

Board Minutes

Alaska Trails Board Meeting Teleconference
September 13, 2005

1. Call to order: 12:07 PM.

Board Attendance: Jack Campbell, Kristy Phlegar (Americorps Volunteer), Lindsay Winkler (Proxy for Jack Mosby, John Haas (Proxy for Dan Chagnon). Geoff Orth, Bob Gorman (proxy for Joe Westfall), Steve Ulvi (Fairbanks), Lisa Holzapfel (NPS), Pat Owens

2. Changes to agenda:

3. Reading and approval draft August 9 minutes: Bob Gorman moved, John Haas seconded, Minutes approved as drafted.

4. Old Business.

A. COE in-lieu mitigation Draft Agreement: Jack M was contacted by COE staff and made a couple of minor changes to the draft agreement (Alaska Trails will select wetland trail projects instead of the COE). It was resent to the COE August 15 for review by their solicitor and other staff. No response back to us to date. No Comments.

B. Fairbanks Statewide Trails Conference in April 06 - Geoff is willing to take on the lead for the conference for now, with back up from others. Are there any other topics to consider? The next coordinating meeting will be in Anchorage Oct 1 with the ARPA board at the Spenard Recreation Center at 1PM.

C. Liability and Director's Insurance Our agreement with SAGA for the AmeriCorps volunteer requires liability insurance that we will need by September. Geoff is rechecking bids from Fairbanks and Jack M is looking for a bid from an Anchorage insurance firm. This needs action at this meeting assuming we have the bids. Completed bids not yet available. Application for additional information being sent to Jack M.

D. American Hiking Society Grant From \$500 to 10,000. Applications due Nov. 1. Kristy is looking into possibilities. She needs some ideas for making the applications. Kristy suggested that we become a member. Defer this question to the October meeting.

5. New business

A. Volunteers of Colorado Teleconference on the Trail Training Curriculum:

Update on various teleconferences by Kristy. 12:21 How standardized and formal do we want the curriculum to be. Should not attempt to do a course for credit. This is too complicated as it would require faculty and some formatting. We need to have a committee meeting to look into modifying the existing grant which was directed to training crews. The emphasis should perhaps be shifted to training crew leaders who would then train the volunteers on site. Subcommittee will have a teleconference next Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at 9:00 AM on the same teleconference number.

B. Foraker Dues - They were due in mid August, but we have not yet received an invoice for payment. Kristy to call for an update.

C. Foraker Training: Is it possible for a board member to be reimbursed or the class paid for by Alaska Trails? The discussion to reimburse the board for the training followed. Geoff Orth moved that the Board adopt a resolution to the effect that board members can apply to the board for compensation for training and meetings. Alaska Trails formally encourages board members to take training and will supply assistance if necessary. Pat Owens seconded. Approved by the Board.

D. October Meeting Board members and available membership should tentatively plan for an informal face-to-face meeting from 9-11:45AM at the Anchorage NPS office prior to the Tuesday October 11 noon teleconference. We will plan on an additional face-to-face board meeting at the Fairbanks conference in April 2006.

E. Web Site Bonnie has been working on it. Notify Jack M for adding any information to the site. Need to add the teleconference meeting to the site for general information. Need to send bios and photograph to Jack M.

6. Trail News :

A. Knik River Meeting on Oct 20 at the Butte Elementary School. 7PM.

7. Adjournment: Pat Owens moved to adjourn, Bob seconded. Adjournment: at 12:58PM

Reminder: Next Meeting - Oct 11 at noon.

Actions Items:

1. Kristy to call Foraker to check on dues.
2. Face to face meeting on Oct 11 at 9AM at the NPS office Anchorage