

SANDIA SNOWSHOE RACE HISTORY – by Lou Romero, 1/20/22

INTRODUCTION

As we approach the 18th Sandia Snowshoe Race, I decided to research, retrace and document when it first started and who were the Snowshoe Race Directors at the time. I have personal knowledge starting from 2011 to the present.

From Bob Lowder, I learned that the “race” was started by Jeff Young, a FOSM Lifetime member. He became the first Director. Quoting Bob, “...it was a pretty casual affair. After a few years, it was coordinated by Pam and Larry Walker, also lifetime members. That is when I became involved.”

From Bob’s recollection of the first 6 “races” and not knowing exactly when Pam and Larry Walker assumed the Director role, I concur:

- 1) The first “race” occurred in 2003
- 2) From 2003 to 2008, the first six “races” were directed by Jeff Young first, and the Walkers second.

CHRONOLOGY SINCE 2008:

7th race – 2009 – Joy and Matt Bosquez were Co-Directors

8th race- 2010 – Same

9th race – 2011- Same (I served as one of 11 Course Marshals)

10th race – 2012 – Same (I served as one of 11 Course Marshals)

11th race – 2013 – Same (I shadowed Joy and Matt and assembled a 54 page logistics Manual documenting all the work involved in hosting a race at the time)

12th race – 2014 – Lou Romero, Race Director

13th race – 2015 – Same

14th race – 2016 – Same

15th race – 2017 – Same (Steve Roholt shadowed me; the Race was postponed one week due to too much snow and unplowed road)

2018 Steve Roholt, Race Director; the race was canceled due to not enough snow

16th race – 2019 – Steve Roholt, Race Director

17th race – 2020 – Same

2021 race canceled; Covid Pandemic protocols did not allow the Forest Service to issue a permit for such gatherings.

18th race – 2022 – Mike Madden and his Committee (Steve Roholt, Silke Bletzer, Sim Cook,) will provide the leadership