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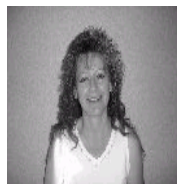
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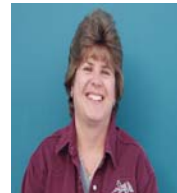
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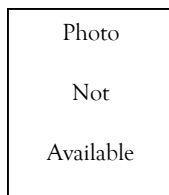


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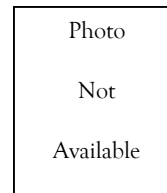


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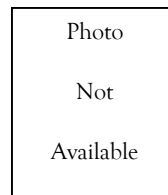
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Deadline for all submissions to the Newsletter is the 18th of the month prior to the month of publication.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Robbie Reed



Welcome to the 2008-2009 season! I am excited to serve the organization again this year as your President. This year is the *IWPA*'s 25th Anniversary! That would make it a Silver year. I will be attempting to contact the remaining original members and ask them to send an article about "the beginning". Watch future Newsletters to hear from them.

You all should be receiving membership reminders and a survey in the mail or you have already received it. Please be sure to send back your surveys. These changes were presented to the board at the general membership meeting in Yakima, WA. The board of directors discussed these topics at length at the board meeting in June. The consensus was to survey the entire membership to determine if there is enough interest in a 3rd pulling format and to re-instate the false start rule. Please return the surveys postmarked to Rodney Martin, Membership Chairperson by October 1st if you want your vote counted.

Also, when you submit your memberships please write legibly to insure your information is interrupted correctly. If you do not receive correspondence such as a Newsletter, please contact Rodney in a timely manner to confirm your information is correct with him.

As a reminder, send in your memberships early to take advantage of the \$5.00 discounted rates and another \$5.00 savings by accepting your Newsletter by e-mail!

Let's make this special year the best ever!!!

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a progress..

Working together is a success...

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHAIR....Terry Reed

Reminder to members and organizers in the Central District (Regions 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9) you have first option to host the 2009 *IWPA* Championships. An application must be requested from the Championship Chair (me this year) and a proposal submitted. This proposal must be postmarked no later than SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2008. If no proposal is received and post-marked by September 1st, 2008 the option is diverted to the Eastern District (Regions 5, 7, and 11).

I can be contacted at home on 970-339-9264 or by cell phone 970-371-7111 or by e-mail at Reedtr9@aol.com and an application can be e-mailed to you.

Terry Reed

IWPA Championship Chair

General Membership Meeting at the Championships in Yakima, WA April 25, 2008

Vice President Terry Reed called the meeting to order. He announced that President Donna Daymude was unavailable to be at the meeting and will be attending the Championships later that evening.

Bob Daymude presented to Terry Reed the Championship Chair, a banner he and Donna are donating to the organization. The banner is to be used in future Championships as well as this year. He also presented hand made wooden Regional identification plates to be used on award podiums for medalist winners.

Terry Reed congratulated Nathan Sellers, Bob and Donna Daymude and George and Sue Ferrari for their hard work in putting together the Championships. They overcame unforeseen complications with their original venue and had reorganized the entire event within a matter of weeks. George Ferrari indicated his wonder wife Sue was the driving force behind that success.

Terry Reed opened the floor for any input, concerns or discussions from members present. Tim Strangeway indicated he had sent many thoughts to the board of directors for discussion. He first brought up the possibility of the organization adding a 3rd format to include pulling on rails. He suggested using the same points system that is currently used and would be an additional wheel format. He stated other pulling organizations are using this system and perhaps the IWPA could bring in new members by adding this format. He said the pulling surface would be "carpet". Members discussed the additional cost for organizers to obtain a rails system. He indicated several people already have this system and they could provide them when needed. Terry Reed stated this subject will be discussed at the board meeting that is scheduled in June.

Tim Strangeway also presented the possibility of revamping the current weight classes to; 0 to 20 pounds, 21 to 35 pounds, 36 to 50 pounds, 50 to 65 pounds and 65 to 80 pounds. The higher weight classes would remain the same. This would add only 1 weight class to the organization. He indicated this would help those people who have a dog that is on the border of 2 current weight classes such as a dog weighing 61 pounds.

Tim Strangeway asked the group what we can do to bring dogs back that have gone on to pull in other organizations. Robbie Reed stated the organization goes in cycles when dogs are getting to old to pull and handlers not replacing their dogs and are continuing to care for the aging ones. This cycle happens and some of the numbers being down is contributed to this cycle. James Charles stated he feels that some people have dropped out of the organization because of some of the changes the club has made, such as removing the "False Start Rule". He asked about the possibility of the "False Start Rule" being reinstated? Terry Reed indicated this suggestion can be discussed at the board meeting as well.

Annette McNealy inquired if Aspirin was an approved drug to give

a dog that is competing within the IWPA? She was advised the rules do not specifically list names of drugs or name brands of drugs but documents drugs that can NOT be used such as "anabolic steroids". Annette voiced this rule change was a "good rule change".

Bob Daymude stated that Donna wanted to apologize to the members present for not having the list available that Tim Strangeway submitted to the board of directors. She intended on being present and bringing the list but had job related commitments (she had to work).

Tim Strangeway asked why the club made its judges pay to be a judge. Treasurer Cheryl Martin explained the expenses the organization has such as Newsletter, general expenses like printing, mailing and stipends paid and other maintenance expenses. Justin Ferrari asked if Championship Judges were paid for their service at the Championships. He was advised they are paid \$125.00 for the entire weekend. Justin suggested this would be an incentive for judges and thus compensating those judges chosen by the membership for their services.

The idea about obtaining a "corporate sponsor" was discussed. Terry Reed indicated one issue with obtaining a corporate sponsor would be the sponsor may expect the organization to run in such a way the corporate sponsor would like, not necessarily the desires of the membership.

Carey Green suggested a list of drugs that are okay to give to the dogs be placed in the Newsletter. Bob Daymude stated there would be no way to compose a list of all drugs available as there are so many. It was brought up the rules document what drugs are not appropriate for use.

Tim Strangeway announced that Region 2 is very fortunate to have good organizers in their region with George and Sue Ferrari and Bob and Donna Daymude. He added he understood there are some regions not as fortunate. He added on "the message board" (noted this is not an IWPA message board) that a new member had shown up at a pull and was told they couldn't pull that day and the new member was slamming the club. Terry Reed advised that pull may have been a pull in Region 9. He explained that member was advised the previous day what time weigh in was for the following day. That member showed up well after the weigh in was over, in fact showed up after 3 weight classes had already pulled and their dogs class was currently pulling, well after 3 rounds had been completed. In fact, dogs had already gone out in that weight class. He added, at their pulls, if a spectator has an interest to see if their dog can pull, they are allowed to bring their dog to the pull site and are allowed to pull their dog after the sanctioned event

is over. Tim Strangeway stated he felt Donna Daymude did an awesome job and was very “professional” in her responses on “the message board” to some postings on it. He felt we should have someone post success stories on the message boards to help promote the club as there have been some derogatory messages about the IWPA. Tim suggested we put a message board on our web site. It was brought up we use to have one, but it was removed due to the messages that were being left.

Teresa Charles suggested making the Newsletter more members focused. She asked about the person who use to make drawings of members dogs and used as “cover dogs” for the Newsletter. Terry Reed identified the artist as Debbie Lee. He said over the past season Debbie was recovering from a Llama attack. The Newsletter Committee may visit ways to personalize the Newsletter without showing any favoritism.

Taya Ellis asked what could be used to keep dogs warm while they are pulling. It was brought up a dog can wear any type of coat or “warm up suit” if the handler wants them to, there is nothing restricting that.

Nathan Seller said he has received a lot of interest questions from the web site with people asking about weight pulling and the IWPA. He added he had received e-mails from all over the country and listed some such as the Mal Club in St. Louis, Missouri and a club in the San Francisco, California area. He added he has

received comments that the interested people “like the people” in the IWPA when they had attended pulls to check things out.

George Ferrari suggested for everyone to be willing to help out especially with new members. He added everyone should be willing to help even set up and tear down at pulls as putting on a pull is hard work and everyone benefits from it. George said he “wants to bite the Fila”.

Terry Reed announced the board meeting will be held June 14th and 15th in Nashville, Tennessee and invited any member to attend to observe.

Some final discussion was that the “False Start Rule is what makes the IWPA the IWPA”. It sets the organization apart from other pull clubs. Numerous members showed support for this rule to be reinstated. Again, Terry Reed insured this would be discussed at the board meeting. The handicap rule was brought up for those whose dog/s didn’t like to stay long enough for someone with challenges to get across the finish line.

Terry Reed adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Reed

To the Board and Membership,

I would like to take the time to thank everyone that has ever voted and supported me as a board member, judge and organizer. I feel it is time for me to step down from my position as a board member. Due to work and family constraints my time has been limited on what I feel I can do for the IWPA. I am in hopes that someone will feel the urge and will step forward with new energy, thoughts and ideas.

Over the years it has been a pleasure to serve the general membership by presenting their ideas and dreams. Some have passed and others are going to be open to you to vote on. Please do your part and vote so the board has an understanding of what you are looking for. Remember and know that you can be upset, fuss, or just be mad about something you do not like about the rules, equipment, or other. If you do not bring things forward and share with a board member or your representative things will always stay the same. You can either be part of the problem by keeping it to yourself or part of the solution by presenting different ways to handle or look at something. Diversity is the key.

With that said I am now officially resigning from the Board of Directors and Region 7 Representative. Please give it some thought of how you might be able to help our organization grow!

Thank you for your support throughout all these years!

Debbie Lee

IWPA WEIGHT PULL CALENDAR

September 6 - 7, 2008

Season Opener

Region 6 Kalkaska, Michigan (2489 Co Rd 571 NE)

Wheels : Sat 9/6/2008 Weigh- 2:00 PM -- 3:00 PM
PullStart: 3:00 PM

Wheels : Sun 9/7/2008 Weigh- 10:00 AM -- 11:00 AM
AMPullStart: 11:00 AM

Fees: \$15 for first dog / \$8 for each additional dog

Contacts: Shirley Webber, 231-258-2358
[sandtrapmutts@torchlake.com]

Chief Judge: James Webber, 231-258-2358
[sandtrapmutts@torchlake.com]

Prizes: TBA

Sponsors Northern Great Lake Weight Pullers

September 13, 2008

PA Early Fall Challenge Weight Pull

Region 5 Barto, Pennsylvania (Orchard Hills Training Center, Bella Vista Lane)

Wheels : Sat 9/13/2008 Weigh- 7:00 AM -- 9:00 AM
AMPullStart: 9:45 AM

Fees \$20 per dog

Contacts: Sheryl Franklin, 610-792-4597
[sheryl@thefranklins.net]

Chief Judge: Melissa Kehler, 610-562-5347
[Alaskandreammalls@verizon.net]

Prizes: TBA

Sponsors : Orchard Hills Training Center

September 13 - 14, 2008

TN Tractor Supply Puller Fall Kickoff

Region 7 Morristown, Tennessee (3480 W Andrew Johnson Hwy)

Wheels : Sat 9/13/2008 Weigh- 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM
AMPullStart: 9:30 AM

Wheels : Sun 9/14/2008 Weigh- 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM
AMPullStart: 9:30 AM

Fees: \$25 per dog for sanctioned pull / \$15 per dog for Novice pull

Contacts: Jamie Conrad, 423-307-0862
[conardsamericanbulldogs@yahoo.com]

Chief Judge: Jamie Conrad, 423-307-0862
[conardsamericanbulldogs@yahoo.com]

Prizes: Trophies / Ribbons

Novice Novice pull immediately after sanctioned pull

Sponsors Tractor Supply Co

September 20 - 21, 2008

Region 2 Kickoff

Region 2 Nine Mile Falls, Washington (6497 Stone Lodge Road)

Wheels : Sat 9/20/2008 Weigh- 11:00 AM -- 12:30 PM
PullStart: 1:00 PM

Wheels : Sun 9/21/2008 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM
PullStart: 10:30 AM

Fees \$15 first dog / \$10 each additional dog

Contacts: Bob Daymude, 509-276-2964

OR Donna Daymude, 509-276-2964

[tundrabou@aol.com]

Chief Judge: Bob Daymude, 509-276-2964
[tundrabou@aol.com]

Prizes: Ribbons

Comments: BBQ potluck Saturday after the pull. Bring your own meat and a dish to share. Utensils and plates will be provided.

Sponsors Tundrabou Kennels

September 27 - 28, 2008

Jefferson City Round Up

Region 7 Jefferson City, Tennessee (127 W Broadway Blvd)

Wheels : Sat 9/27/2008 Weigh- 8:00 AM -- 9:00 AM
AMPullStart: 9:30 AM

Wheels : Sun 9/28/2008 Weigh- -- PullStart:

Fees \$25 per dog for sanctioned pull / \$15 per dog for novice pull

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Chief Jamie Conrad, 423-307-0862
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Prizes: Ribbons / Trophies

Novice Novice pull immediately after the sanctioned pull

Region 6 News.....1st Junior Membership

We would like to welcome to the IWPA our newest member in Region 6, Liz Grice. She is the IWPA's first Junior member to join. We first met Liz coming to the pulls as a spectator. As her interest grew she adopted her own dog, Lucy to train and pull. She started out the 07-08 season pulling provisional. As we got to know this great young lady we realized what an asset to our club she is. Liz is always willing to help, walk dogs, pull dogs, help with the cart, clean-up, or what ever is asked of her. So in recognition of this the Northern Great Lakes Weight Pullers awarded her a certificate of sportsmanship and a 1 year paid Jr. membership in which her uncle is her sponsor. Congrats Liz and we look forward to competing '08-09 season.

Shirley Webber



Meet the New Webmaster.....

A note regarding the IWPA website remodel:

Hello, My name is Allie Renar and I wanted to take a moment to inform the IWPA members about the changes soon to take place with the IWPA website. I have been a member of the IWPA since September of 2007 and have enjoyed meeting new people and dogs and watching my dogs, pulled by my boyfriend Travis Hall, learn and enjoy the sport. I am very happy to have the opportunity to help the IWPA by improving the user friendliness and visual appeal of the website. In July I took control of website updates and posting information from Donna Daymude. Thus far I have posted the pulls upcoming in September as I have received them.

I am working on a complete overhaul of the website including easier navigation which I believe will make information more accessible to the everyday visitor. The process I am using to update the website will not interfere with it's every day functioning during renovation. I am creating a new format and applying it to all the old files retroactively. As soon as all the current season pages have been updated and everything works correctly I will be deleting the current database and uploading the new one. I will try to do this in off-peak hours so that the transition does not leave the site down for long.

I hope that once the new look of the IWPA website is revealed everyone will agree that it is easier to navigate and has a uniform color pallet that pleases them. If you have any questions please email me at:

webmaster@iwpa.net .

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION

WEIGHT PULL SANCTIONING APPLICATION

(ALL BLANKS MUST BE FILLED IN)

Sanctioned Pull____ Other (Novice, Fun, Etc.)____ Wheels____ or Snow____

Pull will be run – Class by Class____ or Concurrent____ or Combined Classes____

Title of Event_____

Street Address of Event_____

City and State/Prov. Of Event_____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Region_____

Organizer (person responsible for event)_____

Organizer Address_____ Phone (____)_____

City and State/Prov. _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Date of Event_____ Weigh in Time_____ Start Time_____ Entry Fee_____

Purse/Prizes _____

Date of Event_____ Weigh in Time_____ Start Time_____ Entry Fee_____

Purse/Prizes _____

Sponsor _____

Name of required I.W.P.A. member _____ Phone (____) _____

Name of Chief Judge _____ Phone (____) _____

If you would like to receive the Sanctioning Packet electronically put an 'X' in this box.

Please included your email address: _____

Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

Sue Ferrari Phone 509-966-1133

807 Ghormley Rd Fax 509-276-9003

Yakima, WA 98908 E-mail ferrari1133@msn.com

\$35.00 Per Sanctioned Pull (U.S. Funds Only)

\$25.00 Per Other Pull (U.S. Funds Only) (NSF Check fee will be cost incurred or a minimum of \$25.00)

This application can not be processed without the signature of the organizer regarding the reading and understanding of the Sanctioning Rules printed on the reverse.

Signature of Pull Organizer _____ Date _____

For the use of the Sanctioning Director

Date this application received _____ Date and amount of Sanctioning Fees received _____

Date Sanctioning approved/rejected _____ Date information sent to Newsletter _____

Date notice of approval and sanctioning packet or rejection (must include explanation of rejection) sent to

Organizer _____ Date Sanctioning fees sent to treasurer _____ Date postmarked _____

INTERNATIONAL WEIGHT PULL ASSOCIATION WEIGHT PULL

STANDING RULES ON SANCTIONING

In order for your pull to be sanctioned and to count for points.

Any organization who wishes to put on a pull approved by the I.W.P.A. shall require the organizer or any of the officials to have an I.W.P.A. membership and use I.W.P.A. weight pull rules which include having an I.W.P.A. certified and approved judge.

A sanctioning application must be filled out by the organizer and delivered into the hands of the I.W.P.A. sanctioning director no later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which the event is to take place, provided the event is scheduled between the 15th through the end of any given month. Pulls scheduled from the 1st through the 14th of any month must be received no later than the 15th of the month two months prior to the weight pull event. For example, an event scheduled for December 7th must be received no later than October 15th, an event scheduled for December 28th must be received no later than November 15th. *No exceptions to this rule will be made!!* It is the organizer's responsibility to ascertain if this application has been received by the Sanctioning Director.

Newsletter pull calendar information is taken from the sanctioning application; therefore, ALL questions must be answered. It may be considered false advertising for any organizer to falsify or fail to follow the information provided on the sanctioning request. False advertising will be grounds for placing the organizer on probationary sanctioning status.

The following list of information from your weight pull must be sent to the **Sanctioning Director** with a postmark no later than 5 days after the last day of your pull:

1. Weight Pull finish report
2. Organizer's report
3. Financial report with ALL monies due the IWPA for the \$5.00 per dog fee. For pulls held in Canada \$5.00 are payable in U.S. funds only. (Motion6/07)
4. All regular and provisional membership monies received at your pull with completed membership forms must be sent to the **Membership Director** with a postmark no later than **5 days** after the last day of your pull. New members are to be given the membership receipt included in your packet as proof of membership until their card is sent to them.
5. Send **Judge's Reports** to the **Judge Chairperson**

(The penalty for failure to meet the 5 day postmark requirement will result in a fine of not less than \$20.00 and \$5.00 per day for each day after 6 days that the pull results are not postmarked. Failure to pay a fine may result in loss of sanctioning and/or points). *Exception—Organizers of pulls held the last two weeks of the season are required to submit finish reports to the sanctioning director and FAX or OVERNIGHT their finish report, finance report, and organizer report to the statistician within one working day. (motion 5/98)*

Any grievances by an organizer or judge should be in writing, postmarked no later than 72 hours after the end of the weight pull event, and sent to the Sanctioning Director who will present the written grievance(s) to the I.W.P.A. Board of Directors *within two weeks of the receipt of the grievance*, for deliberation.

Sanctioning applications that do not include the sanctioning fees will not be accepted. Exception-When faxing application a copy of the check/money order for sanctioning fees must be faxed with the application. The original application and check/money order for sanctioning fees must be postmarked within one working day of the fax. The original application and payment for sanctioning fees must be received by the sanctioning director no less than one week prior to the event or the sanctioning may be canceled.

Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure to reimburse funds when sanctioning has been suspended may mean loss of future sanctioning of event by the organizer)

The Board of Directors may not make a decision on sanctioning a pull but will make a decision regarding any grievance filed in regard to sanctioning.

If the Sanctioning on a pull is refused or the sanctioning is withdrawn from a pull, the sanctioning director will notify the organizer in writing within 2 days. A phone call or fax is a courtesy but the "in writing" is a requirement.

Cancellations of a pull will be accepted with no penalty as long as there is ample time to report the cancellation in the newsletter with the same deadlines as for sanctioning a pull. If these deadlines are not met, the organizer shall (at their own expense) send out postcards to all members to notify them of the cancellation. If this is not one, an organizer may be subject to loss of sanctioning fees. There will be no provisions for "Rain Dates". I have read and understand the above rules regarding sanctioning.

Signature of Organizer _____ Date _____

New Member

Renewing Member

\$5.00 Discount for memberships paid prior to October 1



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Hard Copy of Newsletter

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\$5.00 Discount for PDF Newsletter.

Choose only one form of newsletter

Application for Membership (Please print clearly in black ink)

DUES MUST BE PAID IN U.S. CURRENCY. Both Discounts may apply.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (An individual membership consist of one adult 18 years and older at the start of the pull season).

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

\$40.00 Paid by check number _____ Paid by cash _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (A family membership consists of two head of household adults or one or two parents and children under 18 years of age at the start of the pull season).

Name of Primary _____ Date of Birth _____

Name of Second Adult _____ Date of Birth _____

Family _____ Date of Birth _____

_____ Date of Birth _____

\$45.00 Paid by check number _____ Paid by cash _____

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (A member under the age of 18 at the start of the pull season, and has a sponsor who is a member of the IWPA in good standing.)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Sponsor's Signature _____

\$40.00 Paid by check number _____ Paid by cash _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

For returned checks the IWPA will charge the check writer for cost incurred or a MINIMUM of \$25.00

Please submit Application with fees (make checks payable to the IWPA, do not mail cash) to:

Rodney Martin
Membership Chair
3407 17th Ave
Evans, CO 80620 USA
E-mail: MSMKermel@aol.com

Signature _____

Date _____

rn (07/08)

IWPA Board Meeting Minutes

Nashville, TN

June 14, 2008

Meeting called to order: 8:08 am

Board Members Present: Robbie Reed, Terry Reed, Rodney Martin, Shirley Webber, Stephanie Pitz, Donna Daymude, Debbie Lee, Treasurer-Cheryl Martin, Secretary- Kitty Alvarado

Board Members Absent: Nathan Sellar

Motion, "Approve the minutes from the 2007 board meeting" MSC

Reports:

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin: Report attached

There was an internet discussion to raise the travel funds for the championship from \$1642 to \$2000.00. There was not a motion, a second, or a final vote. This issue was discussed between some board members and the President. Cheryl spoke with Donna, Nathan, and a few of the Greeley members; the board members that discussed were a majority of the board. Item would have been approved if all the board members would have voted. There were a few of the board members that were not a part of the vote; in the future *a//*board members need to be involved in the voting process regardless of what the outcome would be.

Other issue; outstanding bad check: Brad Maronie ~ for membership

Motion: "Accept report as presented" MSC

Membership Chair: Rodney Martin report attached

Membership numbers as a whole are down by 15 memberships. New memberships are up.

New single	32	last year 16
New family	17	last year 14
Renewing	47	last year 66
Renewing family	56	last year 71
Total	152	last year 167

Plus 3 lifetime memberships

Biggest changes were due to only one family member pulling and changing their membership from a family to single member. There is one Jr. Membership.

Members have requested that the membership reminders be sent out to the membership again as in the past.

Motion: "Accept membership report" MSC

Judges: Nacho Alvarado Report pending

Motion: "Table until full report through email" MSC

38 judges for the 07-08 season; down by 2 from last year. 3 judges' certifications will carry over to next season: Stephanie Pitz, Cam Bexten, and Eileen Barnes. There were 4 apprenticeships' for the season.

Championship Chair: Terry Reed

Yakima, WA, Region 2 handled the issues that arose and were able to move the championship and pull off a great Championship. Between 60 and 70 entries for the two days; numbers were down; gas prices may have had an impact. General membership meeting was conducted and items from that will be discussed later. New items for championship; Daymude's donated a banner for the championship along with Region labels, Terry has for future championship. Information will be posted in the newsletter for the "Central Zone" for next years rotation of the championship. A lot of credit goes to Sue Ferrari for all her hard work and many hours getting items ready. Thank you Sue!

Motion: "Accept the Championship report" MSC

Drug Testing Chair: Robbie Reed

Contacted Dr. Morrie Craig, College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, 105 Magruder Hall, Corvallis, Or 97331. Email: A.Morrie.Craig@oregonstate.edu Sample fees: from \$36.00 to \$50.00 per sample; sample testing are the same. It would have cost over \$4600 for testing at the championship. Discuss for next years championship is to do sporadic testing on the medal winners; this will be discussed further under new business. No testing completed at championship

Motion: "Accept report as presented" MSC

Sanctioning Director: Donna Daymude

Sanctioning expense report attached to the minutes.

93 recorded pulls for 2007-2008 seasons. 111 pulls recorded for the 2005-2006 season, no numbers for the 2006-2007 season. Donna will email breakdown report to the board.

Brian Hosfelt did not accept the certified letter outlining the probation for not following the requirements for returning sanctioning results; he did pay his financial sanctioning fees. Will discuss this issue further during unfinished business.

Motion: "Accept report as presented" MSC

Elections Chair: Stephanie Pitz

Ballots present to audit; a copy the of voting results for the championship judges and the board positions are attached to the minutes.

Mailed to an address ~ 115

Returned ballots ~ 71

2 returned for incorrect address, kept for audit

Motion: "Accept the report as presented" MSC

Statistician: Donna Daymude

Got information from previous Statistician; this year was a learning curve. Membership database needs to be updated quicker. We need to get the membership chair to respond quicker for updates. We need to get the membership updated on the website for next season. Board members have heard positive comments from the membership on the updates to the website. Members would like to see results up sooner (even though the website is not the official results); the process is slowed since the statistician and sanctioning are two different jobs. If members would send the results electronically this would speed the results up faster. To change the results to the website as the official results; there would have to be a constitutional change and vote from the membership.

Motion: "Accept the report as presented" MSC

Insurance: Donna Daymude

Have not received next year's bill; amount should stay the same. If an organizer pays the \$50.00 site insurance fee, they are covered for that site for the entire pulling season. This gives the organizer a \$5.00 discount on each sanctioning fee for that location during the pulling season.

Motion: "Accept the report as presented" MSC

Committee Reports:

Medals: No report presented. Discussed what will be needed to order. Donna has all the medal and working dog degrees caught up and sent out. Instead of sending the medal back to Donna to mail out if they were not picked up at the championship; Terry mailed them out. 2 were returned from Region 9 and 1 was from Region 5. Terry has tried to contact the members to get correct addresses, but was unsuccessful; Shirley will contact Donna and have her send a report to the board via email. Will discuss what needs to be purchased during new business.

Newsletter: Kitty Alvarado, Robbie and Terry Reed

Timelines were not kept; this didn't allow for the second edit by Stephanie. Reeds would have the newsletter printed; they still are receiving a large discount from Office Depot along with other discounts. There will be a new office manager so our discounts for the year may change. Checked with UPS printing and would not receive discounts. Questions: why don't we only have the newsletter on the net instead for paper? There would have to be a constitutional change; this would involve a 2/3 of the member vote of the region and 2/3 of the regions reporting. We also do have members that do not have the internet. This will be discussed further in new business as a possibility to send out a vote to the membership.

Motion: "Accept the report as presented" MSC

Grievance: No report

Personnel: Terry Reed, No problems,

Motion: "Accept report" MSC

Animal Welfare: Debbie Lee, No contact, no problems

Motion: "Accept report" MSC

Promotions: Shirley Webber, members would like to have sweatshirts, hoodies, or hats instead of t-shirts. Shirley still has money for the patches to turn in. Discuss this in new business.

Motion: "Accept as presented" MSC

Unfinished Business:

Brian Hosfelt's certificated letter not accepted by Hosfelt is on file with secretary. Results from the pull were not sent in for 1 month following the pull. Board discussion was to fine or not, vote was made by the board not to fine and to just send a letter to put him on probation for 1 year. He needed to sign the letter and returned. The letter was refused by Hosfelt and no signature was obtained. Since the Hosfelt's refused to accept the letter outlining their probation; there will be new stipulations if they choose to join the IWPA for next season. In order to renew their membership the Hosfelt's will have to:

- * The probation letter must be signed if membership is applied for during the next 2 years.
- * Placed on probation for the next three pull events they organize.
- * If in the future you are late with the results in accordance with the standing rules on sanctioning; you will be penalized with a fine.

Motion: "If a membership is submitted from the Hosfelt's for the 2008-2009 or the 2009-2010 season; a signature from the Hosfelt family accepting the following criteria "The membership chair will contact you for signature stating probation stipulations; if you refuse to sign your probation agreement your membership will be revoked. You will be considered a provisional member until the end of the 2010 season." MSC

A letter will be sent to the Hosfelt family outlining the above probation period from the membership, to be mailed by the Board secretary.

Secretary/Newsletter expenses; discuss the expense submitted by the secretary. Majority of the board was not aware these expenses have been paid in the past. The secretary is the main contact for the club; and should be reimbursed for the expenses to conduct business for the club past and present. This topic will be discussed further in new business. Cheryl will revise the new budget and email out a copy.

Motion: "pay the secretary's internet bill under the secretary budget of \$469.20 for the 2006-2007, 2007-2008 season;"
MSC one abstains.

Mission Statement and Flyer; Terry didn't get it done last year, still working on it. Flyers should be complete by the beginning of the season; still working on the mission statement.

Brad Maroni

Bad check issue; submitted membership check and that check bounced the club paid bad check fees. The cost incurred to the club was \$25.00 for returned fee Brad still owes the IWPA \$65.00; he is currently a member not in good standing. If he chooses to join again, he will owe the \$65.00 fee plus the new membership fee. He will be listed in the newsletter as a member not in good standing. Membership chair will also send him a letter explaining the new membership stipulations.

Motion: "List Brad Maroni in the newsletter as a member not in good standing; until he pays all monies owed to the IWPA for 2007-08 season for the membership application fees (\$40.) NSF fee (\$25) plus any future membership fees." **MSC**

Internet webmaster interest: Travis Hall and Allie Renar

Discuss the Satiation and Sanctioning would recommend that these be the same person.

Close of old Business

All Board members paid their 2008-2009 membership fees, Debi Lee paid her judges fee also.

Board members going off the board: Donna Daymude, Shirley Webber, Kitty Alvarado, Nathan Sellers, Robbie Reed.

New oncoming board members: Cheryl Martin, Stephanie Pitz, Robbie Reed,

New board: Terry Reed, Rodney Martin, Cheryl Martin, Stephanie Pitz, Robbie Reed, Debi Lee. There are 3 unfilled positions on the board to be filled.

Nomination of officers:

President: Robbie Reed

Nominations: Donna Daymude-ineligible, Kitty Alvarado-declined, Terry Reed-declined, Robbie Reed

Vice President: Stephanie Pitz

Nominations: Stephanie Pitz

Secretary: Kitty Alvarado appointed as "secretary to the board" with no voting privileges

Nominations: none

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin

Nominations: Cheryl Martin

Donna wanted to thank everyone for a good year, thanks for allowing her to be the president for her last term. She hopes the future is just a good. Donna will hand the meeting over to Robbie Reed. Shirley thanked Donna and noted that Donna is a very diplomatic person and had handled the issues well as the past president.

Robbie thanked Shirley for all you input over the years as an off going board member.

There are three open positions on the board for appointments interested candidates are:

Diane Krupsi, Sue Ferrari, Carey Green, Shirley Webber

Appointments would be: Diane Krupsi, Sue Ferrari, Shirley Webber and Carey Green as an alternate. We will table the alternate position.

Motion: "Take a short break to contact the list of potential candidates for open positions for the board appointments". MSC

Diane Krupsi ~ accepted, Sue Ferri ~ accepted, Carey Green ~ left message, Shirley Webber~ accepted

Motion: to appoint Shirley Webber, Diane Krupsi, Sue Ferrari, to appoint to the current board opening and to list Carey Green, Steve Jackson, and, Wendy Leister as an alternate for any further vacancies. MSC

New board: Terry Reed, Rodney Martin, Cheryl Martin, Stephanie Pitz, Robbie Reed, Debi Lee, Shirley Webber (1 year), Diane Krupsi(1 year), Sue Ferrari (1 year).

Topics from the General Membership meeting discussed:

- Adding rails~ discussed effect to budget, organizer available, extra time at championship, record keeping, points, etc. Need to review how this would follow the IWPA rules. Possible survey.
- Membership fees~ fees are for newsletter expenses, insurance, and general fund
- Adding more weight Classes
- Judges Fees
- Discussed, bring back the false start rule,
- Corporate Sponsor ~ will have to follow corporate guidelines; we are a non profit and can not have sponsorship; organizers can have sponsors.

Committees:

Drug Testing: Robbie Reed

Membership: Rodney Martin

Sanctioning: Sue Ferri

Judges Chair: Rodney Martin Changed to Terry Reed

Elections: Stephanie Pitz

Animal Welfare: Cary Green

Rules: Kitty Alvarado

Medals, Awards: Donna Libby

Grievance: Terry Reed, Bob Daymude, Ron Pointres?

Personnel: Terry Reed

Championship: Terry Reed

Regional Coordinator: Shirley Webber

Promotions: Shirley Webber

Statistician: Sue Ferrari

Insurance: Sue Ferrari

Public Relations: Diane Krupsi

Historian: Kitty Alvarado

Washington Non profit state contact: Donna Daymude

Newsletter committee; Kitty Alvarado, Stephanie Pitz, Robbie, terry reed

Agenda items for New Business Discussed:

- Site Insurance
- Yearly Medals Purchase
- Drug Testing
- Newsletter information
- Rules ~ Section 3a #2, Officials ~ Handler reports need to be removed
- Section C # 13 , 15
- Weighing dogs
- Starting season change
- Banning foul langue at events
- Board Meeting
- Vicious dog clarification
- Board members conflict of interest
- Feeding dogs
- Offices President, Vice President make a board member, not be able to appoint that position
- Judge qualifications
- Drug testing money
- Membership list on line

- Web
- Rails
- Fees
- Update membership form
- Promo items

Create list of infractions for new board members as a reference

Yearly Medals Purchase

We need to purchase 2 years of medals and purchase each year after that. If we are close to the price break, bump up the order for the price break. **Motion:** “to purchase 2 years of medals and to buy a set each year following. If the price break is close to the number needed to round up to get the price break.” MSC

Site Insurance

Motion: Article 8, section 9: “Remove *subsequent change pulls to pull* and remove “*remainder of the*” MSC

By buying the site insurance it changes the IWPA insurance as the primary insurance instead of secondary insurance.

Drug Testing

\$1800 (\$1850.39 with interest) from last season was moved to a savings account; \$1642 dollars was left from this year. Cheryl would like to move the monies from this season to the same saving account as last years monies. This would give the board a new total of \$3442 (plus interest) for next seasons testing. **Motion** “to move the current \$1642 drug testing to the saving account with the other drug testing money.” MSC

Robbie will check on other sites for drug testing and get back to the board by July 15.

Rules ~

- Section 3a #2, Officials ~ **Motion:** “Remove *handler’s reports and*” MSC

Section 5 # 13 **Motion:** “Add ~ *from the start line*” MSC

Will read: If any part of the harness or other equipment breaks, the handler shall have 60 seconds to repeat the pull from the start line after repairs. He/she may choose to accept this interrupted pull as a pass.

Section 5 C # 15 **Motion:** “add ~ *immediate*”

Will read: “No dogs including those not entered in competition shall be allowed in the *immediate* area ahead of the starting line, except the dog that is pulling.” MSC

Feeding dogs ~ Section 5c #14 covers this issue

Update membership form ~ *Motion*: "remove the year from early membership discount" MSC

Discussed membership fees, no change needed ~ membership chair will send out reminder cards by July 1st. Fees have not changed in 2 years; and with the early renewal fees/PDF discount brings the price below what the membership's fees were 2 years ago. Membership chair will explain further in an article in the newsletter.

Promo items ~ Shirley will get quotes to the board for voting; all quotes to the board July 15th. Once information is received Shirley will write something up for the August Newsletter.

Drug Testing ~ *Motion*: procedure change "take the top 5 winners in each weight class to enter into a lottery for random drug screening at next years championship." MSC

Motion: Motion: "adjourn the meeting and reconvene at 8:00 am o 6/15/2008." MSC

5:08 pm 6/14/2008 meeting adjourned.

IWPA Board Meeting

Nashville, TN

June 15, 2008 (06150801)

Meeting called to order by President Robbie Reed, 8:02 am

Board Members Present: Robbie Reed, Terry Reed, Cheryl Martin, Rodney Martin, Shirley Webber, Debbie Lee, Stephanie Pitz, Sectary to the Board Kitty Alvarado

Guest Donna Daymude

Webmaster: Travis Hall and Allie Reynard will be taking over the webmaster duties from Donna Daymude. They will be working on updating and making the website more user friendly. Both, Travis and Allie are new members to the club. The board will still have final say of what will or will not be posted on the IWPA website. Donna will work with Travis and Allie for the transition period.

Motion: "accept the motions to appoint Travis hall and Allie Reynard to the position of webmaster with the recommendation from the Treasurer to pay a \$100 a month stipend with the understanding that the board still maintained control over the webpage" MSC

Points: Members enquired into having the top 5 points removed to be able to use all points earned during the season. This would not keep the playing field for all members; those that could travel would receive more than other would benefit from this. Not an option at this time.

Motion: we discussed and are not going to make any change. MSC

Rails survey: this will only be a survey, not a vote. Rodney will place this in with the membership renewal letter. The survey would be to get the opinion of the membership on adding a third venue of rails.

Motion: "Rodney will include with the membership renewal letter, a survey polling the membership to see if there would be a large enough interest in a third format of pulling on which would be rails." MSC

Weighing dogs: a member would like to see the nylon strap banned for weighing dogs. Discussed by board members that have both used and observed this type of strap for weighing dogs; this is not an issue the board can't dictate to organizers on the type of scales to use. There doesn't seem to be any harm to the dogs caused by this type of weighing of dogs.

Starting Pulling Season earlier: would give us a longer season to pull in. Discussion was the weather is too warm; this also wouldn't benefit a large number of the members. No changes needed

Ban fowl language at pulls: This is covered in Section 4b.

Definition of vicious dog: This is covered in the rule booklet and should be handled by the chief judge of the event. (Section 4b)

Board members, Conflict of interest: if board members are a board member of another board for another pulling organization. This was added in 2003 to Standing Rules, Article X111, Section 5 then removed at the board meeting on June 6, 2004.

Motion: add Standing Rules, Article X111, section 7, to read: "Due to possible conflict of interest, current IWPA board members, officers, and immediate family members can not serve as an officer or board member of another weight pulling clubs board." MSC 1 vote no.

President, Vice President must be board members: Standing Rule, article 13, making it a requirement that the President and Vice President must be board members and not just a member of the IWPA. By making these positions board members would be selecting from who the membership voted to the board, not just someone that was appointed to these positions. After further discussion this is not an issue to vote on, no motion made.

Judge qualifications: Is there a requirement to apprenticeship under two different chief judges? No, the reason being for those that are in the remote regions. Covered in Article 7, section 5; do we still want to charge for Judges Certifications? Do we need to charge a renewing judge? Should there be a change in the fee? These judges could be elected to judge the Championship; this also keeps the true interested people as judges. After further discussion this is not an issue to vote on, no motion made.

Membership list on website, not updated ~ this will be fixed with the new webmaster and website. Anyone needing membership information, organizers should contact the membership chair for a current list until the fix is complete.

Membership fees: No changes needed, we are currently offering 2 different discounts.

Motion: "to leave the membership fees the same as last year" MSC

Disciplinary actions: Create a list of the history of the violations from past infractions for future board members as a reference tool; Due September 1.

Stipends discussed: Statistician \$100, sanctioning, \$100, Webmaster \$100. Same amounts paid in past.

Motion: "to pay out the stipend pay as \$100 for satiation, \$100 Sanctioning and \$100 webmaster per month" MSC

Motion: "All expenses incurred by the Secretary/Secretary to the board, including feasible monthly internet services shall be reimbursed" MSC

False start rule, at the last two membership meeting; the subject was brought up to bring back the false start rule.

Motion: "to include a survey to bring back the false start rule to be included with the rails survey" MSC

Novice pulls being held prior to a sanctioned event: this was discussed last year. All sanctioned events must start at the advertise time. The issue that arose is that handlers' are required to weigh in at the novice event for the sanctioned event following the novice pull. If the organizer will not have a separate weigh in for the sanctioned event; attendance to that pull is up to the handlers. All weigh in and start times are placed in the newsletter have to be followed, if not, the handlers need to send their handler reports to the judge's chair.

This could be handled through the Handler complaint form, downloaded from the internet if your organizer didn't supply one that is mailed from the handler to the judge's chair. There could be a disciplinary action taken on the organizer for not following the posted times, but handler have to notify the judges chairperson.

Standard Collar: Should there be a clarification. Collars that are not allowed are already listed in the rules. No changes needed

Newsletter: Concerns from the membership ~ members miss the glossy cover, members enjoy receiving the PDF. PDF challenges are the size of photos and graphics. Terry will check into purchasing the ream of glossy. Post office has issue with the glossy with their stamps. The same deadlines will apply as last year. Submission by 18th; to Stephanie proof 24th sent to print 26th. The newsletter will now be listed as the Newsletter committee.

For the August newsletter; each committee member should create a small article relating to their committee.

Forms: no changes needed ~ forms need to be added to the internet as a usable template.

Motion: "Standing Rules, Article 2, Section 2, D – remove the last line as reads "A current membership list will be sent to pull organizers 2 weeks prior to the event." MSC

Motion: "For each year's board meeting; all discussion items are sent to the board secretary/ secretary reporting to the board, not later than 2 week prior to the board meeting to create an agenda for each year's board meeting." MSC 1 opposed

Championship rotation for next season: 1st choice Central, 2nd choice East.

Board meeting: Next year's locations ~ May 30 & 31 or June 6 & 7. (Memorial day weekend next year will be May 22,23,24)

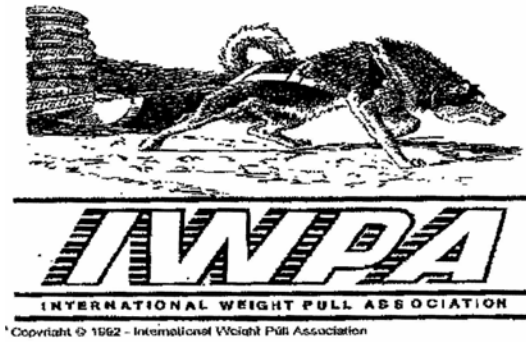
Motion, "Tentative schedule of the 2008-2009 board meeting in Indianapolis, IN on May 30 and 31."MSC

Will discuss later for a final vote on the date and location.

Debbi Lee announced that she will be submitting her resignation from the IWPA board. She will send her letter of resignation letter to the secretary.

Motion: "to adjourn the 2007-2008 IWPA board meeting" 12:31 PM

MSC indicates, Motion, Second, Carried



Judge Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City, State (Province) _____

Zip (Postal Code) _____ Region _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Judge renewal before September 1, 2008 \$10.00

After September 1, 2008 \$15.00 *Make checks payable to the IWPA*

Mail to:

IWPA Judges Chair

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Note: Renewing Judges **must sign and return this form** (with the proper fee) stating that you have read and understand the following changes in the IWPA Standing rules and Rule booklet that have been placed in effect at the board meeting on June 14th and 15th, 2008. This also includes the **Judges Code of Conduct** that was adopted by the board in 2002.

International Weight Pull Association

Judge Code of Conduct (Ethics and Authority)

1. You must both possess and project an unwavering air of integrity and ethical behavior that protects the reputation of IWPA pull events as fair and well-judged. With common sense, judges can easily avoid situations, which might raise ethical questions. A

judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities.

2. Judges are presumed to be honest, competent and dedicated. Nevertheless, it is all too easy to find yourself in uncomfortable or even inappropriate

situations. Guidelines cannot cover every situation, but they can help you avoid improprieties or perceived improprieties. A judge should perform the duties impartially and diligently. ("A judge shall disqualify himself or herself in a proceeding in which the judge's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, including but not limited to instances in which the judge has a personal bias or prejudice concerning a party...")

3. You Are in Charge: As the Chief Judge, you have full authority over all persons in the event. With this authority comes the responsibility to be thoughtful and considerate. Be as systematic in your procedure from dog to dog and weight class to weight class as conditions permit.

4. You should avoid theatrical movements or making inappropriate comments to competitors. Be polite, but generally limit your conversation with competitors to instructions that are in accordance with the IWPA rules.

5. The Judge may use whatever reasonable procedures he/she deems necessary to evaluate each dog's performance in an effective and efficient manner. The same procedures will be used to Judge each dog in a class. By entering any weight pull, the owner and handler of any dog agree to accept the decision of the Judge as final. The decision of a Judge is the responsibility of the Judge and not that of the IWPA.

6. IWPA events are intended to be family-oriented recreation for dog lovers and their dogs. Accordingly, IWPA expects the highest standard of conduct at all events.

Rule Changes for 2008-2009

Section 3 A #2 Officials, remove ~ "*handler's report and*".

Section 5 C #13, Add ~ "*from the start line*"

Will read; If any part of the harness or other equipment breaks, the handler shall have 60 seconds to repeat the pull from the start line after repairs. He/she may choose to accept this interrupted pull as a pass.

Section 5 C # 15, Add ~ "immediate"

Will read; No dogs including those not entered in competition shall be allowed in the immediate area ahead of the starting line except the dog that is pulling.

Signature

Official Use Only

Postmark Date: _____

Date Received: _____



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