



MEDIA RELEASE

Yukon Quest Boards Elect Four New Members

May 29, 2015 (Whitehorse, YT & Fairbanks, AK) – Four fresh faces will sit on the Alaska and Yukon boards of directors for the 2016 Yukon Quest International 1,000 Mile Sled Dog Race.

The Alaska AGM was held in Fairbanks Wednesday night, where two new members were elected, and Bill McDonald was re-elected to a new term. John Dixon and Della Severtson join Joe Cox, Nancy Flannery, Heike Fiedler-Phelps and Susan McDonald on the board.

Dixon is a former Iditarod finisher and brings experience as an Operations Team Leader with BP. Severtson is Business Manager at Lance Mackey's Comeback Kennel. She also has experience as a handler on the Yukon Quest trail.

Four-time Yukon Quest champion Lance Mackey will serve as the Musher Representative. Officers for the Alaska board will be elected at the next regular board meeting, on June 10th.

Meanwhile, Elisabeth Weigand and Ingabritt Scholven were added to the ranks of the Yukon Board of Directors, after elections at their AGM on May 20. Weigand is the owner of Black Bear Wilderness Adventure Inc., a long-time supporter of the Yukon Quest. Scholven entered the Yukon Quest in 1997 and remains involved in the mushing community. She's also been a handler on the race trail.

Weigand and Scholven join Harry Kern, Dylan Soo and Briana Mackay as Directors.

Michael Peterson was re-elected as President of the Yukon board, while Natalie Haltrich remains Vice-President, Bev Regier is Treasurer, and Judy Beaumont is Secretary.

Damon Tedford, who earned Rookie of the Year honours for his fourth-place finish in the 2015 Yukon Quest, will serve as Musher Representative for the Yukon.

The Yukon Quest would like to thank out-going Alaska board member Judy Currier, for her hard work and dedication to the race during her tenure.

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