

Arizona Mountain Musers News



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AMM NOMINATIONS/ELECTION

We are not going to send out a ballot because we believe it would be unproductive. Here are the members that have been nominated. If you wish to serve—please write yourself in, email (or snail mail) your candidacy to Lynn or Jann, and the members present at the June meeting will vote.

Nominations for officers are:

- President: Lynn Whipple
- Vice President: Jaime Ballesteros
- Treasurer: Charlie Odegaard
- Secretary: Ed Anderson
- Newsletter Editor: Jann Schmohl
- Event /Training Coordinator: Cheri and Frank Engehardt
- Weight Pull Co-Chairs: Grace White and Dena Anderson
- White Mountains Liaison: Ron Miller
- Southern Arizona Liaison: Frank Brown
- Write-ins: _____

FROM THE PREZ

As an old saying goes, as a group we can accomplish more than as an individual. One example of this is the multiple dog licensing that AMM had a hand in years ago in Coconino County. The multiple dog licensing is a flat fee of \$80 vs. fees per dog. Neuter/spay certificates are available to licensed dog owners. Dogs are required to have current rabies vaccinations on file with the county. The county offers rabies vaccination clinics to offset rabies shots. In 12/99 this plan was reviewed by the Board of Supervisors to eliminate the discount of the multiple dog licenses & increase fees. AMM showed up in force to voice our opposition of this and presented our case as responsible dog owners. We won approval by the Board to continue with the current license that is still in place today. As responsible dog owners we need to be in compliance with the County to maintain this program for our best interest. As the years fly by, schedules are crazy and it can be easy to overlook. Kennel maintenance programs are available through Sled Dog Central Web Site that are helpful with tracking and documenting vaccinations.

Another proposal that has come up recently is the Forest Service Plan limiting off-highway vehicles to existing roads in five Arizona National Forests. This plan has won the support from various groups and open house meetings are scheduled to review the plan. Public comments will be accepted until June 13, 2003. With the popularity of off-road vehicles and the impact on our environment, regulation is needed. We need to be sure our voice is heard in these issues. Those of us who train close to our homes need to stay on top of regulations being proposed so we have a voice in where we will be training in the future. As growth moves in, we need to stay on top of these issues. As a group, we can be watchdogs for the best interest of our dogs!

Lynn Whipple



Have you checked out our AMM web page?
<http://hometown.aol.com/azmtmusers/AMMhomepage.htm>

MINUTES: Arizona Mountain Musers Executive Board 4/17/03 In attendance: Ed Anderson, Mike Kentera, Charlie Odegaard, Lynn Whipple, Grace White.

General Business/Discussion

I. Treasurer's report: as of 3/17/03 our account balance is \$3300.00 Charlie will look into putting some of this into a savings account so that we can take advantage of some interest accumulation.

II. Williams Weight Pull

Saturday, May 24 at 6:00pm. Same location as usual. We need volunteers for handler, judge, timer, cart attendants.. Moved, seconded and approved that the club will put in a minimum of \$200.00

towards a purse for this event (assuming a minimum entry of 10 dogs). Lynn is talking with Arizona Feeds about sponsorship (with possible addition to the purse). The club will match any purse offered by Arizona Feeds to a maximum of \$300.00. Moved, seconded and approved that "off the street entries" will not be allowed unless that entry has their own equipment (thereby demonstrating some knowledge of the sport, and training of the dog). Grace will talk with Liz Tallman about prize distribution. Mike & Grace will prepare a flyer to be sent out in the AMM newsletter. NOTE: Practice sessions at Mike Kentera's home on Sundays, May 11 and 18 at 9:00am

III. Weight Pull (General)

Mike would like to be relieved of the duties of Weight Pull coordinator should there be volunteer to take over. The sledge is on it's last legs (wheels, runners, whatever). Lynn will talk to Arizona feeds about sponsoring the purchase (construction) of a new sledge with the appropriate advertising, logo's that they might want to see on it.

IV. New Business: We are looking for a volunteer (in the Flagstaff area) to assume the responsibility of storing the club equipment. Pam Foti (who has graciously stored this stuff since time immemorial (at least ever since I've been around) would like to have her garage space back preferably by June 1.

V. Nominations for executive positions are open. In addition to the standard positions of President, Vice-president, treasurer, secretary, fun-run coordinator and weight pull coordinator, we would like to add liaisons from the Show Low and Phoenix areas. All positions are open for nominations. Lynn (President), Charlie (treasurer) Ed (secretary), Mike and Grace (Weight Pull Coordinators) have consented to continue if so desired by the club. Various member names were discussed as potential nominees.

VI. We are planning on an "End of Season Gathering at the home of Pam Foti and Lori Gelvin.... June 14 at 5 PM

Submitted by Ed Anderson

EMAIL, EMAIL EMAIL!!

If your email is not on our members list you are missing out! We send out current information by email along with folks looking for a new dog or needing good homes. We want to keep you informed and updated. Please contact Jann to be added or Ed for any changes.

IRON DOG CHALLENGE

The Iron Dog Challenge, filmed at the Ouray Race January 11 & 12, 2003 is scheduled to be on ESPN in early May. Check your local listings for schedule. Watch for our own AMM members and top ranked ISDRA mushers, Charlie Odegaard, Lynn Whipple and Laurie Robinson compete in the first big race of 2003. Promises to be very exciting Sprint Sled Dog Footage!!



"End of the Season Gathering" on Saturday, June 14 at 5:00 at the home of Pam Foti and Lori Gelvin. We're hoping members throughout Arizona will be able to attend. Bring photos and race videos will be shown.



Submitted by
Laurie Robison

For Sale: My kennel has somehow expanded to '20' dogs. They're eating good and I'm eating 'soup.' I have 6 to 8 that can go to good homes only w/plenty of room to run & play. All are spayed/neutered, some debarked, some w/papers. most Siberians, 1 Malamute, 1 white Sib/Wolf. I also, have a 23 yr. old (but still going strong) MULE for sale to good home, would be great for kids; cheap! Lastly, I'm selling my 'dog truck' which is an '80' Ford 3/4 ton, 4x4, new trans, engine rebuilt, new 4x4, stud tires, roll bar, comes w/ over bed tent, can sleep on dog boxes. runs great.

Wanted: I am looking for a smaller sled, maybe 7' or even less.

Barb Mayes (Showlow area) @ 928 532-7009 or email: eitak@citlink.net

The purpose of the Arizona Mountain Musers is to promote dog sled sports by sponsoring cart races, sled races, weight-pulling contest, backpacking trips, behavior classes, obedience classes, and nutritional development classes. And to engage in any other activity relevant to those listed above intended to promote the welfare of dogs and persons associated with dogs.

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Spay/Neuter Certificates

Spay/Neuter certificates are available in the Flagstaff area from:

- Coconino county Animal Control, \$30.00 certificate, dogs only, must have county dog license, 774-4518.
- Flag PALS, 25% of cost of s/n, 526-3415.

In the Phoenix area:

- Az. Animal Welfare League, \$50.00 for spaying, \$40.00 for neutering. They will mail you a discount card and give you a list of participating vets, 273-6850

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