



ANNUAL REPORT 2009

(February 2009 – February 2010)

BOARD 2009

(since 27 February 2009)

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MEMBERS 2009

Full members

Anita Moen
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Lene Pedersen
Lisa Ström
Liv Bjørsvik
Margit Dyrland
Stefan Claes
Stefano Poli
Ståle Slotta
Therese Stenvall
Thor Bendiksen
Terje Sundset
Tina F. Sølvsten
Tommy Siikavuopio
Yvonne Rinne

Family members

Anette & Dag Hekne
Frank Nilsen and Rang
Janne Søreide & Tommy Jordbrudal
Sveinung Toppe & Karolina Karas
Lucie Strub-Klein & Louis Delmas
Marta & Stein Woldengen
Rico Behlke & Karoline Bælum
Sébastien Barrault & Elin M. Lien
Solfrid Håkenstad & Erik Rodesjö
Irene & Jan Erik Gustafsson

Support members

Lisa Baddeley
Eike Müller
Oskar Ström
Monica Sund
Martin Saur

Kim Rune Ness
Anders Møllegaard
Apotek Sptisbergen

I. SUMMARY 2009

New rules - The main effort of the new committee elected in 2009 was to implement a fully new text about "Policy & Rules", directed specifically on dog care, dog well being and dog health. The club went further than Mattilsynet regulation regarding policy of new incoming dogs into LHK kennel (lice treatment).

New fee - The club revised the prices of the annual membership and redefined the annual fee in term of running cost. Some of the money is also used to offer free worm treatment and straw to all members.

New activities - The activity level rose with several events offered to both members and non-members. The principal one was Trappers Trail Sled Dog Race, probably the first dog race ever organized on Svalbard.

Better collaboration - The club, private kennel and most of the commercial kennels are closely collaborating for gross dog food and straw order as well as organizing special courses such as The Veterinarian Course and Nordenstam Hundeskole.

New old logo - LHK uses the old logo again (see front page).

II. KENNEL

A. KENNEL SITUATION

A.1. Private cages

LHK got 1 private cage back from Terje Sundseth (1 sgl) and bought 5 private cages back from Anette (4 dbls) and Thor Bendiksen (1 dbl).

A.2. Updated list of private owners

- Stefan Claes – 3 dbl cages (#31, 32, 33)
- Anita Moen – 1 dbl cage (#14)
- Stefano Poli – 1 dbl cage (#01)
- Frank Nilsen – 2 sgl cages (#40, 41)
- Johan Sletten – 1 dbl cage (#35)

A.3. Cages rented by members out of the island

- Cages # 43, 44 : Stein and Marta Woldengen; this cage is booked and available latest until July 2010 (They have left the island with dogs)
- Cage # 42: Yvonne Rinne; this cage is booked and available latest until February 2010 (She has left the island but has one dog in LHK)

A.4. Temporary available cages

- Cage #27: Marzena Kaczmarska; this cage is available latest until November 2010 (They have no dogs at the moment)
- Cage #17: Lisa Ström (Lene Pedersen); this cage is available until May 2010 (at the moment on trip in Canada)

A.5. Waiting list

Applicants	Cage	Date
1. Oskar Ström	1 single	
2. Monica Sund	1 single	
3. Liv Bjørsvik	1 double	02.03.09
4. Lene Pedersen	1 double	07.03.09
5. Rico Behlke/Karoline Bælum	1 double	04.05.09
6. Sébastien Barrault	1 double	24.06.09
7. Marzena Kaczmarska/Harvey Goodwin	2 doubles	24.07.09
8. Solfrid Håkenstad	1 double	11.08.09
9. Yvonne Rinne	1 double	12.08.09
10. Anders Møllegaard	1 single	25.09.09
11. Eike Müller	1 double	29.09.09
12. Jarl-Willy Kristiansen	1 single	16.11.09
13. Tommy Sandal/Elise Strømseng	3 doubles	07.01.10
14. Jens Abild	3 doubles	14.01.10
15. Stefano Poli	2 doubles	11.02.10

Applicants 1, 2 and 4 are staying on the waiting list but don't wish cages at the moment. After Jan Erik has taken his dogs to mainland, applicants 3, 5 and 6 are getting cages #15, #8 and #16.

B. KENNEL PLAN

B.1. New kennel plan

Cage #46, 47 and 48 are dedicated to females in heat. They may be used temporary for insulating dog in case of injury or birth.

A new arrangement of the kennel was discussed in order to offer more cages for female in heat and to reduce the snow drift in Svearekke (See Annexe), i.e. adding 4 cages in Sibirrekke and removing the two first cages in Svearekke. The goal is not to increase the dog density in the dog yard but to re-distribute the dogs in the kennel.

Nine new poles should be set up for supporting the fence in Svearekke/running yard and building the new cages in Sibirrekke.

Single cage will host one dog only.

B.2. Areal plan

The new areal plan proposition leads positively to enlargement of LHK towards Isdammen.

C. HYGIENE AND KENNEL INSPECTION

C.1. Annual inspection

Mattilsynet and Sysselmannen inspected LHK kennel in March. The global comment underlined that the general condition of the kennel was good. However it was pointed out that some of the fence must be repaired as well as some doors.

LHK were asked again to urge members to double-lock the door of their cage(s). Mattilsynet repeated that all dog houses must be on legs, and straw should be used for dogs with bad fur as well as for puppies.

C.2 Dugnad

Good effort was done after the inspection. As today's state, almost all dog houses are on legs and the club invested in enough locks to follow Mattilsynet's requirement. Several *dugnads* were organized to fix the defect and improve the kennel.

C.3. Veterinarian Visit

The vet visited was in Longyearbyen in January, Mai and September 2009. All dogs are vaccinated against rabies.

C.4. Worm treatment

In 2009 three worm treatments were scheduled (19 January (due to presence of worms), 7 July (after the snow melted in the kennel) and 4 November (free treatment before the first snow)). LHK worked on synchronizing worm treatment with the other kennels. Most of the commercial kennel and private kennel answered favorably to it. Scheduling worm treatment for the end of the snow season (~ end of June) and before the next one (~early November) is a task that must be done as soon as possible.

C.5. Dog hygiene on Svalbard

Application was sent to Sysselmannen and Mattilsynet in order to reinforce lice treatment and reduce contamination risks. Application from LHK asked to implement a new requirement when importing dogs from Mainland based on LHK new regulation. Mattilsynet liked the idea.

In addition LHK asked Sysselmannen to coordinate a common worm treatment for all dog owners in town and in kennels. It seems that Sysselmannen has no defined law and therefore no authority going in that way.

C.6. Mice problem

Mice are still a problem around the dogyard.

The food storage room was cleaned up before members got the new food supply. The dog bags are stored on the upper shelves and opened bags are empty in thick plastic container. It was planned to clean this room twice a year (Mai and October).

Traps were placed inside the food storage room and around the club house. It has been observed that mice have been moving towards the drainage ditches on the Northern side of the kennel. Traps were placed there too. About a dozen of them were caught.

III. CLUB FACILITIES

A. Common equipment

- 1 x ATV offered by Arctic Adventure (good condition)
- 2 x saccovogn (punched tires)
- 1 x training cart (good condition, foot break to be fixed)
- 2 x transport cages for dogs
- 1 x dog sled
- 1 x lavuu with oven

B. Club House

It is wished to keep it warm during the winter. The leakage from the roof may be a problem.

C. Warm room

Floor in bad condition. To be fixed.

D. Barrack

The barrack was given to the club by Anette. 5 members are using it at the moment.

E. Meat rack (kjøtstativ)

When moving the meat rack it dislocated. It is planned to rebuild it somewhere between East and West sides of the kennel.

E. Bikkjebu

New prices for "renting" Bikkjebu from summer 2009:

The price includes fire wood and gas.

Night chain for 8 dogs available.

The cabin was frequently used during winter-spring 2009 and during Trappers Trail (the last time the cabin was used before summer) the whole area was filled with tents and dogs. Never been so many dogs there at the same time!

During summer the cabin was seldom visited.

DUGNAD 8-9 Aug.

We had dugnad before the reindeer hunt 8-9 August. We were only 4 people, but managed to do quite a lot. The cabin is now finished painted (except some of the

windows), the double window in the living room is now ready, insulation has been put over the floor of the 2. floor (loftet), no longer a hole in the ceiling of the bedroom – it has been covered by a wooden-“door”. Ventilation at the kitchen fixed. The toilet-room cleaned and lots of garbage brought back to town. Some fire wood has been chopped and lots of drift timber has been stored in upside position on the beach. A night chain for 8 dogs is now stored at Bikkjebu. The cabin is now equipped with one fire extinction.

What remains:

Change one inner door and 2 windows (not critical)

“Kitting” and painting of old window needed summer 2010

Ventilation in the 2. floor (CRITICAL – needs to be done this spring)

Chopping up the drift timber stored at the beach

Change the chimney/pipe (critical)

New planks on the balcony outside the cabin (critical – needs to be done summer 2010)

Fire alarm need to be mounted

Gas alarm?

During autumn the cabin was used 3-4 times only. Last visit this year September.

Window now ready



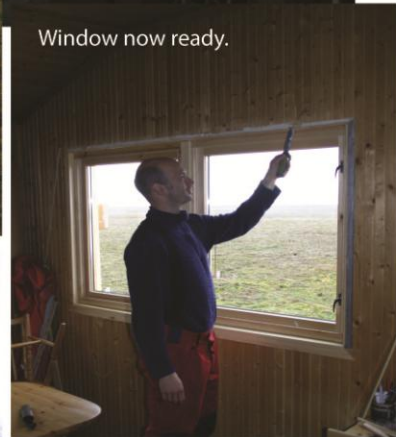
No longer plastic in the ceiling.



and painted....



Window now ready.



Fire wood - more at the beach!



Painted green.

F. Freezer

Members have possibility to rent space in a large freezer to store meat.

IV. MONEY

A. INCOME

A.1. Korkpenger

Used

Upgrading the electricity in the kennel

New tools and small material

Hut

Gotten

The club house faces leakage in the roof by the chimney after the rainy January. The floor in the warm room is getting bad and needs repair. The size of the club house does not permit to keep the room warm all year around. Solutions were found (curtain to split the room in two). It is statuated that some of the korkpenger gotten in October 2009 will be used for it.

A.2. Lottery

Tina Sølvsten took care of organizing the annual lottery. Money was dedicated to fix the cabin in Kapp Laila (Bikkjebu). The money hasn't been spent yet.

A.3. Svalbard Miljøvernfond

Basecamp and LHK got money to organize a dog school (Nordenstam)

A.4. Calendar

100 calendars were printed and sold 100 NOK each.

B. MONEY APPLICATION

B.1 Svalbard Miljøvernfond

Three application were sent to Svalbard Miljøvernfond for getting money to invite a veterinarian for Trappers Trail, to organize an open lecture about dog training and friluftsliv with dogs and finally to fund a container for avoiding mice in contact with dry food. None of the three applications were accepted.

B.2 Korkpenger

LHK got 40'000 NOK for tools and major repair of the kennel.

V. ACTIVITIES

All activities were proposed to members and non-members.

- ***Mushing Evening*** – in March Svalbar hosted the event. Special prices on drinks and food were offered. Finnmarksløpet was streamed live on large screen. Other sled dog race movies were presented.
- ***Ta-Sjansen*** – early March every year, Longyearbyen celebrates the return of the sun in town. LHK has been associated to Ta-Sjansen for years with offering kids sled trips. Six dog teams were present on March 13th 2009.
- ***Trappers' Trail*** – on May 9th and 10th, the World's Northernmost Sled Dog Race was organized by LHK. The 70-km-long race offered participants to race in three different classes (Big team, small team and ski & pulk). The two-staged race had an overnight at Bikkjebu. Eleven teams were on the start line. The fastest team was driven by Janne Søreide (picture) who covered the race in 4 h 30 min. The event was largely covered by Svalbardposten. More info on trapperstrail.blogspot.com.
- ***Nordenstam Hundeskole*** – The course covered several topics as dog behaviour, lead dog training, running a kennel, dog health and practical exercises with dogs. About 10 people joint the course.
- ***Veterinarian Course*** – given by Åshild Roaldset
- ***Open Day*** – on September 19th, LHK opened its doors to all dog enthusiasts interested in the club life and activities. Kids could enjoy small trips on ATVs pulled by dog teams (four teams). The Open Day was scheduled on the same day than TV-Aksjon starting date. LHK supported it with giving the money collected from drinks and cakes.
- ***Mørketidstrimmen*** – Since 15 November 2009, LHK has been setting up 12 posts spread around LYB (from 3 km for the closest to 40 km for the furthest) to be reached by foot, ski or dog sled. The activity, with prices, is opened to everybody with or without dogs and will last until 8 March. For more information see morketidstrimmen.blogspot.com



Janne Søreide at the start of Trappers Trail on the 9 May 2009.

VI. MEMBERS' UPDATE

LHK has 34 active members and 12 support members.

A. New full-members in 2009

- Marzena Kaczmarska since August 2009
- Jarl Willy Kristiansen since January 2010

B. Quitting members

- Thor Bendiksen
- Terje Sundseth
- Anne Hormes
- Therese Stervall
- Gosia Slubowska

VII. DOGS SITUATION

There are 85 dogs at the kennel (February 2009)

A. Dead dogs

- *Taczka* and *Perry* (Liv Bjørsvik)
- (Stefan Claes)
- Uti, Brøgger and Søta (Tommy)
- Kiana (Thor Bendiksen)
- *Pan* and *Ulu* (Marzena Kaczmarska)

B. Puppies

- 6 puppies were born on 5th October 2009 - Liv Bjørsvik (4 are permanent dogs at LHK)

C. New incoming dogs

- Sébastien Barrault & Elin M. Lien got 2 huskies (one from Spitsbergen Experience, one from Arne Karlstrøm)
- Solfrid Håkenstad got 1 husky (from Mainland)
- Liv Bjørsvik got 1 husky (from Mainland)
- Karolina got 1 husky
- Karoline & Rico got 1 husky and 1 greenlandic (one from Anette, one from Mainland)
- Stefano and Ingunn got 2 greenlandic dogs (from Mainland)

D. Outgoing dogs

- 1 dog from Ståle to Mainland
- 4 dogs from Stein and Marta Woldengen to Mainland
- 7 dogs from Irene & Jan Erik Gustafsson to Mainland

E. Guest dogs

Members were not good enough to report guest dogs to the board. *REMINDER: All non-LHK dogs must be announced to the board beforehand. The board will decide if the dog(s) can be hosted at LHK according to space availability (see LHK regulations for more information)*

- 1 dog from Jarek
- 2 dogs from ?? (in Ståle's cage)
- 5 dogs from a høyskole from Mainland
- 4 dogs from Bjarte (Transit to NyÅ)
- 1 dog from Noorderlicht
- 1 dog from Sverre Bjørn (Transit from/to NyÅ)
- 2 puppies from Tommy Sandal (Transit to Austfjordeneset)
- 2 dogs from Therese
- 1 dog from Sysselmannen

F. VIP dogs

- *Igor* from Karolina Karas
- *Rocky* from Urban/Margit Dyrland