

**NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 21-68**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST ARCTIC
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY APPROVING AN ASSEMBLY
DONATION UNDER THE FY22 BUDGET FOR THE KOBUK
440 RACING ASSOCIATION.**

WHEREAS: on an annual basis the Borough receives donation requests from a variety of community and regional organizations, and the Assembly has often appropriated funds to meet certain donation requests; and

WHEREAS: under the Borough's FY22 Budget adopted by Ordinance 21-05, the Borough Assembly budgeted \$595,000 for FY22 donations through Account # 01-01-7050; and

WHEREAS: the Borough's Donation Policy requires organizations to submit requests for donations to receive funding under the FY22 budget; and

WHEREAS: Kobuk 440 Racing Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that hosts mid-distance and junior races and provides a variety of other regional services related to dog mushing and racing; and

WHEREAS: Kobuk 440 Racing Association seeks financial support for its racing programs and community support initiatives; and

WHEREAS: Kobuk 440 intends to use the requested funds for development and support of community events to be held in association with the Kobuk 440 and Taaqpak 120 dog sled races; to work closely with community leaders to support the 440 and Junior 440; to help provide safe housing for visiting mushers; to establish race check points without being able to utilize village infrastructure; to provide snow machine transportation for race/support personnel, supplies, and dropped dogs; and to support local organizations with trail staking and other activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly hereby approves an FY22 Assembly donation to the Kobuk 440 Racing Association in the amount of \$25,000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Nathan Hadley Jr.
Nathan Hadley Jr., Assembly President
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER 2021.

Dickie Moto, Sr.
Dickie Moto, Sr., Mayor

SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO THIS 28th DAY OF DECEMBER
2021.

Helena Hildreth
Helena Hildreth, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:



Kobuk 440 Racing Association
PO Box 410
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Dickie Moto Sr., Mayor
Northwest Arctic Borough
PO Box 1110
Kotzebue, Ak 99752



December 1, 2021

Dear Mayor Moto,

On behalf of the Kobuk 440 Racing Association, we would like to thank you and your organization for your generous sponsorship of the Kobuk 440 Racing Association in 2021.

The Kobuk 440 Racing Association is 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization. Our purpose is to enhance and perpetuate the Inupiaq tradition of distance dog mushing in the Arctic. The Racing Association has no employees, and all 440 races and club activities are put on by hard working volunteers in Kotzebue and the regional villages. To carry out our mission, we rely on your support. This year, we are again requesting sponsorship from your organization for the 2022 racing season.

In 2021 the Kobuk 440 Racing Association held the Taakpuk 120, Kobuk 440 and the Junior Kobuk 440 as planned. Despite the challenges presented by the COVID pandemic, and extreme weather, these events were great successes due in a large part to thorough planning with our communities and the outstanding efforts of our many volunteers on the trails and in the checkpoints. During the past year the Association also conducted a musher support program and supported veterinary clinics for our communities.

For 2022 we are planning to hold the same three races, and the dog care programs for our communities.

Last year your organization was a Platinum Harness level sponsor by providing \$25,000. The funds provided by the Borough were used to buy rooms at the Nullukvik hotel for race participants, per our COVID mitigation plan. This year we are seeking your support at the same, or a higher level. You have been a gracious sponsor in the past, and we hope that if you have these resources available you will consider our request.

Please see the enclosed document for more on the benefits of sponsorship. If you have specific requests for how your sponsorship could best benefit your organization, we would be interested in hearing your ideas. All sponsorship proceeds go directly into race and checkpoint expenses and prize money.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If I can provide more information or you would like to discuss this request further, please feel free to contact us at 907-360-6514. We look forward to another exciting season of world-class racing throughout our region!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Hansen'.

Kobuk 440 Racing Association Board of Directors