

Alaska Trails Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes
November 8, 2005

1. Call to order: 12:04PM.

Board Attendance: Jack Mosby (has Proxy for Geoff Orth), Jack Campbell, Lindsay Winkler, Dan Chagnon (has Proxy for Joe Westfall), Bob Gorman, and Pat Owens; Janice Tower (Singletrack Advocates) and Randy Goodwin (BLM, Fairbanks) and Lisa Holzapfel.

2. Changes to agenda: New Business: C. BLM Cost Share Project; D. Ramp/Bridge; E. Trail Accessibility Law Suit and Assessment.

3. Reading and approval draft Oct 11 minutes: Dan moved, Lindsay seconded, Minutes approved unanimously.

4. Old Business.

A. Liability and Director's Insurance Update – Geoff - Jack M to get a check in the mail to the Insurance Co. this week.

B. Update on Trails Training curriculum – Lindsay – We have a rough draft available at about 100 pages. The draft should be ready for broader internal review by December.

C. Anchorage Singletrack Advocate request to use our 501(c)(3) status update (see Oct 2 email) - Jack M. – Need to add exclusionary clause for insurance.

D. Trail Layout/Design Possibilities - Jack M – Alaska State Parks has requested that we assist them with some trail design near Fairbanks. Since our time and cost estimate was over \$5K, they will have to go to a formal bid process.

E. COE In-Lieu Funds Update - Jack M – COE needs to form an advisory group of NOAA, FWS, and EPA to handle this. Jack M sent a draft letter earlier this week for the COE to start the invitation process.

F. April 2006 Statewide Trail Conference update – Lisa – We have a draft agenda available. Lindsay suggested adding revision of the tort liability to the agenda. Bob suggested Lee Elder's study of the Economic Benefits of two or more ATV Trails between two villages in SW Alaska; this could also be used for a poster session.

5. New business

A. Singletrack Advocates request to use our nonprofit status to apply for a Rec. Trail Grant - Janice Tower, Singletrack Advocates – They need the grant for signing and kiosk program for Far North Bicentennial Park in Anchorage. Aiming for \$40,000 of which \$17-20,000 will need to be cash. The grant deadline is Dec 1. The Far North Bicentennial Advisory Committee [another non 501(c)(3) organization] has proposed the project. The Board expressed the need to establish a procedure for the assistance of groups without 501c3 status, as getting projects funded and completed across the state remains a strong priority for Alaska Trails. Pat Owens moved that we support STA request for the grant and that we prepare a document to that effect. Bob G seconded. The Board approved the motion unanimously. Pat suggested that such organizations be members of Alaska Trails. Pat Owens moved that we prepare a template for future use in support of such requests. Bob Gorman seconded. It was noted that Alaska Trails needs a procedure to handle these matters. Dan Chagnon noted that each case still needs to be approved by the board and other board members voice their agreement. Motion approved unanimously. Jack M to contact State Parks for protocol on handling this situation and work with Janice to accomplish if possible.

B. Board elections for April 2006 – Jack M – We will need replacements for board members (2) who are leaving in April 2006. Need to get list of Board Members and their terms of service on the web site. Existing election committee of Lindsay and Lisa will continue to serve and prepare a ballot for the April 2006 annual meeting. Bob G suggested that we try to fund a part-time position for executive director.

C. BLM Challenge Cost Share Project – Randy Goodwin – Randy has tentative approval for funding (about \$15,000) for an outreach curriculum on ATV safety and trail ethics. These could be posted on various websites. The cost share is a one to one match. The project could be tiered in order to have several

objectives. Could have a tutorial for education for different age groups. Jack M, Bob, and Randy will teleconference at 11AM tomorrow to discuss further since there is no project objection from the board.

D. Ramp/Bridge & Trail Assessment – Jack M – Paul Sandhofer has located a 45-foot docking bridge that may be available for use. Also Paul believes that the State needs to have a list of accessible trails available. Mention made of a lawsuit in New York to this effect. Jack M will research more and get back to the board.

6. Trail News: - None

7. Adjournment: 1:00 PM Jack Campbell moved, Lindsay seconded.

Reminder: Next Meeting - Dec 13 at noon.

Actions Items:

1. Jack M to mail check to insurance company.
2. Need to add exclusionary clause to the STA agreement for insurance.
3. Jack M to work with Singletrack Advocates and AK ST Parks on proper process for Recreational Trails Grant application.
4. Jack M will meet with Paul to get more particulars on the bridge and accessibility lawsuit and get the information back to board.
5. Lisa and Lindsay will work on the nominating committee to secure two board positions for the upcoming elections.