

Race Marshal Announcement - February 11, 2018

This afternoon, the ASDRA Board met to consider the feasibility of hosting the Fur Rendezvous Open World Championship based on current trail and predicted weather conditions.

We have decided to move forward on having the full 25 mile Rondy. We will make use of the best trail options to meet that expectation.

As of Monday, the trail system will be open for training on the 3-mile, 6-mile, 8-mile, and "airstrip" and "inner" loops. Teams are advised to be cautious. The trail just doesn't have much snow so it is rough in places. Additionally, the trail is poorly defined on the airstrip and snow hooks are unlikely to set over much of the trail. While that is not a resounding endorsement, Board members (all of whom have put in many hours of moving snow to pack in the worst areas) have noticed significant improvement from these efforts and the multiple trail grooming runs by Dan Kaushagen and Kris Rasey. Our hope is that the snowfall from Saturday and Sunday nights will turn the corner for us.

We will also hold the Junior races and the 10 dog Raven Electric scheduled for this upcoming weekend on our trails.

We must emphasize that if the weather turned very warm or if we had long stretches of driving rain, our trails could not stand up. The trail this year, more than some, will be very sensitive to the temperatures and precipitation type over the next 10 days.

As of now, the traditional Fur Rondy OWC with a race course length of 25 miles is on.

Please feel free to contact me or any Board member for additional information. Watch our web page for updates.

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