

TELECONFERENCE MINUTES  
Alaska Trails Board Meeting  
April 10, 2007

1. Call To Order: 12:03 PM  
Attendance: Lindsay Winkler, Blain Anderson, Jack Mosby, Geoff Orth(proxy Dan Chagnon), Jack Campbell, Wayne Biessel, Bob Gorman  
Members: Lisa Holzapfel and Paul Sandhofer  
Others: Mike Michael President of the Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition.
2. Changes To the Agenda: Old Business: D. Eska Creek Falls, E. Membership Drive, New Business: E. Use Employment Program, F. Advisory Board, G. Secretary's Position
3. Reading and approval of the March 13, 2007 monthly meeting minutes. 5. B. change to contract 7. C. Change statewide to State Parks, 6. B. Policy Statement -approved on interim basis. Approved as Corrected.
4. Treasurer's Report -Geoff -Current Balance \$33030. See attached Balance Sheet and Cash Flow. Jack M. moved, Wayne seconded. Approved as presented.
5. Old Business (See Executive Summary for additional updates.
  - A. Elections & Annual Meeting -Blain -Comments on the agenda are requested. We will go thru the nomination process, have a presentation by the Foraker Group, and have a potluck. Entertainment will be a trails related slide show. Additional names for the ballot are requested.
  - B. Great Land Trust Project -Jack M. -Permits have been applied for. ATI Grant has been applied for. Funding will probably not be available this summer.
  - C. OHV Safety & Ethics Project -Geoff -Awaiting approval of the budget change. Will partner with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park whom needs to get started on some training for ATV's.
  - D. Eska Creek -DNR is trying to get additional funding for the project.
  - E. Membership Drive -Geoff, Lindsay and Jack M. preparing the letters for mailout. Mailout will be after April 15.
6. New Business
  - A. Executive Director Discussion -partnership with Anchorage Trails and Greenway Coalition. This concerns the hiring of the Executive director. They will help us fund the position. The employee would be an employee of Alaska Trails. They could contribute up to \$15,000. They would participate in the hiring process. Jack M. moved to begin negotiations with ATGC., Blain seconded. ATGC will attend the annual meeting with more information. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Annual Meeting -Approval of funds for Foraker group, or, the reiteration that the Executive Committee has the authority to spend up to \$500 without Board approval. Working committees need to have an amount approved to expend without coming back to the Board. Policy statement needs to be developed. Make your recommendations at the next meeting.

C. Bike to Work Day, Friday May 18th. = Lindsay -Homer is going to make it Bike to Work Week. Lindsay moved that Alaska Trails support Bike to Work Day. Jack M. seconded. Approved. Lindsay moved to create space on out website for upcoming trail events. Jack M. seconded. Approved.

D. Grant application to the Mountaineers Foundation. - Jack M. - Application received late. Lindsay moved to approve the extension. Geoff seconded. Approved unanimously.

E. Use Employment Program. -The program is putting high risk use youth to work on the trails around Anchorage. Jack M. moved to support Blains support of the program. Geoff seconded. Approved.

F. Minnesota Trail Manual -Jack M. -Ordered 50 copies. Bob moved authorization to expend \$900 for the manual. Jack C. seconded. Approved. Bob moved that the Executive Committee have unlimited authorization to expend any and all resources of Alaska Trails. Geoff seconded. Tabled to the annual meeting.

G. Secretary Position -Jack C. -The following process is proposed. The Secretary will keep a hard copy of the minutes. Also, the Secretary will keep a disc copy of all minutes compiled annually. The minutes as they are approved will be transmitted in PDF format to the website administrator. If the position changes, the hard copy and the disk will be transferred.

#### 7. Trail News:

A. Membership Update: As of March 31, we have 38 members, 3 Agencies, 3 Business, 7 Families, 39 Individuals(2 lifetime), and 5 Organizations. Blaine -Need to create an advisory board for past officers and other public figures involved in trails such as Martin Buser. Could meet every six months for guidance and review, etc. Put this on the annual meeting agenda.

B. National Trails day June 2. We will be supporting STA on the signing Far North Bicentennial Park. Members are encouraged to participate. REI has changed its outreach coordinator to Carol Piazza. The FNSB has passed an ordinance in support of landowner liability. March 28 Blain presented an abbreviated version of our trail program to Anchorage Landscape Architects. The Knik Watershed Group is seeking people to testify for additional non-motorized trails in the Knik area. NPS will have trail management training of April 26.

8. Adjournment: Jack M. moved, Dan Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM.

Prepared by:

Jack Campbell, Secretary

Attachments:

1. Cash Flow
2. Balance Sheet

Action Items:

- . Reminder: Next Meeting -May 8, 2007, Noon to 1 PM.
- . Comments on the agenda for the annual meeting are requested.
- . Mailout membership drive letters.
- . Begin negotiations with ATGC.
- . Create space on the website for upcoming trail events.