

**Sept 16th, 2003**  
**NH Mushers Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Tom Dimaggio	Candia, NH
Rhonda Hendry O'hearn	Sandown, NH
Jim Lalla	Bradford, NH
Leif Erickson	Gilmanton, NH
Bob Heckman	Kingston, NH
Bob Joy	Milford, NH
George Cook	New Hampton, NH
Christine Richardson	Canaan, NH
Bill Bartlett	Newport, NH

This meeting was short and informal and so shall the minutes be.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Website:

We started with discussion on the user-friendliness of our website. Tom brought up that Ronda's bulletin board email group was getting a lot of action that people not in the group cannot follow. In addition the group was not set up to be a forum for the NHMA Inc and really might be better suited on a bulletin board on the website. This was all can see what has been discussed without having to check email.

The immediate problem is that Jaye donates space on her personal site for our pages and doesn't have room for a discussion board. Rhonda moved and George seconded to move the website to a professional hosting service. All agreed and we agreed to buy a domain name (nhmushersassoc.org) for 2 years at that time. The site will be moved and reworked for ease of use.

Muster:

We discussed how the Muster was received and what to take from it for the NESDC general meeting and DESDC Trade Show presentations.

George brought up new legislative action happening now and feels that people need to know that we are paying attention and have already established legislative contacts.

Tom agreed and the new Trail Use RMA will be brought to the next meeting.

Bob suggests a legislative watch – someone official to do that > next meeting agenda.

DESDC Christine presented the slide show she is proposing to use – Bob and Tom will be there on Saturday to field questions during.

NESDC Bob, Tom and Bob S. will present.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Patches: Tom suggests that we should have ID patches for members. – Bob H.

Suggests reflective material.

Rhonda came prepared with a company's demo material and suggested we use our webpage logo.

George has also had experience with patch manufacturers and so he and Rhonda will look into separate possibilities.

Bob Joy brought up that we need to draw in more recreational mushers. He suggested Critter Magazine, which is found all over the state. Also we need a recruitment brochure. Member privileges?

Trail condition report on website? Yes everyone liked that. Possibly make it a member only option after one successful year of doing it?

George will work with Jaye in developing that.

Trail map project...still in progress

Permission slips are not available yet.....

We discussed Federal land AND Railbed use.

Jim L suggested that part of the application for permission slip might be to include both a SASE and a signed NHMA code of ethics statement.

We then discussed signs...to be continued at next meeting.