

Iditarod Trail Committee
Board of Directors Meeting – Summary
October 6, 2006
Millennium Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska

A quorum of the Board of Directors was present for the meeting, which began at 9:10AM. The President stated Joe Redington, Sr absence was excused, as he was on the trail. Several staff members were present, as well as Dale Meyers, an ITC member/volunteer.

The minutes of the June 2 and June 24 Board meetings were approved as presented.

Executive Director Hooley provided the Board with an update on various ITC activities: including current financial projections; efforts with major sponsors; the status of the University of Alaska College Savings Plan funding for the Junior Iditarod (see below); the primarily results of an economic impact study prepared for the City of Wasilla (see below); and the problem and potential solutions for tour buses getting back on the Knik Road due to the major vehicle traffic in this area.

The funding from the University of Alaska College Savings Plan sponsorship went away after last years race for the Junior Iditarod. The Board requested the Junior Iditarod to submit an operating budget for the ITC Board to consider.

A preliminary economic impact study prepared for the City of Wasilla indicated the impact for the re-start day was \$2.8 Million. It was noted this impact realized an increase of \$40,000 in taxes that day. Staff will attempt to convince the City of Wasilla to invest in the Iditarod an amount equal to the extent of their financial increase.

It was announced that the ITC raffle that concluded at the State Fair was sold out. President Burmeister thanked the staff and volunteers for helping at the Fair.

The first 2,500 copies of the 2006 Iditarod Race DVD – “Mother Nature’s Turn to Dance” - have been sold and additional copies have been ordered. This is a great DVD on the Last Great Race and the Board encourages the general public to purchase it.

As of this date, there are 19 more entries signed-up for the 2007 race than we had at this time last year.

The ITC Rules Committee recommended four additional races be accepted as qualifiers. They are the Grande Odyssee in Europe, Cache Valley K9 Race in Utah, and two races in Saskatchewan – Diamond North 400 and Pineland 200. The Board accepted the recommendations of the Rules committee.

SUSAN BUTCHER – Selected as the 2007 Honorary Musher. There will be three days in March to recognize Susan – Start day in Anchorage, Re-start day on Sunday, and Finish Line in Nome.

The 2007 Annual Meeting was re-scheduled to June 30, 2007.

The membership fees were discussed by Staff and the Board of Directors. Staff explained that what Iditarod has been charging for many years for memberships is not covering the costs. The Board accepted the following changes for the various levels:

Puppy	\$10	
Wheel Dog	\$50	
Team Dog	\$100	(Note – Team Dog membership - cards, but only one vote
Lead Dog	\$150	
Life Member	\$1,500	

The Board will be reviewing the updated budget projections at the December meeting and, if necessary, make budget adjustments accordingly.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 335PM

Jim Palin
Board Secretary