

# ALASKA TRAILS

Alaska Trails Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes

## Alaska Trails Board Meeting

Dec. 11, 2007

1. **Call to Order:**

- a. Attendance: Ken Pendleton, Geoff Orth, Blain Anderson, Jack Campbell,
- b. Proxy: Jack C. for Geoff, Blain for Bob Gorman, Wayne Biessel
- c. Staff: Jillian Morrissey
- d. Members: Paul Sandhofer, Kenton Bloom, Jack Mosby, Lisa Holzapfel
- e. Not in Attendance: Dan Chagnon, Karl Kassel, Lindsay Winkler

2. **Changes to the Agenda** – Ken moved, Blaine seconded, Agenda approved.

3. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approval of the November 2007 Monthly meeting minutes – Changes to Item 7, check email.
- b. Treasurer's Report – tabled till next month.

Ken moved, Bob seconded, Consent Agenda approved as corrected.

4. **Board Action Items**

- a. Nomination: Kenton Bloom to Board as Member-at-Large – Geoff moved, Blain seconded, to appoint Kenton Bloom to the Board. Approved.
- b. ATI Grant – Tool Trailers – ATI Grant has been signed. Jack M. to pursue purchasing the trailers. Geoff moved that Jack M. coordinate the tool purchases. Ken seconded. Passed. Any additional tools that may be needed should be forwarded to Jack M. to spend the extra \$1000.

5. **Executive Director's Report: (NEW)** - Attached to the Minutes – We can add a web page to the website on ATV Safety & Ethics. Jack M. to talk to Bonnie. There will be a safety meeting on rescue in Hatcher's Pass next weekend.

6. **Board Discussion Items:**

- a. Executive Director:
  - i. Office space – Check email.
  - ii. Business License Expires Dec. 31 – Jack M. to renew.
- b. Training's coming up
  - i. UAA Course – Jan. 9, School of Engineering
  - ii. Envirothon – FBX, April 26
  - iii. Skagway – Klondike NHP trail crew, others
  - iv. Homer, Haines, and Kodiak are interested
  - v. Lisa H. is preparing a schedule of further training in localities.

7. **Trail News:**

a. Winter Trails Day Update: Jack M. – Jan. 12 at MP 10.6 in Hatcher's Pass. Also at Reflection Lake on January 19 with the Alaskans For Palmer Hayflats. REI is providing equipment. Also at the Campbell Creek Science Center on Feb. 16 REI and BLM and several trail user groups will be providing training and presentations.

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b. Tomorrow the Denali Commission decides on standards for ATV trails. Would be helpful to have some representation at the meeting. See Lisa.

c. Blain will be meeting with a representative of Alaska Wire and Rope to discuss the possibilities of someone making geoblock in Alaska.

## **8. Project Updates:**

- a. **Haines** – The Haines-Chilkoot Association has requested some trail layout information. They have responded to a proposal by Jack M. and want a formal agreement.
- b. **Lake Lucille** – Nothing now.

**9. Adjournment:** Geoff moved, Jack C. seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.

## **10. Action Items:**

- a. Business License – Jack M.
- b. Flyer to be sent out on Trail Day events – Jack M.
- c. Trailer Purchases – Jack M.
- d. Additional Tools – All to Jack

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## Executive Director Update

10 December 2007

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### *Existing Projects*

#### **Advanced Modules**

- Met with Kevin, Mike and Blain – I have over half of adv. mod. in my hands & am reviewing
- Seeking advice and help from Jon Underwood
- Wayne – MIA
- Developing Leadership & Volunteer Management section
- Working to get more instructors
- January 9<sup>th</sup> – UAA class with Blain, Mike, Kevin
- Kodiak training is beginning to happen for maybe National Trails Day
- Deadlines are posted including:
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Draft modules completed for review
- February 15<sup>th</sup> - Training schedule & locations posted
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Final drafts completed (with reference materials and tools & equip. located)
- April 15<sup>th</sup> – All modules ready to teach

#### **IKGRT**

- Group had a hiccup – through Heather Rice’s facilitation the working group is back on track
- Group reached consensus on using the Klondike Rush as a common thread or theme
- Teleconferences are bi-monthly now to begin detailed outline of spring community tour

#### **GLT**

- Need to get contract finalized & signed
- THEN, develop work plan & timeline with GLT

#### **BLM – OHV**

- Big news is that Todd Palin is willing to be a helmet advocate for Alaska Trails!
- Excellent teleconference solidifying a working group
- Meg’s work on curriculum is going well – needs more youth machines!
- Is there a way to make Alaska Trails website **THE** ATV Safety & Ethics connection??

#### **Eska**

- Blain, Jack, Neil Shisheido & I tried to revisit layout – more snow than anticipated. Though a connector was roughed out for better surveying to be done in spring

#### **General Operations**

- Still locating an office – GLT renovation too expensive, NPCA office available & affordable
- Computer is working – files still being transferred
- Cell phone operational – # is 715-2381
- Solidifying Partnerships
  1. State Parks – James King & Bill Luck
  2. DNR – Neil Shisheido (new trails coordinator for state)
  3. Any others??

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### **Future Projects?**

#### **Haines**

- Layout & Design of new 2500’ trail from housing subdivision to \_\_\_\_\_
- Jack’s on lead with me assisting
- Timeline – survey, design, drawings & recommendations to be completed in Dec.!

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## Membership Drive

- January – who is on lead?
- Singletrack – Hilltop**
- potential project managing (limited time) a project above Hilltop Ski Area