

Alaska Trails Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2005

1. Call to Order at: 9:05AM

Attendance: Jack Campbell, Paul Sandhofer, Dot Helm, Ellen Simpson, Bruce Paulsen(Matsu Borough), Warren Templin(Matsu Borough), Jack Mosby, Lisa Holzapfel, Dan Chagnon(proxy for Bruce Friend and Joe Westfall), Allison Rein(U.S Forest Service, Girdwood), Jamey Schmidt(USFS, Anchorage), Debra Lyon(Sitka Trail Works)

2. Changes to Agenda: 5f. Update on the IMBA applications – Lisa, 5g. Interagency Restoration Committee of Alaska – Bruce Paulsen

3. Reading and Approval of Dec 14, 2004 Minutes - Jack C Lisa moved, Dan Seconded, Minutes Approved.

4. Old Business

- a. SnowTrac Grant Status – Lindsay – 9:13 Jack M to attend ORTAB and find out the status.
- b. Additional Web Page Material – All – Everyone to check the web page and report back to Jack with any items that are missing or should be included. Jack M should be supplied with any information or links which would be helpful. Lisa suggested that we switch the drop down menus to the other side.
- c. State Parks ORTAB Update – Bruce – Meeting at DRN in the Atwood Bldg. in Anchorage on Jan. 19.
- d. Alaska Trail Champion Trail Training Curriculum Status – Lisa – We can get an Americorp volunteer to get the curriculum and training started. We can proceed with advertising for the position. Need a signed agreement with ORTAB before we proceed. Jack M moved to fund two months salary for this individual. Dan C seconded. Motion is contingent on approval of the grant with ORTAB or some other source of funding. Motion passed. Lisa H. abstained.
- e. Winter Fest & Winter Trails Day Activity Report - Jack M – Did not work because of a lack of advertising. Winter Trails Day at Hatcher Pass was successful with about 50 – 70 people participating. Willow Trails Committee has expressed an interest in having something later this Winter.
- f. Agency MOU update - Jack M – 9:30 A good example of an MOU is available in the Sitka Trails Plan. Posted online at the cityofsitka.com.
- g. Lester Lightfoot Agreement & News Release - Jack & Stacy – Agreement has been signed. Lester Lightfoot and his motto "We are known by the tracks we leave" must be used together. Jack M requested some help for getting some funding for a poster and a preparing a news release.

5. New Business

- a. 2005 Membership renewals - Jack M- \$25.00 per individual. We are still operating as an interim board and should formalize with a board elected by the members. AON is a possible company for the insurance.
- b. General Membership Elections in Spring- Jack M
- c. Perseverance Trail - National Recreation Trail Support Letter – Lisa – Application is under review by RTCA. Lisa requested a letter of support from Alaska Trails. No objections from the board.
- d. Alaska Trails Initiative Grant Program Status – The funding is sitting in federal highways. We are trying to get the funding transferred to a State agency for distribution. The agency would administer the funding and take care of environmental issues, etc. It was suggested that we approach the State for matching funds. We would need to get letters of support from trail groups across the State.
- e. Foraker Training Opportunities – All – Foraker is expanding its training to the local communities. Members are encouraged to participate in this training. Alaska Trails membership gets a reduced rate.

- f. Update on the IMBA Applications – Lisa – IMBA will be available again this Summer for 2 weeks. We will need to commit to support when they are in Alaska. We will contribute to the airline fares and try to get volunteer support for other costs.
- g. Interagency Restoration Committee – Bruce –10:17 Preorganizational meeting to form basis for what the committee will accomplish. Meeting will be on Jan. 21 in Palmer. Contact is Bill Wright. Bruce to report back on the Palmer meeting at next meeting.

6. Reports from Board and Chairs: (What's happened on your committee since the last board meeting)

- a. President - Jack Mosby –
- b. Vice President - Ex-official - Lisa -
- c. Treasurer - Joe Westfall –
- d. Secretary - Jack Campbell –
- e. Funding Committee - Bruce Friend -
- f. Education Committee - Joe Westfall –
- g. PR/Media Committee - Pat Owens –
- h. Volunteer Recruitment Committee - Jack Mosby – Still looking for more board members.
- i. Program Committee - Karl Kassel -

7. Trail News (2-minute limit) -

- a. Board members -
- b. Members -
- c. Public Comments -

8. Adjournment – Jack C moved to adjourn, Dan C seconded, adjourned at 10:25AM.

9. Next Meeting: Feb 8, 2005 @ 9:00AM

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Jack M to attend ORTAB meeting.
- 2. Everyone – Check the web page and report back to Jack on what's missing.
- 3. Jack M to prepare letter of support for Perversance Trail.
- 4. Bruce Friend to report back on the Interagency Restoration Committee.

Prepared by:

Jack Campbell, Secretary