

DRAFT Minutes
Alaska Trails Board Teleconference Meeting
May 9, 2006

1. Call to Order: 12:07 PM

Attendance: : Howard Davis, (Caribou Hill Cabin Hoppers); Pat Owens, (Matsu Borough); Frank Wesser,(Anchorage); Lindsay Winkler,(Bob Gorman's proxy); Dan Chagnon, Eric Troyer,(AT Newsletter Editor); Jack Campbell, Geoff Orth(Jack Mosby's proxy); Jack Mosby, Joe Westfall, Blaine Anderson, (Fairbanks)

2. Changes to the agenda: New Business. Add Single Track Advocates, Add Reciprocal Membership, Add Letter of Commitment from Board Members

3. Reading and approval April 4 Board Meeting and April 6 Annual Meeting minutes Dan moved, Geoff seconded the minutes approved as presented.

4. Treasurers Report: \$7392.18 Balance, Report in the mail. Dan moved, Jack C seconded Approved as presented.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Trails Training Curriculum: Kristy - Kristy requested a subcommittee teleconference next Thursday to iron out some issues. An Introduction to Crew Leadership for Sustained Trails, Phase I, will be the title for the work. Teleconference will be at 3:00 PM.

B. April 2006 Statewide Trails Conference Final Update: All - Jack M. requested a copy of the comments of the participants in the conference. There were some ideas presented for the next trail conference. The CD is waiting for review before issuing.

C. April 2006 Board Elections Report & Certification Lindsay & Lisa – Geoff moved to accept the election, Jack M. seconded, to accept the election. Motion passed unanimously. Blaine Anderson, Howard Davis, and Frank Wesser are now on the board.

D. Membership: Currently 51 members as of 4-24-06. Geoff suggested a membership drive. Also work on connections to affiliated organizations.

E. Liability Legislation (HB415) Update: Lindsay – Delayed until next year. Alaska Trails could head up a conference next fall to get other trail organizations on board.

F. Troy Duffin Stipend: By April 10, a majority of the board members approved

by email increasing Troy's stipend to a total of \$500. He received his check the week of the April 16th.

G. Troy Duffin Video Update: - Lisa -

H. SB 297 PFD Donations: All Potentially a source of funding for non-profits, but very narrowly focused at present. Who can follow this legislation? This will probably be on the legislature's agenda next year.

I. Trail Conference Scholarships Final Update: Jack M Four \$100 scholarships were awarded to Brian Charlton (Ester), Mark Gronwald (Palmer), Jim Brader (Fairbanks), and Jillian Morrissey (Palmer) at the trail conference.

J. Strategic Planning Session Update: Geoff and Kristy – Kristy wants us to respond to this by May 19 and select an area of participation. We need to pursue getting the position of executive director. May need to redefine some of our presentation materials.

K. COTI Donation: Kristy -

(Jack M - This was something that I forgot to add to previous agendas. I think something between \$250-500 would be appropriate considering the amount of help they have been and for the use of their materials and photos. Thank you Kristy for reminding me.) Jack M. moved to donate \$300 to them. Geoff seconded. Approved unanimously.

L. ARPA Payment – Dan and Jack M to cover this.

5. New Business

A. Newsletter proposal from Eric Troyer: Geoff - Eric volunteered to write a column for local news. Also to help out on the newsletter and take that over from Jack M. Geoff moved to allow Eric to take over the Newsletter. Dan seconded. Passed unanimously.

B. New Office Phone Number: - Jack M: Our new number is 907 334-8049.

Please start using this number for all future Alaska Trails business and correspondence.

C. Trail Grant Foundation: - Jack M: I'm hoping the board will continue to pursue a "trails foundation" concept, but we have only placed \$1K in a special account to date. We may want to consider setting something up in the Alaska Community Foundation arena that might generate more donations and reach a broader public. I would agree that a direct grant program will probably not have as much profile in our overall efforts in the near future and certainly not be listed as our first goal or priority. Geoff to follow up on.

D. Credit Card Acceptance on Web Site: Bonnie Brewer has examined the least expensive method to accept credit card online. It appears that Paypal is our best opportunity since they do not charge a monthly fee. This will give us a way to accept credit card payments for memberships and any other items the board determines. Should address this at the next meeting. Jack M suggested that we have a separate checking account. Geoff moved, Jack C seconded that we proceed to get Pay-pal on our web site. Passed unanimously. Joe Westfall to pursue.

E. Single Track Advocates – They have been awarded a recreational trails grant. We need to provide someone to sign the agreement. Lindsay moved that Bob Gorman be authorized to sign the grant for Alaska Trails. Jack M seconded. Approved unanimously.

F. Reciprocal Trail Membership – This subject is missing in the by-laws. Geoff moved the method that Jack M has used to establish reciprocal membership be adopted. Motion tabled until the next meeting.

G. Letter of Commitment Form – The letter would lay out what we expect from a board member. Suggested letter format to be circulated to the board. To be on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Trail News – Blaine Anderson – Alpenglow Ski Area is building 300 yards of ADA acceptable boardwalk. There is a National Trails Day Event on June 3. for the Bird to Girdwood Trail at 1:00 PM at the Beluga Point Overlook. Matsu Trails Council is planning on finishing the McRoberts Creek bridge on the Plumley – Maude Trail. Tom Harrison is the new Chugach State Park Superintendent. Adrian Lindholm is leading up the trails committee and is pursuing a trails inventory for the park.

7. Adjournment: - Blaine moved, Jack M. seconded. Adjourned at 1:23 PM

Prepared by:

Jack Campbell, Secretary

Reminder: Next Meeting Tuesday June 13, Noon to 1:00P