

Minutes Alaska Trails Board Meeting
October 10, 2006

1. Call to Order: Lindsay, 2nd Geoff 12:18pm Attendance: Jim V., Lindsay W.(proxy for Howard and Dan), Blain A.(Acting Secretary), Jack M. Geoff O., Bob G., Wayne B..

2. Changes to the agenda – None

3. Reading and approval September 12th Monthly Meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report may not be accurate – Jack M.
Geoff and Blain's names are spelled incorrectly
Approved unanimously

4. Treasurer's Report:

Tabled to Nov. Meeting

5. Old Business

A. Update on Trails Training Curriculum: - Jack/Lisa -

Class this weekend in Girdwood (10/13-14). State Parks, Municipality of Anchorage, others coming. 14 signed up, 7 or 8 confirmed. Jillian is building a short trail section for the training as a sample section to show good trail-building. Latest manual is still Summer '06. PowerPoints and manual will be revised after this training for the final version. This will be the role of the new Ed. Director.

B. Credit Card Acceptance on Website— Geoff

PayPal is going to be best option. Blain removed his objection to using this service if it is not a long-term contract we are getting into. No vote.

C. Project Coordinator position update- Lindsay

Three candidates - all with good skills. Tom Hammell, Jillian Morrissey, Chris Constant
Board voted to give the Hiring Committee power to hire the best candidate.
Moved by: – Geoff, 2nd Blain

D. Payment to COTI- Jack M.

Board voted unanimously to send a check to Colorado Outdoors Training Institute for \$500.
This is a good-faith measure for using their materials in our training manuals. Moved by:
Jack M., 2nd By Bob.

5. New Business

A. Liability Insurance—Geoff/Jack

Board voted to let Geoff and Jack handle negotiating insurance policies with Ken Murray Agency. Moved by: – Geoff, 2nd Blain. Currently, our Director's Liability policy costs \$630/yr. Geoff thinks we can do without this policy given the existing volunteer protection laws.

B. Great Land Trust Wetland Sanctuary Project—Jack Mosby

This is a 15 acre parcel administrated by the Great Land Trust, but owned by Mun. of Anchorage. We have been asked to administrate the \$100k contract for construction of a wetland interpretive trail with substantial boardwalk. Geoff stated that this is a big step for the group, and urged caution. Lindsay noted that one potential source for funding could be the Wildlife Incentive Program if it had any habitat improvement characteristics. Lindsay moved to support Jack's involvement, 2nd by Blain. Board passed unanimously.

C. Foraker Group membership--Jack

Payment of \$50 is due Nov. 7th. Board voted to approve. Moved by: By Jack M., 2nd by Howard (Lindsay proxy)

D. Treasurer's Responsibilities—Geoff

Geoff will be taking over Treasurer's responsibilities temporarily from Joe W. Discussion on whether or not Geoff could hold both positions according to the by-laws. Nothing was found to say otherwise. Conference call 12:00 10/26 to discuss this. Same phone# as usual. Jack mentioned that we will need our receipts for the last two years to be eligible for the potential PFD check-off program being discussed. Board voted to allow Geoff to temporarily take responsibilities. Moved by: Blain, 2nd Jack M.

E. Mat-Su Salmon Partnership—Jack

Board voted to support Jack's involvement in this working group. Geoff concerned that our involvement would appear perhaps too "green". Others felt this was a very good opportunity to contribute our knowledge of sustainable trails and stream crossing to a larger forum and to get the word out on our group. Moved by: Jack, 2nd Blain

F. Brochure and Membership Drive.

Geoff, Eric Troyer, and John Underwood have identified 45 Fairbanks-area groups and individuals to target to become new members. Two groups, FBX Area Hiking Club, and FBX Mountain Bikers have signed up to become reciprocal members. Board voted to have each Board Member come up with 20 individuals and/or groups to target in their area. Moved by: Blain, 2nd Geoff.

G. Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Drive

Board voted to support Blain organizing a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) presentation by Alaska Trails to NPS employees. Moved by: Lindsay, 2nd Jack

6. Trail News -

-Registration is now available online for the 18th Annual National Trails Symposium, see www.americantrails.org/quad/index.htm for information and to register.

-Alaska State Parks has several grant opportunities available now: www.alaskatrails.org

-Membership is at 61 members. With REI matching funds, all new memberships will be matched 1:1 (e.g. if you donate \$25, the money is matched with a \$25 donation from REI!).

IMBA is looking to send Trail Care Crews to Alaska again this year. Discussion on whether we should try to help bring them up again. Lindsay expressed interest in getting them to Homer to help out on projects there. Discussion on supporting IMBA for their name recognition to further our mission. No vote.

7. Adjournment: 1:40pm
Moved by Geoff, 2nd by Blain

Prepared by: Blain Anderson - acting for Jack Campbell

****Reminder: * Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 14th, Noon -- 1:00P***

Action Items:

- A. Jack will get dates of classes to Geoff for insurance purposes.
- B. Blain will look for construction costs for Sanctuary Trail project, and get them to Jack.
- C. Jack will send a check to Foraker Group.
- D. Each Board Member will come up with 20 individuals and/or groups to target in their area. A spreadsheet will be distributed by Geoff.
- E. Blain will organize a Combined Federal Campaign(CFC) presentation by Alaska Trails to NPS employees.
- F. Geoff will discuss Treasurer's duties with Joe W.