

**Alaska Trails
Board Meeting**

Teleconference Minutes December 13, 2005

1. Call to order: 12:11PM

Board Attendance: Jack Mosby, Jack Campbell, Bob Gorman, Pat Owens, Joe Westfall, Lindsay Winkler, Paul Sandhofer, Christy Phlegar (AmeriCorps Volunteer), Warren Templin (MatSu Borough), Blain Anderson (RTCA), Mark Matsil (Director Juneau Parks and Recreation)

2. Changes to agenda: 5b. Doris Duke Intern; Trail News – Princess Bridge

3. Reading and approval draft Nov 8 minutes: Lindsay Moved Joe Seconded. Approved as read.

4. Old Business

A. Update on Trails Training curriculum: Kristy – Curriculum review going out Jan 6 to training committee for a quick one-week review. It then goes to the technical expert review committee with comments due back Jan. 31. A PowerPoint presentation will follow. First Train-the-Trainer session planned at the April 5-8, 2006 trails conference in Fairbanks.

B. Anchorage Singletrack Advocate request to use our 501(c)(3) status update: Jack M. – The agreement has been signed and they have applied for a 2006 Recreation Trail Grant under this agreement.

C. Trail Layout/Design Possibilities: Jack M - Alaska State Parks notified us they have selected someone else to do some trail design in Fairbanks. We will need to continue to look for opportunities to do trail design.

D. April 2006 Statewide Trails Conference update: Jack M – One open session left for the trails conference on Friday afternoon. Waiting to hear from ARPA on their agenda to avoid any session conflicts. Also discussed the proposed Homer Greenbelt that could be expanded to include other projects around the state. Lindsay to distribute the new proposed language on the trail easement and liability law. Jack M to distribute current draft trails conference agenda to the board.

E. Board elections for April 2006 update: Lindsay – Two spots will be available in the spring. Membership to vote on the board membership. The board elects its own officers. List of 3-5 potential board candidates needs to be sent to Lindsay by Feb. 1.

F. BLM Challenge Cost Share: Jack M – Started draft Cooperative Agreement and will meet with Randy Goodwin Dec 14 in Anchorage to finish draft which will be distributed to the board for comments later this month.

G. The following resolution was accepted and agreed to by eight of ten board members via email or telephone on or before November 30, 2005 and submitted as part of a 2006 Recreational Trails Grant application:

Based on past discussions with board members and other trail interests, and the needs identified in the preliminary draft of the existing trail training curriculum, Alaska Trails should proceed with an additional application for a Recreational Trail Educational Grant through the Alaska State Parks to develop and teach an additional 12-16 training modules during 2006/07.

No objections from the board.

5. New business

A. Additional Grant Ideas – Could have a grant for an executive director. Should have 4-5 projects on line to keep person occupied. Grants would be easier to get on projects than for an E.D. Jack C to send previous list to Jack M on possible donors for distribution to the board.

B. Doris Duke Intern – 90 day project needed. Could have an intern to come up with an approach to how we might finance Alaska Trail operations. Due December 20. Possible to get an extension. Issue should be directed to conservation of the environment to mesh with their objectives. Teleconference tomorrow at 10:30AM for teleconference on this subject for Jack M, Lindsay, Bob, Kristy, and others that choose to.

6. Trail News:

A. Jack C – Princess Lodge has a gangplank that might be obtained for a trail bridge and the MatSu Trails Council is inquiring about it. Princess might want some money for it. Currently we are waiting on the information on what price might be asked. Mike Goodwin at Chugach State Park has pictures.

B. Joe – The Forest Service in SE AK is removing culverts on some logging roads that are being abandoned or converted to trail status. They are looking for information on how to convert the crossing so they can be used as trails.

C. Paul – Grants are available for designated Scenic Byways that can be directed at trails and recreation. Need to have an overall management plan in place to qualify. Three of the highways have mgt. plans [Marine Hwy System, Seward Hwy (portion), and Glenn Hwy (portion)]. Need more info on this.

7. Treasurer's Report – Total is \$ 8023.13. We will have some additional money coming in in January from a partial reimbursement for our 2005 Rec Trail Grant.

8. Adjournment: Joe moved to adjourn, Lindsay seconded. Adjourned at 1:23 PM.

Reminder: Next Meeting - Jan 10 at noon.

Prepared by: Jack Campbell, Secretary

Actions Items:

1. Lindsay to distribute proposed new liability law language.
2. Jack M. to distribute current draft trails conference agenda and the draft ARPA agenda when it's available.
3. Jack M to distribute draft BLM Challenge Cost share agreement.