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### **Agenda May 19, 2020**

#### **Opening Statements:**

**Secretary's Report:** (see email and add later)

#### **Looking ahead to the fall:**

- we have to decide if we want to keep insurance for the fall
- Question if the NCM trade fair will occur in the fall -- we do have paypal set up to accept registration, but we may lose people because of the process. As far as we know the fair will be happening in the fall, but depends on state and fairground policies
- New England sled dog club is having a meeting on Sunday, so Tom will find out what is going on with races for the fall.

#### **New Business**

##### **Hill Rep.**

- Doug took over and has talked to Karen and has decided that the "Musers Trail Users" sign should be simplified. We would put one on each end of trails. Approval is pending from the Army Corp.
- Doug is pushing for people to be able to train at Hill as early as possible, but even if we did get them to agree to an earlier start mushers would still have to deal with bird hunters on weekends. He thinks that they are mellowing to mushers, but we will have to see what happens over the next few months.
- By having Hill trail users be exclusively NHMA members we are adding musher-accountability (Fish and Game/State have access to musher names and phone numbers) -- must continue in Pine River trails.

##### **"Musers Trail Users" report:**

- Possibly shorten #3, and change wording of #19. We need to keep things simple, and

maybe even shorter, but not really sure how to manage this (of Musers Trail Users report).

- Possibly make copies of rules and hand them out at Hopkinton registration.

### **Pine River State Forest:**

- Meetings with the state are put on hold until this passes.
- We had talked about meeting as a group to walk through Pine River trails with the park manager, but we may not be able to do this until things settle down. We may be able to go in with ATVs, but this is unsure until Tom talks to the park manager. As soon as we hear about going in to take a look, we will get something set up.

### **NMHA website:**

- When Steve posted about NH trail website needing sled dog specific trails, nobody responded (he will post again and see if anyone reaches out). Tom knows some of the trails (Hill, Bearnotch, Sawyer-River, Warren, Tripoli Road, etc.), but there may be other trails that mushers are using and should be marked on the state map as musher trails -- Main trails only (not private trails).

### **Old Business:**

#### **Bear Brook**

- Meetings with the state and organization are put on hold until this passes.

#### **Pisquah State Park**

- Tom has not heard anything whether signs have been put out (given everything that is going on)
- Bob to get a map of the trails that are being worked on, with trails that are available for use by mushers.

**Next Meeting Date:** June 23, 2020 at 7:00pm

