

Alaska Trails Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes
March 14, 2006

1. Call to order: 12:07 PM

Board Attendance: Jack Mosby, Jack Campbell, Pat Owens, Geoff Orth, Dan Chagnon, Kristy Phlegar (AmeriCorps Volunteer), Howard Davis (Caribou Cabin Hoppers), Lisa Holzapfel (NPS), Warren Templin (MatSu Borough), Lindsay Winkler (proxy for Joe Westfall), and Paul Sandhofer (member).

2. Changes to agenda: Agreement with BLM to Old Business,

3. Reading and approval draft Feb 14 minutes: Trail News – missing web site. Lindsay moved, Dan seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Old Business:

A. Update on Trails Training curriculum Kristy: Review was due March 7. Thirty review copies sent out and six replies came in. MSB said that they sent in a response.

B. April 2006 Statewide Trail Conference update All: 100 registrations confirmed. May have a room problem as far as size goes for the banquet. Meeting next Thursday to discuss conference issues. Dan will have an account of where we stand after the meeting. Registration extended until March 15 because of our web site problems.

C. Board Elections for April 2006 Update Lindsay-Lisa: We have some nominations. Blain Anderson and Howard Davis have indicated interest. Frank Wesser is also a possibility.

D. COE In-Lieu Agreement Status Jack M: Allegra Bukojemsky, a consultant from Homer, has had some experience in this type of agreement and has provided some revisions to the draft agreement. It would focus more on developing a list of potential mitigation sites that involve trails and wetlands than the prior draft. Jack M and Lindsay will continue work on the revisions as they have time between conference preparations.

E. Membership: New & Renewals Jack M: 36 members have signed up or renewed to date. Each member asked to recruit another member to reach a goal of 50+ for 2006.

F. HB415 Liability Legislation Lindsay: Dan moved, Geoff seconded to approve a letter of support for the bill. Approved unanimously. To be sent as soon as possible to the legislation sponsors.

G. Video taping of Apr 3 Chamber Troy Duffin presentation Lisa: Lisa provided information on the Anchorage videographer that will cost \$700-900 including post editing. Troy Duffin should repeat any questions given to him so the video can pick up the question. Donations have been made to cover much, but not all, of the Anchorage costs. A list was provided to BLM for the Fairbanks trail conference sessions we want to videotape as well.

H. Chamber Luncheon Table Reservations - Jack M: 14 people have indicated an interest and Jack M will be reserving at least one table at the Egan Center 12 noon Monday April 3 for Troy's presentation. Another evening session for the general public will be at the Loussac Library at 7 PM.

I. Help Needed for First Sat Event Apr 1 at APLIC Jack M: Alaska Trails booth to be manned at the Alaska Public Lands Information Center from 10 AM to 4 PM. Help is needed. Paul Sandhofer volunteered to help.

J. Draft BLM OHV Curriculum Agreement - Jack M: Agreement will develop training curriculum for elementary and above aged kids. Need a board member to handle this. Geoff said that he would look into it. Blain and Bob were also mentioned as possibilities. Lindsay moved, Dan seconded to approve and sign the draft agreement. Approved unanimously.

5. New business

A. SB 297 PFD Donations All: There is legislation proposed for a place on the PFD application for donations to charitable nonprofit organizations. We may need to register with the State as a charitable organization to be eligible. If we exceed \$25,000 in income we will also need to file with the IRS. The Rasmuson Foundation has agreed to underwrite the operating cost for handling the donations for the first few years.

B. Trail Conference Scholarships All: Funds provided from BLM last year to assist with the Trail Conference organization can be used for conference scholarships. Applications for the same are available on the conference registration form. The six \$100 scholarships are reimbursable and would be presented at the conference. Dan moved, Geoff seconded to approve the award of the scholarships not to exceed the amount of \$600. James Brader, Mark Gronewald, and Jillian Morrissey were the first three awardees.

C. Prepare for CFC Application by mid March - Jack M: We need to have the application done before the conference as they are due in mid April. Jack C, Lindsay, and Geoffrey will assist Jack M with the preparation. We also will need a new dedicated phone line. Lindsay moved that we obtain a voice mail line for the organization. Jack C seconded. Approved unanimously. . Jack M to do in the next week.

D. Nat'l Trails Day Events Thoughts - All: RTCA and State Parks are doing a project at Ft. Abercrombe and a trail training session in Kodiak. Homer will have a trails workday on Saturday and tours and fun activities on Sunday. You can also register your event at www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/index.html

6. Trail News: Paul Sandhofer – Parks and Trails New York have an electronic newsletter bimonthly. More info available at www.ptny.org

7. Adjournment: at 1:00 PM

Reminder: Next Meeting - Tue April 5, 7:30-9:30PM in Fairbanks ARPA-Trails Conference at the Wedgwood Resort. Annual Meeting will be Wed April 6 from 5:15PM-6:30PM at the Wedgwood Resort. Membership strategic planning retreat on Sun April 9 - time & location TBD.

Prepared by:

Jack Campbell, Secretary

Action Items:

1. Jack M to reserve table at the Egan Center.
2. Geoff to handle the BLM Agreement.
3. Jack C. and Geoff to handle the CFC application.