Total Time	
Entry	Bib#	First Name	Last Name	Purebred	Day 1	Day 2	Elapsed	Place
1	7	Rose	Wolterbeek	N	0:24:24	0:30:59	0:55:23	2
2	8	Natalia	Sachs	N	0:18:34	0:14:06	0:32:40	1

Class	Jrs	3-Dog	Sprint		3 mi	3 mi	Total Time	
Entry	Bib#	First Name	Last Name		Day 1	Day 2	Elapsed	Place
1	9	Baylee	Hansen		0:39:06	0:37:50	1:16:56	1
2	10	Taylor	Holden		0:51:48	0:40:45	1:32:33	2

Welcome New Board Members

- Shirley Austin-Peek is our new Secretary
- Christina Soloski has moved to Member-At-Large

Interested in becoming a Board Member?

SNDD is looking for a new **Treasurer**! Duties include maintaining the club checking and savings accounts, handling our taxes, writing checks. You do not have to be an accountant, but accounting knowledge helps. Mostly, you just need to be willing to learn and want to help out! For more information, please contact Hugo Antonucci or Preston Springston.



Unfortunately, we are also looking for a **Newsletter Editor**. This is fun as you get to design it as you see fit! SNDD puts out the newsletter quarterly. It is generated in Microsoft PowerPoint. Contact Kathy or Hugo for more information over Facebook Messenger or Arcgrace1@aol.com.



SNDD Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2023

Present: Hugo Antonucci, Michele Pimental, April Cox, Kelly Holden, Taylor Holden, Kathy Miyoshi, Shirley Austin-Peeke, Charlene LaBelle, (Melissa Turner tried to join, but had a bad connection),

Meeting started at 2:06pm on ZOOM

Approval of minutes: Hugo added attendees April Cox and Terry Antonucci to the minutes, as their names had been left off. Kathy motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Charlene seconded the motion; all approved.

President's report - Hugo mentioned our member roster, and has requested an updated version from Preston. All boot camp attendees get free membership for one year, and we have some lifetime members, so he estimates that we have close to 20-25 members?

Vice President's Report - no report from Barbera

Treasurer's report- no report from Preston Springston, Hugo reports balances should be similar Paypal balance has gone up a bit, to \$1700

Secretary's report - no report from Christina

Chester Race will be held February 11-12. Collins Pines has given us permission to hold the race. Hugo has a trail groomer. Hugo talked to Karen Gardella Betzer, who agreed to help, Hugo will call Bill in the next few days. We have a timer. Question: Will the Chamber supply port-a potty?

Hugo needs volunteer help to set up the race before the weekend. We also need about 4 checkers, and somebody to handle merchandise. April may not be racing, so may help with merchandise. It was suggested that we could possibly take turns working the table.

Kelly asked about food vendors, but we don't have any lined up. Hugo has someone in mind, and will try to contact them. Hugo will get there to the race site whenever people will be there to help. Hugo has merchandise and all race supplies. Kathy will put the race on SDC

Hugo will bring the trailer early and leave it with friends. Cedar Lodge is still shut down. Charlene had told Hugo that a place (Antler Lodge?) will offer discounts Hugo will check about that.

Foresthill Race

Shirley reported that she has talked to some Foresthill folks. We can't bring back the race this year, but hope for next year. We will need forest service permits. Word is that the new forest service employees are friendlier than in the past.

Shirley talk to Laura Nelson again and get some other contacts.



January 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes Con't

Mushing Clinic

Hugo expressed disappointment in that he could have been more organized ahead of time, but the clinic went well overall and students were happy. There were 12 students, 10 for basic course, and 2 for advanced course. The advanced class was more expensive (\$210) than the basic (\$160). If two people came together, the partner was half price.

We got \$1540 income from the clinic. Shirley asked what we can do next year to help, perhaps in summer a checklist of things that need to be done. Kathy and Shirley offered to help with planning next year so it doesn't all fall to Hugo.

Kathy asked about how it's advertised, and how are people finding out about it. Hugo said he thinks it is from different sources, often word of mouth. April suggested asking attendees how they found out about it. We used to use paper fliers. Hugo suggested discussing next year's clinic at a spring meeting.

Fun Run in Minden

Kathy said it was disappointing that 30 rsvp'd, but only a couple people showed up.

Jessica was going to mark trails for beginners but wasn't able to make it. Kathy never intended to mark trails for distance, or trails where the filming was to take place. It was confusing with the filming having to take place in a different location than the main fun run! Kathy will next time clarify what is available for trails. Overall, it was still a fun day, including working with the film crew.

Webmaster

April reported that she's working on the website, but it's very difficult and time consuming. She will try to put paypal on there for entry fees, sndd@yahoo.com

Newsletter

Kathy stated that she doesn't have time to do it, especially during racing season. She will still try to do the spring one.

Meetings and Zoom account We are using Barbera Schafer's account right now. Kathy wants to know if the club can purchase an account for \$149 per year.

We will still try for one live meeting every year, but still do zoom for the rest. Hugo says we need 10% of the membership to be present at meetings.

Hugo motioned, Kelly seconded, to purchase an account, Kathy will look into it.

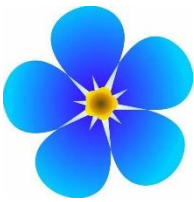
Facebook page: Kathy brought up the issue of access to our Facebook group. Our FB group is a private group, and Hugo is admin. There were reasons for it being private when April set it up. The SNDD page can be shared, but activity in the facebook group cannot.

Next meeting 4/30 2pm Location to be determined Kathy motioned for meeting to adjourned; April seconded

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for April 30

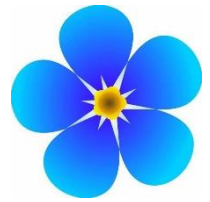




General Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2023

Truckee, California



12:46 p.m. Begin

President's Report:

- Treasurer Preston Springston is stepping down.
- Snowmobile: Club snowmobile burned at last event. Hugo votes for snowmobile purchase: \$2,000 max price was recommended with an interest free loan and end date. Trail maintenance to be deducted from SNDD. Motion will be made after Treasure's report.

Vice President's Report:

- Barbara is not here.
- Minutes are approved as written.

Treasure's Report:

- Preston is stepping down after 13 years
- 501(c)3 needs to be filed annually
- Insurance policy needs to be renewed yearly
- Certificate for Colin Pines has 2M liability.
- In 2010 there were no records, Pete had thrown the ledgers away.
- Wells Fargo 7 years of accounts
- Lost tax exempt status but Preston got it back.
- Quicken has all accounts, paypal and savings.
- Checking/Savings are combined. Wells Fargo will need a new profile for the new treasurer
- Thank you Preston.
- Charlene motioned, Shirley seconded and all others approved

Secretary's Report:

- April nominates Shirley to be Secretary, Hugo seconds, everyone in agreement
- Hugo nominates Christina to be Member-At-Large, everyone agreed, Charlene noted her husband was slighted.
- Preston left at 1:35 PM – family birthday

Chester Race:

- Went as planned, move site, need more advertisements
- Hugo requests a dedicated, committed race crew to put in a trail and that all checkers be handled by the same person next year.
- Sarah Brock and her friend did an excellent job helping this year.
- Next mee/ng will be held in a timely fashion. Goal is to meet and identify responsibility of race crew. Race crew to meet in summer to map the trail and keep dedicated. Overall, everyone was happy with the race in spite of early setbacks.

April 30, 2023, General Meeting Minutes Con't

Forest Hill Race:

- April motions vote for Forest Hill race early March
- Forest Hill provided the forest service approval to come back.
- Paperwork is needed
- Spectator parking
- For Hillside Dog Committee
- Cleaning the parking lot – disinfect
- Walkie Talkies/Intercom
- Will the open the lodge for musher housing?

Updates need to be made to Board member

Email list. New Business:

- Charlene motioned to give Hugo up to \$2,000.00 interest free loan with a promissory note stating the loan will be paid back in 5 years. Hugo will get a \$500 credit for ever race for putting in the trail. Caitlin second the motion. All in favor.

Fun Run September:

- Fun run is typically held in September – this year's date is to be determined
- Hugo or Kathy will pick the date
- Location to be determined

Mushing Clinic:

- Basic clinic is in October, may also do advanced clinic if there is interest
- Hugo will come up with dates for mid-late October **(NOTE: PROPOSED DATE IS NOW NOVEMBER 4/5 IN CHESTER, CALIFORNIA)**

Fun Run in November:

- Date will be proposed
- Looking for someone to head up, possibly Kathy **(KATHY IS SUGGESTING 11/18-19, JOHNSON LANE, MINDEN)**

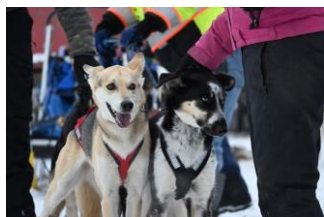
Newsletter:

- Need photos from Chester Race
- Include a meet and greet success story

Webmaster Follow Up:

- April is making progress

2:24 PM Shirley motions to adjourn and Caitlin seconds. All in agreement.



CHESTER 2023 SLED DOG RACES!





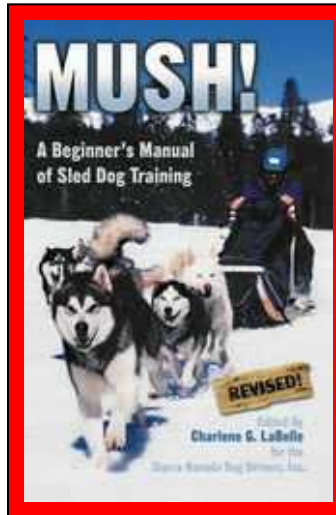
Chester Race Meet 'N Greet



*A fun time was had
by all!*

A must read for every musher!

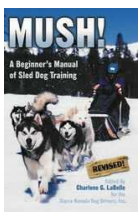
MUSH! Book has been recently updated and is now available at <http://sndd.org>, click on SNDD Store.



Makes a great holiday gift for friends and family who want to know more about your mushing experience.

Check out the SNDD store:

<http://sndd.org/store.html> Below are some of the great items you can purchase!



Below are a small sample of what you will find on <http://www.cafeepress.com/SNDD>

Aprons



Variety of Hats



Bags



Cool Sweatshirts



Clocks



Mugs



Teddy Bear



Yard Sign



Sierra Nevada Dog Drivers, Inc. - Membership Application & Renewal Form

Regular and Associate memberships both include the newsletter and racing privileges. Regular members must be at least 18 years old and have voting privileges. Individuals who do not wish to have voting status, or who are under 18 years old and have written consent from their parents, may apply for an Associate membership. New members must join as Associate and then apply for Regular status after one year if they wish to have voting privileges. Membership paid at any time during the year are all renewable on October 1.

DUES: Same for either membership type: \$25.00 per year for individual + \$10.00 for each additional member at the same address, or \$35.00 for a family membership. Dues are due every October.

Membership enclosed for: _____ Associate _____ Regular _____ New _____ Renewal

Name(s) _____

Children (under 18 who are members) _____

Street address/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(____) _____

Email _____ ISDRA # (if applicable) _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Fill out above form and with check made payable to SNDD, mail to:
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