

ALASKA TRAILS
2005 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Thursday March 31
BP Energy Center, Anchorage

The meeting was called to order at: 7:07 PM. Several people were present on the teleconference line, including Myles Yerkes from Shell Lake, Warren Templin from Palmer, Anne Winckler from Wasilla, and Dan Chagnon, Karl Kassel, and Geoff Orth from Fairbanks. Board members present were: Jack Mosby, Jack Campbell, Lindsay Winkler, Pat Owens, Lisa Holzappel, Karl Kassel, and Jeff Orth.

Others signing in included: Scott Hala, Dick Coutts, Mike Erickson, Paul F. Sandhofer, Kevin Keeler, Erling Westlien, Jr., Don Frederick, Kevin Meyer, John Wood, Jody & Steve Simpson, Scott Lapiene, Dot Helm, Diane Holmes, and Art Eash.

Board President Jack Mosby recognized and thanked the following for their assistance with the establishment and support of Alaska Trails for the past two years:

- **National Park Service Rivers and Trails Program** - technical and organizational assistance and teleconferencing.
- **Bonnie Brewer** - volunteer from Sitka - initial and continuing work on our web site.
- **Robert Gransbury** - volunteer from Anchorage – logo design.
- **Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service** - financial and logistical support.
- **Founding board members** - past and present for their dedication to build the organization.
- **Membership** - past and present for their continuing support.

The guest speakers were Jody Simpson and Marcie Menefee. Handouts with more details of their presentations were available at the meeting and are available on our web site at: http://www.alaska-trails.org/Annual_Meeting/easement_handouts.htm.

Jody Simpson, a member of the Matsu Borough Assembly made introductory remarks. Jody pointed out that four elements were present for the Borough's successful trail easement program. These were 1) Matanuska Susitna Borough Trail Plan; 2) Funding in the form of a one million dollar bond assessment; 3) Expertise at the Borough level for implementation; and 4) Support from Management. She also reviewed the Borough process involved in reserving trails not currently in their trail plan. The Borough plans to have 2005 miles of reserved trail easement by the end of 2005.

Marcie Menefee, Easement Branch Manager at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources South-central Office, made a one-hour presentation covering the technical aspects and processes of reserving legal trail easement. She also covered Allowed Uses on State Land, legal access, mapping standards, RS 2477 Rights-of-Way, and AS 34 tort immunity from trail use. She also mentioned it takes at least six months to over one year, depending on the complexity of ownership(s) involved, to formally reserve a trail easement for public use. This was followed by a half-hour of questions and answers.

Our thanks to Jody and Marcie for taking their time to talk about trails from their respective areas of expertise. We all learned a lot.

The floor was opened for nominations to the Board. No further nominations from the floor were received. The nominations were closed. The nomination list is attached. The slate will be mailed this coming weekend to the membership for election and needs to be postmarked by April 15.

Lindsay Winkler motioned to adjourn, Pat Owens seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

The next board meeting is Tuesday April 12, 2005.

Prepared by: Jack Campbell, Secretary

Attachments: Board Ballot
Sign In List (summarized above)



BALLOT FOR BOARD ELECTIONS 2005

**Additional nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting on
March 31, 2005 at the BP Energy Center.**

Board Members Running for Election for the term indicated:

President/Chair: Jack Mosby (one year term) yes___ no___
Additional Nominations: _____

Vice Chair: Lindsay Winkler (three year term) yes___ no___
Additional Nominations: _____

Secretary: Jack Campbell (two year term) yes___ no___
Additional Nominations: _____

Treasurer: Joe Westfall (two year term) yes___ no___
Additional Nominations: _____

Pat Owens (one year term) yes___ no___
Additional Nominations: _____

Geoffrey Orth (three year term) yes___ no___
Additional Nominations: _____

Karl Kassel/Dan Chagnon (two years) yes___ no___
Nominations: _____

Bob Gorman (three years) yes___ no___
Nominations: _____

Jim Vorderstrasse (three years) yes___ no___
Nominations: _____