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 Kitty Alvarado- 4971 W. 9th Street- Greeley, CO 80634 or at Blkdogalv@aol.com (subject line: Newsletter)

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

From the President

Robbie Reed

Welcome to the 2009-2010 season, our 26th on record! I am excited to serve as President for one more year. Thank you all for your support and kind words last year which made my decision easy to accept the nomination again this season. It is a pleasure to serve such a great organization!

I want to let everyone know you should be expecting membership reminders in the mail very soon. When you are filling them out please, please write legibly! Even type it if you don't have decipherable penmanship. It makes it very difficult and time consuming and adds expense to our club if your address or e-mail address is interpreted incorrectly. Needless to say it also slows down the process for you to receive your newsletters and other information from the organization. Thanks for taking an extra minute to insure everything is legible!!!

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! Last year half of our membership accepted the Newsletter in PDF format. Thank you so much!!! That helps offset the expense of mailing a hard copy and we all know postage has gone up. So please consider accepting your Newsletter in a PDF format via e-mail. You will also get your Newsletter much quicker and it will be in color!

Be sure to review all the Committee Chair persons as some have changed. Speaking of committees, we need good, enthusiastic Region Reps. If you have ever considered serving the organization and it's membership you might consider this position. Contact Shirley Webber, Regional Coordinator if you are interested. You might also consider a Board of Director position as well. We will be accepting nominations soon.

I wish everyone a successful and blessed season.

Robbie Reed
President

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

From the Championship Chair

Terry Reed

Well we can put the 2008-2009 Season in the books. It seems like we just finished with the IWPA Championships and here we are ready to start a new season. I know we haven't officially started the season yet but it is the time to start planning the 2010 IWPA Championships.

Members and organizers in the Eastern District (Regions 5,7and 11) you have first option to host the 2010 *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, 2009. If no proposal is received postmarked by September 1st, 2010 the option is diverted to the Central District (Regions 3,4,6,8 and 9).

So let's hear from the Eastern District. You don't have to have everything finalized right now but I do need a venue and dates. Remember the target dates are April 29th – May 14th.

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

Terry Reed
IWPA Championship Chair

From the Sanctioning & Statistician Chair

Sue Ferrari

Are you ready to start the season? We already have some pulls coming in, but I wanted to remind you of a few changes. These aren't actual changes, just some things that I will be enforcing a little more strictly.

Please remember that your sanctioning paperwork needs to get to me before the 15th of the month, the month before the pull. If I don't have your information, it won't get to the webmaster or be in the newsletter. I only send this information out once a month. I will only accept one check for your sanctioning fees, and one check from you the organizer, when you send your results in. To make things easier for myself and the treasurer, if I have multiple checks, they will all be returned to you.

If you fax your pull request in to me, please include a copy of your check. Follow this up the next day with your original copy, so I have your information in a timely matter.

Please note there is a change on the Pull Finish Report. We have gotten rid of all the various fail codes; hoping to make this less confusing for all involved.

As we start off this season, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the sanctioning of your pull, any of the forms that are sent to you, or anything regarding the results of your pull.

And one final note for all you handlers. Please decide at the first of the season, what name you are going to call your dog, and stick with that. There were a lot of changes that had to be made at the tail end of the season while we were trying to figure out who was to be invited to the Championships. You, the handler can help us out with this, if you stick with one name for your dog. Please remember, I know many of you, and many of your dogs, but can't remember every person and what they call their dog.

Thanks for all your patience with me this past year and here's to great pulling season. So, get out there, and have some fun with your dogs.

Letter from the Treasurer

Dear Members and Organizers:

As the 2009-2010 IWPA season is about to be upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know the importance of sending money into the club. All membership checks need to be made payable to the "IWPA". Please do not make them payable to Rodney Martin.

Also, when an organizer is sending a check into the Sanctioning Director, Sue Ferrari, for the fees associated with a completed pull, **there should be one check made out to the "IWPA" for these fees.** The Sanctioning Director **does not have time** to sort through multiple checks and add them together to make sure that the fees are being paid correctly.

If you write a check at a pull, that check should be made payable to the organizer of that pull, NOT to the IWPA.

I would like to thank all of our members for their consideration in this matter, and hope that everyone has a successful season this year.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Martin
IWPA Treasurer

Pull Calendar

September 5 - 7, 2009

Season Opener 09

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

Wheels : Sat 9/5/2009 Weigh- 1:00 PM -- 2:00 PM Pull Start: 2:00 PM
Wheels : Sun 9/6/2009 Weigh- 12:30 PM -- 1:00 PM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Wheels : Mon 9/7/2009 Weigh- 10:30 AM -- 11:00 AM Pull Start: 11:00 AM

Fees \$10 for the first dog, \$6 for any additional

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

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

Prizes: Ribbons or medals

Novice

Comments: Saturday your chief judge is James Webber, Sunday your chief judge is Stephanie Pitz and Monday your chief judge is Mark Krupski

Sponsors Northern Great Lake Weight Pullers

September 19 - 20, 2009

She says "One More Time" Kickoff

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

Wheels : Sat 9/19/2009 Weigh- 11:00 AM -- 12:30 PM Pull Start: 1:00 PM
Wheels : Sun 9/20/2009 Weigh- 9:00 AM -- 10:00 AM Pull Start: 10:30 AM

Fees \$15 for 1st dog, \$10 for additional

Contacts: Donna Daymude, 509-276-2964 [tundrabou@aol.com] OR Bob Daymude, 509-276-2964 [tundrabou@aol.com]

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

Prizes: TBD

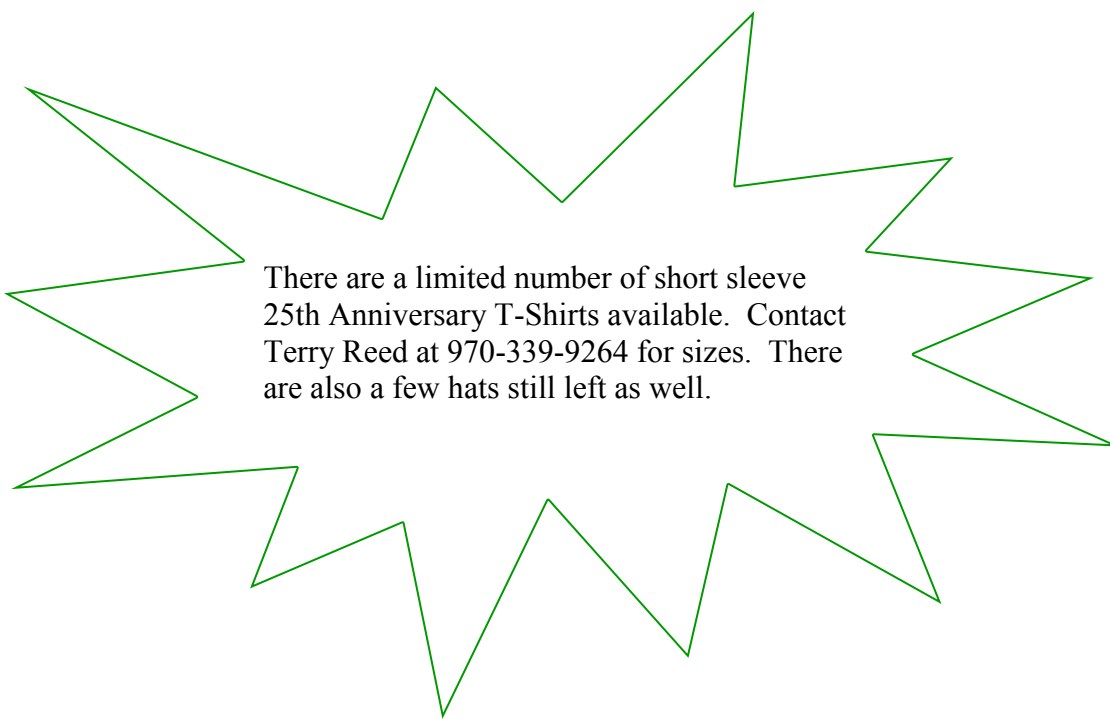
Novice

Comments:

Sponsors Tundrabou Alaskan Malamutes Kennels

Pull Results

None available at this time.



There are a limited number of short sleeve 25th Anniversary T-Shirts available. Contact Terry Reed at 970-339-9264 for sizes. There are also a few hats still left as well.

International Weight Pull Association



Working Dog Degree Program

Your dog must meet the criteria below to be eligible for the various working dog degrees. When your dog has achieved the required number of pulls for a degree (at an IWPA Sanctioned or IWPA Approved pull) and you have completed the application forms for each pull, send the forms and \$10 for each certificate requested to the Working Dog Chairperson, after September 1 in the following program year. Your certificate will be mailed to the address on the application form. Please complete all blanks on the forms to aid in the processing of the certificates. All pulls required for a certificate must be achieved in no more than two consecutive program years. The program year is from September 1 to August 31 the following year.

Requirements for Certificates

Snow

- 1 IWPA Working Dog the dog must pull 5 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on snow.
- 2 IWPA Working Dog Excellent: the dog must pull 10 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on snow.
- 3 IWPA Working Dog Superior: the dog must pull 15 times its own body weight in 3 different pulls on snow.

Wheels

- 1 IWPA Working Dog the dog must pull 12 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on wheels.
- 2 IWPA Working Dog Excellent: the dog must pull 18 times its own body weight in 4 different pulls on wheels.
- 3 IWPA Working Dog Superior: the dog must pull 23 times its own body weight in 3 different pulls on wheels.

Working Dog Degree Program Application Form

SNOW

- IWPA Working Dog (5 times body weight) _____ 4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Excellent (10 times body weight) _____ 4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Superior (15 times body weight) _____ 3 individual pulls required

WHEELS

- IWPA Working Dog (12 times body weight) _____ 4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Excellent (18 times body weight) _____ 4 individual pulls required
IWPA Working Dog Superior (23 times body weight) _____ 3 individual pulls required

Event Date _____ Event Name _____

Event Location (city, state/prov) _____

Track (check one) Natural _____ Carpet _____ Snow _____

Dog's Name _____ Breed _____

Registered Name, if applicable _____

Dog's Wt. At Pull _____ Weight Pulled _____ Times Body Weight _____

Dog's Time at Pull _____

Owner's Name and Region _____

Address _____

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

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

I hereby certify that the above information is correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

If this is not an IWPA Sanctioned Pull, the judge's signature must accompany this application.

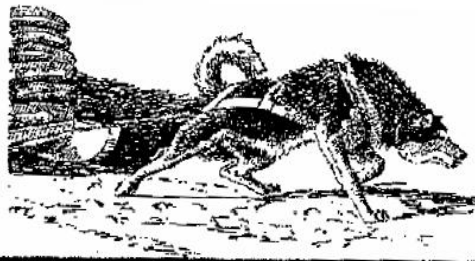
I hereby certify that this information is correct.

Judge's Signature _____ Judge's Name Printed _____ Date _____

Please enclose one form for EACH qualifying pull. Please make check or money order payable to IWPA. Please submit all Working Dog degree application forms with fees to: IWPA Working Dog Chair 9043 Pflum Rd NEMancelona, MI 49659; puppypower@hughes.net

New Member

Renewing Member



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Hard Copy of Newsletter

Electronic PDF Newsletter

\$5.00 Discount for memberships paid prior to October 1

\$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 standings.)

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 check payable to the *IWPA*, do not mail cash) to:

Rodney Martin
Membership Chair
3407 17th Ave
Evans, CO 80620 USA
E-mail: M5MKennel@aol.com

Signature _____

Date _____

**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 include your email address: _____

Send application plus fees to sanctioning director:

Sue Ferrari
807 Ghormley Rd
Yakima, WA 98908

Phone 509-966-1133
Fax 509-972-2070
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 post-marked _____

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 post-marked 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.

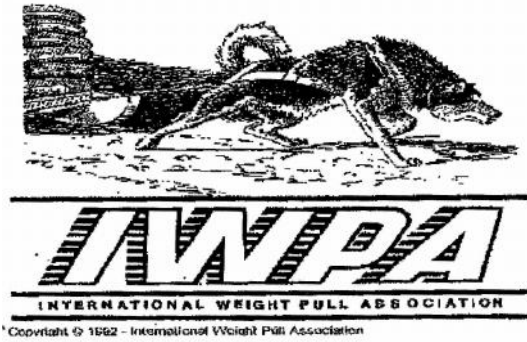
Organizers of events which have had sanctioning suspended after the pull will be required to mail a reimbursement to all entrants of the \$5.00 per dog fee. This reimbursement must be mailed within 72 hours of the receipt of written notice by the Sanctioning Director of suspended sanctioning. (Failure 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 _____



Judge Renewal

Name _____
Address _____
City, State (Province) _____
Zip (Postal Code) _____ Region _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____

Judge renewal before September 1, 2009 \$10.00
After September 1, 2009 \$15.00 *Make checks payable to the IWPA*

Mail to:
IWPA Judges Chair
George Ferrari
807 Ghormley Road
Yakima, WA 98908
(509)966-1133
E-Mail: Ferrari1133@msn.com

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 May 30th and 31st, 2009. 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 2009-2010

Section 5 C #14, Add ~ "Throwing of items while the dog is in the pulling shut is considered a disqualification"

Will read; "14. Whips, noisemakers, muzzles, pinch collars or related aids shall not be permitted at any time during an *IWPA* event. Throwing of items while the dog is in pulling shut is considered baiting. No food, treats or bait/baiting shall be used from the time the dogs class begins until the dog is eliminated from competition and removed from the pull area. Handlers shall not have food or bait on their person during the competition."

Signature

Revised 0509 GF

Official Use Only

Postmark Date: _____

Date Received: _____

Judges Apprentice Approval Form

This form must be completed in full and submitted along with the Judges Application/Test form to the Judges Chairperson to receive full judge's credentials. Four pulls must be apprenticed at and a current certified IWPA chief judge of each pull must fill out this form.

I certify that _____ served in a satisfactory manner as an apprentice judge.
(Print the apprentice's name)

Name of Pull _____ Weight classes judged _____

Date of Pull _____ Where there any rule violations or disqualifications at this event, if so list violation or disqualification _____

Printed name and phone number of Chief Judge

Chief Judge Signature



I certify that _____ served in a satisfactory manner as an apprentice judge.
(Print the apprentice's name)

Name of Pull _____ Weight classes judged _____

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Printed name and phone number of Chief Judge

Chief Judge Signature



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IWPA WEIGHT PULL JUDGE APPLICATION/TEST

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE _____

1. Have you attended an IWPA weight pull? _____ How many? _____

Have you attended weight pulls sponsored by other organizations? _____

How many? _____ Sponsored by _____

3. Have you ever helped organize a weight pull? _____ Where? _____

4. Have you served as a weight pull official? _____ Where? _____

Have you entered and handled a dog in weight pull competitions? _____

How many times? _____

6. How long have you been involved in weight pulls as a participant? _____

7. Are you a member, officer, etc of any service club, group or organization that might show practical experience relating to those qualifications that this office requires?

List three personal references that know of your qualifications for this position:

A. Name _____ Phone _____

B. Name _____ Phone _____

C. Name _____ Phone _____

List other qualifications not already covered, using the back of this form if necessary

I promise to uphold the IWPA Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules, be fair and impartial in my decisions.

Signed _____ Date _____

IWPA WEIGHT PULL JUDGE TEST

To the Judge Applicant:

The following test has been designed for a more consistent and better understanding of the IWPA rules and how they should be interpreted by you the applicant. All answers are contained in the official IWPA rule booklet.

There are 50 correct answers on the test. The applicant will be required to get at least 43 (85%) of these correct. In the event that you, the applicant fail to get 43 correct answers, you will be allowed to take the test over one week after you have been notified of your failing score. Once you have passed the test, completed the Apprentice Form and paid the appropriate fee you will be added to a list of IWPA qualified judges. If you have any questions at all please contact the Committee Judge's Chairperson.

Thank you for your interest in the IWPA

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

REGION _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Total Correct Answers _____ Checked and Approved by _____ Date _____

Directions: Circle the correct answer or fill in the blank; there may be more than one correct answer on the questions.

1. What surface/surfaces are unacceptable to conduct a pull on?

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| a. carpet | c. sand |
| b. asphalt | d. all of the above |

2. What conditions would be acceptable in the layout of the pull chute:

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| a. downhill | b. uphill |
| c. level | d. none of the above |

3. The chute barriers shall be a minimum height of:

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| a. 30" | b. 48" |
| c. 36" | c. 24" |

4. How old must a dog be to compete in an IWPA sanctioned event? _____

5. Can a bitch in season be allowed to pull or be on the premises during an IWPA event?

Yes _____ No _____

6. List the acceptable dimensions of a sled to be used for snow pulling:

Runner width _____ Runners contact surface _____

Width of the sled _____

7. What is the measurement of the bridle on a wheeled cart? _____

8. What kind of tires must be used for a wheeled cart? _____

What is the minimum height _____ Maximum height _____?

What weight must it be able to carry safely? _____

9. What are the dimensions of a snow and wheeled pulling chute?

Width _____ Length _____

10. Who is responsible for the overall supervision of the pull event? _____

11. Who is responsible for the completion of all forms and information required by the IWPA?

12. When may a chief judge disqualify any dog or handler for violation of the rules, or unsportsmanlike conduct, or abusive treatment of a dog? _____

13. List the weight classes of the IWPA _____

14. When a dog weighs $80 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs; what would be recorded weight be? _____

15. What weight class would a dog compete in if they weighed $80 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs? _____

16. What are the positions that a handler may take when pulling his/her dog?

17. What is the maximum allowable weight of the vehicle used for the 20# class? _____

18. What constitutes double handling? _____

19. How many tangles during the same turn constitute disqualification of the dog competing?

20. What 3 situations constitute a tangle?
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____
21. Who determines a tangle? _____
22. If any part of the harness or other equipment breaks and the handler chooses to attempt the pull again after repairs, where does the pull start from?

23. Is a sling shot start allowed? _____
24. What would constitute a sling shot start? _____
25. Where must the dog be positioned at the start of the pull? _____

26. May handlers reward their dogs with a treat after each successful pull if the dog is outside the pulling chute? _____
27. Who determines the load increments to be pulled? _____
28. A handler steps over the bridle of the pull cart/sled without touching the equipment, the dog or the pull surface between the start and finish line. When this happens the dog follows the handler and tangles itself in the bridle. Would this be a rule violation if so what rule?

TRUE OR FALSE SECTION: Indicate the correct answer by circling either TRUE or FALSE.

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| TRUE | FALSE | Dogs shall achieve traction on the same surface as that which the sled/cart rides. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The bridle for the sled or cart shall consist of light chains or steel cables. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The sled runners shall consist of a P-tex material or steel runners |
| TRUE | FALSE | If using a wheeled cart, all tires must have the same air pressure prior to the event. |
| TRUE | FALSE | A crowd barrier is required to separate the spectators a minimum of 2 feet from the pulling chute. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The dog that wins its weight class will be allowed to compete in the next higher weight class. |
| TRUE | FALSE | If the sled/cart is in motion at the expiration of 60 seconds, the dog shall be allowed to complete the pull and the actual time required to make the pulls shall be recorded. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The handler has the option to have the cart/sled placed anywhere on the start line perpendicular to the line prior to his/her dogs attempt to pull the weight. |
| TRUE | FALSE | No dogs, including those not entered in competition shall be allowed in the area ahead of the starting line, except for the dog that is pulling. |
| TRUE | FALSE | If two or more dogs pull the same weight all go out of completion on the same round; the lightest dog will be declared the winner. |
| TRUE | FALSE | If a dog is competing for best percentage, he must pull at the designated load increments. |
| TRUE | FALSE | A handler starts calling his/her dog prior to stepping over the designated 16 foot line and is in contact with the pulling surface is disqualified. |
| TRUE | FALSE | Throwing a leash is considered baiting? |
| TRUE | FALSE | Any entrant protesting a violation of the rules has 24 hours after the event to do so in writing to the Judges Chair. |

IWPA Board Meeting
May 30, 2009
Indianapolis, ID

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am

Roll call: Diane Krupski. Sue Ferrari. Cheryl Martin, Stephanie Pitz, Shirley Webber, Rodney Martin, Terry Reed, Robbie Reed, Guest Bob Sencenbaugh

Motion: "Accept minutes from the last year' board meeting" MSC

Reports:

Secretary: Written report attached. There were 4 topics voted on by the board during the season by Email. All Motions were voted on and passed.

Motion: "to accept the secretary report as presented" MSC

Treasurer: Written report attached. Total income for the year was \$21,051.00; Total expenses for the year were \$21,015.40. Current bank balances are: Checking \$9002.68, Savings \$3512.53. Three sanctioning re-funds were given this year for the 25th anniversary promotion.

Motion: "to accept the Treasurer's report as presented" MSC

Committee Reports:

Championship: Written report attached, 52 Snow, 59 Wheels, 111 entries total. The venue at Centre Ice Arena worked out well. It was easy to get to and having both the general membership meeting and the awards banquet at the same location made it very convenient for people that attended. Both the snow tracks and the wheel tracks were very challenging. The snow tracks could have had more zamboni shavings to make a thicker pad but the ice arena would not allow that. The wheel tracks were very uphill which did not allow for high weights to be pulled.. All competitors pulled and had the same disadvantage/advantage. All dogs had the same conditions to compete on; decisions had to be made for the safety of the dogs competing. There was great TV and news media coverage; overall it was a great championship.

Motion: "to accept the Championship Chair report as presented." MSC

Drug: Written report attached, Robbie has contacted several vendors. The board will chose the most economical vendor. There were 28 samples collected on the Snow event and 20 samples were collected on the wheeled event for a total of 48 samples collected. The LVT with Companion Animal hospital in Traverse City, MI, which handled the drug testing for the championship, did indicate that 2 dogs had tested positive for Theobromine. Theobromine is listed as a stimulant under their analysis. (In the U.S. Theobromine is mostly found in Chocolate and Cola) The LVT could not provide a level that could enhance the performance nor could she give a specific level that could be considered toxic as there are many variables to the equation.

Motion: "to accept the Drug Testing report as presented" MSC

Membership: Written report attached. 46 New Single memberships; 21 New Family memberships; 37 renewing single memberships; 47 renewing family memberships; 1 Jr. membership; for a total of 155 members. This number is one down from last year. Influx of new members as apposed to renewing membership.

Motion: "to accept the Membership Chair report as presented" MSC

Sanctioning: Written report attached. 94 sanctioned pulls this year, 6 fun pulls in various regions, one being the new region of Hawaii. The most common concern was that pull results were not updated on the website in a timely manner. Sue's recommendation would be to clean out the membership and dog listing in the data-

base if possible.

Motion: “to accept the Sanctioning Director’s report as presented” *MSC*

Judges: Written report attached. There were a total for 41 judges for this season; 8 are first time judges, for the 2009-2010 seasons there are 3 judges that are not eligible on the ballot for the next championship; they are Todd Sheehan, Bob Sencenbaugh, and Todd Bray. There are two judges that will carry over to next season, Todd Bray and Nacho Alvarado. All judges’ reports were received with the exception of 4 reports, all of which are from the same organizer. One clarification that was addressed was for a dog urinating on the track; this would not be considered a disqualification; Terry did discuss this with the judge involved. There was a problem with a judge allowing novice dogs to be pulled along with sanctioned dogs, which is against the IWPA rules. Terry did contact the judge and this was addressed.

Review 1:09:55

Motion: “to accept the Judges Chair report as presented” *MSC*

Elections: Written report attached, ballots were on site to be audited by board. 64 individual ballots and 65 family ballots were mailed to the membership; 18 individual and 27 family membership ballots were returned. Ballots will be destroyed.

Motion: “to accept the Elections report as presented” *MSC*

Animal Welfare: No report given, no issues

Awards: No formal report given. Donna has done an excellent job keeping track and getting all information together for the championships in a timely manner. Kudos to her!

Promotions: Written report attached. There were 36 short sleeve and 27 long sleeve 25th anniversary shirts purchased. There are 8 short sleeve shirts available and 1 long sleeve shirt. In addition 12 hats were purchased, 5 remaining.

Motion: “to accept the Promotions report as presented” *MSC*

Grievance: No issues, Motion to accept the report as presented. *MSC*

Standing Rules: Verbal report given. All changes from last years’ board meeting were updated.

Motion: to accept the report as presented *MSC*

Personnel: Verbal report given. There were numerous complaints about the website this year: it was challenging to contact the webmaster to discuss. We will address how to handle this issue in new business.

Motion: to accept the Personnel report as presented *MSC*

Regional Coordinator: Verbal report given. Shirley Webber, all positions filled but one; hard to keep in contact, Shirley’s main challenge is not receiving responses back. Did not receive any regional meeting information; not all regions are holding yearly regional meetings. The concern is with referring new pullers to areas that do not have active pullers and coordinators in an area. Shirley would try to encourage the interested party to attend a pull close to their location. **Motion:** to accept that Regional Coordinator’s report as presented.

MSC

Statistician: Written report attached. Most paperwork was returned in a timely fashion. Largest areas of concern are the financial reports and additional errors with miscounting dogs, names of dogs, and the website not being updated.

Motion: “to accept the Statistician’s report as presented” *MSC*

Web Master: Robbie received a written report that she couldn’t open it. Table for later.

Newsletter: Verbal report submitted. No big issues, everyone needs to be conscious of the timelines; most comments are that the membership likes the new format. We still need to list the members not in good standing, we voted to add this last year, but we have not listed them yet. These members are: Brad Maroni, Jennifer Demers. Members not in good standing would include members that have outstanding checks. They would be posted until all monies are collected and made good. The Reed's are still working with Office Depot, and we are still receiving discounts with them for publications.

Motion: "to accept the Newsletter's report as presented" **MSC**

Web Page Responder: Nathan Sellers, no report given, a lot of questions came to Rodney; the main question is *how do we get started?*

Historian: Terry has a contact to retrieve past newsletters. For the last couple of years all information is being stored on CD's instead of paper. The information on the CD's yearly will be: forms, minutes, newsletters, and all secretary notes.

Motion: "to accept the Historian's report as presented" **MSC**

Old Business

Positive results of drug testing from Championship with Theobromine as being a possible stimulating drug. Theobromine for Dogs as a stimulate? There are so many factors to evaluate, amount ingested, size of the dog, and age of the dog, dogs' digestive system, added to other foods. Too many variables to determine; the club would have to take the advise of the LVT per situation.

Motion: "We accept a professional opinion of the laboratory conducting the drug testing, that Theobromine was not being used as a stimulant to enhance the performance of the dog, and no further action needs to be taken." **MSC**

Alvarado Lifetime Membership: Motion: "to take the Lifetime membership and divide it into two individual memberships; any upgrade from individual to family membership, would be paid by the member upgrading the membership". **MSC**

Why was the 9th open board positions not filled last year? Intention to appoint Carey Green as an alternate, but Robbie never heard back. The board was able to conduct business with 8 members.

Shirley will be going off the board as her appointment will be complete. Article III was reviewed to see what the boards options are for the future. As a board, we need to be out soliciting potential board members prior to the board meeting. The board is lacking interest from members from the east and would like to see more involvement from the east.

Close of old business 2008-2009 season:

New Business

(18:09)

Election of officers: (secret ballot votes)

President: Robbie Reed

Nominations: Robbie Reed

Motion: "to close nominations for president" **MSC**

Vice President: Sue Ferrari

Nominations: Sue Ferrari, Stephanie Pitz-declined, Diane Krupski-declined

Motion: “to close nominations for vice president” MSC

Secretary: Kitty Alvarado

Nominations: Kitty Alvarado,

Motion: “to close nominations for secretary” MSC

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin

Nominations: Cheryl Martin, Terry Reed-declined

Motion: “to close nominations for Treasurer” MSC

Board members vacating positions; Rodney Martin, Terry Reed, and Shirley Webber (appointment ended).

2009-2010 Officers are: President- Robbie Reed, VP-Sue Ferrari, Secretary-Kitty Alvarado, and Treasure-Cheryl Martin.

Current board member status for the 2009-2010 Season:

Robbie Reed- 2nd year, 2nd ½ of Term

Heather Mummey -New Term

Diane Krupski -New Term

Cheryl Martin -2nd ½ of Term

Stephanie Pitz- 2nd ½ of Term

Sue Ferrari- New Term

3 open positions

Nominations for open position: Bob Sencenbaugh (C), Terry Reed (C), Shirley Webber (C), George Ferrari (W)

Possible: Dave Gallagher (awaiting a call back), (E), Wendy Leister (E)

Motion: “to fill all 3 open board positions out of the four nominations that have accepted” MSC

Following a secret ballot vote of the board the following open positions were filled by: Bob Sencenbaugh, Shirley Webber, and George Ferrari.

Committees:

Championship Chair Terry Reed

Drug Testing Robbie Reed

Membership Rodney Martin

Sanctioning Sue Ferrari

Judges Chair George Ferrari

Elections Stephanie Pitz

Animal Welfare Stephanie Pitz

Awards Donna Libby

Promotions Diane Krupski

Grievance Bob Sencenbaugh, (Bob will make contacts to select the other 2 positions)

Standing Rule Kitty Alvarado

Personnel Chair Bob Sencenbaugh

Regional Coordinator Shirley Webber

Statistician Sue Ferrari
Web Master Donna Daymude
Newsletter Kitty Alvarado
Web Page Responder Heather Mummey
Historian Kitty Alvarado

Budget- new proposed budget attached.

Motion: “to accept the new 2009-2010 budget as proposed”. **MSC**

Topic for discussion:

- Checks to IWPA instead of organizer
- Letters from Treasure, Sanctioning, membership for newsletter
- Championship chair extra travel to review track/site
- Webpage membership updated/archive membership database/ clean up.

Code of Conduct of the judges

Angle of track

Being equal at the championship/judges on same track

Conflict of interest

- Code of Conduct/message board/board members
- Promotions, pictures for newsletter
- Order promotional items
- New Webmaster
- Standing rules – add Hawaii
- Address mileage for championship

Quorum from one region/board

Promotional items; we need photos of the items to publish in the newsletter. We need to be able to show the membership what the items look like. Possibilities for a 16 month calendar, patches, and bumper sticker.

Mileage for Championship: Possibility of changing the mileage for Championship travel money. **Motion:** “increase the championship travel money qualification to 200 miles in the Standing rules, Article 3, section 7E” **MS** ~ Amend the motion to read: “to change the miles to 300 miles” **MSC**

Standing Rules: Revise Standing Rules, Section Article C, Section 3 **Motion:** add: “Region 12 – Hawaii” **MSC (update newsletter map)**

Code of Conduct/message board/board members

A member of the IWPA who also served on an IWPA committee was writing their views on a message board. Board members and/or committee member’s opinion can be viewed as an opinion of the IWPA and need to be clarified. The member needs to be very careful that their personal views are not presented as views of the IWPA. If a member has a grievance with another member; the grievance policy is covered in the Standing Rules, Article XIV.

New Webmaster:

Donna Daymude and Donna Libby would like to take this position over. This is a paid position and will need to be voted on.

Motion: “move to close the nominations” **MSC**

Voting: Donna Daymude – 6; Donna Libby-0

Donna Daymude, will be the Webmaster as of July 1.

Code of Conduct / Judges

Angle of track
Being equal at the championship
Judges on same track from same region as competitors

- Angle of the championship track; we need to try to have the most optimal track possible. We can't fix the past, but the criteria is listed in Article III of the standing rules. There were 3 board members and 3 judges that helped set up the track and didn't realize the grade until the pull started. The organizer did follow the criteria. Discussed, no changes needed.
- Judges judging fairly at the championship; Article VII Section 3 covers this area – evidently there was questionable calls. According to the rules, the questioned call should be protested immediately or a grievance filed.
Try not to have 2 judges from the same region on the same track for Championship. Discussed, no change needed.

Checks to IWPA instead of organizer

Letters from Treasurer, Sanctioning, Membership for newsletter will address this. (Checks need to be made to the organizer not the IWPA.) The organizer should submit one check for all sanctioning fees and one check for all memberships.

Motion: To add/correction to sanctioning packet instructions and financial report that was approved by prior years' board; organizers are required to send one check for sanctioning and another check for memberships.
MSC

Championship chair extra travel to review track/site; Discussed no change needed

Webpage membership updated/archive membership database/ clean up. Suggestion, copy all to disc and only keep x amount of years. New queries need to be created for just most current information. A back up disc needs to be created.

Promotional items need to have a photo for newsletter; members can see what the items are along with contact information.

Order promotional items- 16 month calendar with IWPA photos for pre-orders.
Patches, bumper stickers- check on price.

Mileage for championship: Regarding to Article III Section 7, e. Is the 100 mile radius still adequate for championship?

Motion Change Standing Rule Article III Section 7, e: "to change to 200 miles." **MS**

Amend "300 miles" **MSC**

Motion: Article III Section 7, e. "Limit eligibility for travel money to 2 per family membership, one per individual membership and one for Jr. Memberships." **MS-revised**

Remove "By all handlers" and Revised motion; "Travel fund eligibility is limited to two handlers per family membership, one handler per individual member and one handler for Jr. Membership regardless of the number of dogs pulled" **MSC**

Quorum from one region/board, Discussed, no change needed

Roundtable:

- **Motion:** Rules chairperson will revise to add Region 12 to all areas needed in the standing rules. **MSC**
- Correct Article V, section 3 change "event to dog".
- Judges forms not being turned in on time; watch for a pattern next season and address then.

Discussion on what define a stop when hooking up the dogs. Issues with judging, some issues need to address with the involved judges personally.

Forms:

Change: Financial Report to: **Motion:** “Owner/Handler Name and remove line 2 on bottom “(IWPA and Provisional Members fee \$5/dog)” **MSC**

Handler Complaint Form: **Motion:** to change the Mail to: to George Ferrari, **MSC**

Handler’s meeting registration: **Motion:** Add a line, mail this with judges Chair

Finish Report: **Motion:** “Limited fail code to No pull and DQ”. **MSC**

Provisional membership; **Motion** “change from individual to dog and add a line for the number of dogs. **MSC**

Score sheet; **Motion** to change the fail code to no Pull or DQ

Judges renew: Change date to: 9/1. Change to current judges chair, change to current board date, and list any current rule changes” **MSC**

Motion section 5, c, 14, add “Throwing of items while the dog is in pulling shut is considered “ **MSC.**”

Motion: Remove 2 boxes at top, and remove Weight/Class and Wheels/Snow”. Diagonal slash**MS**

Rescind previous motion; add additional line in each weight class; remove the Weight Class: **MSC.**

Board meeting location for next year:

Motion to adjourn and reconvene at 8:00 am. Adjourn 7:08 PM.

IWPA Board Meeting
May 31, 2009

Meeting called to order: 8:06 am

Present: Robbie Reed, Bob Sencenbaugh, Cheryl Martin, Stephanie Pitz, Shirley Webber, Diane Krupski, Sue Ferrari, Kitty Alvarado

Discussed recruiting member for future board positions

Discussed the false start rule; rails

Board meeting location: Colorado. June 5th, 6th. **Motion:** To schedule the 2010 IWPA annual board meeting in Colorado on June 5th,6th .**MSC**

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Adjourn: 8:42 am MSC 1 opposed.

MSC- denotes Motion, Second, Carried

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