

# ALASKA TRAILS

## **Alaska Trails Board Meeting Teleconference Minutes August 12, 2008**

### **1. Call to Order: 12:05**

Attendance: Geoff Orth, (proxy Blain Anderson), Malcom Ewing, Jack Campbell, Jack Mosby, Wayne Biessel

### **2. Changes to the Agenda - None**

**Jack M. moved, Malcom seconded. Approved.**

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

- a. Approval of the July 2008 Monthly meeting minutes
- b. Approval of the July Treasurer's Report

Jack M. Moved, Malcom seconded, Approved.

### **4. Board Action Items - None**

### **5. Board Discussion Items:**

- a. Upcoming Trainings - Nothing scheduled.
- b. Membership Report - About the same level as last year.
- c. Project Updates -
  1. Eska Falls OHV Layout - No change, will try to finish after hunting season.
  2. Hillside Singletrack - 3-4 miles done. Should be done by mid September.
  3. Sanctuary Trail - most of the NW loop brushcutting done. Nothing done on the South side.
  4. Haines CIA Trail Layout - Done and have received payment for it. Hoping to start construction this fall.
  5. Others - April Bowl at Summit - Improvements have made it more accessible. Ester Dome Singletrack - Comments closed end of July. Jack M. Finished consultation with Alpenglow ski area. 3.6 miles of layout.

### **6. Executive Director's Report - Attached.**

### **7. Trail News:**

- a. Anchorage dedicated Ship Creek trail 2.6 miles additional new trail.
- b. Geoff requested info on States that have property tax relief for owners who have recreational trails. Jack M. suggested he contact Stewart McDonald of American Trails for info.
- c. The MSB finished the Kiosk at Crevasse -Moraine. Steve Connolly, Anchorage S&G says he had a solution worked out for coordination with the University Trail system when he worked for the Borough. HB 25 mandates the the State will accept trail easements.

**8. Adjournment: Blain moved, Jack C. seconded, Approved at 12:24 PM.**

Prepare By:

Jack Campbell  
Secretary

***Attachments:***

*Executive Summary*

***Action Items:***

1. Reminder: Next meeting—Sept 9th, 2008, Noon to 1 pm.

# Executive Director Update

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## **ARPA Conference**

- Moving VERY fast. It has become an urgent unexpected priority.
- They want a final detailed budget (speaker fees, travel, # of registrants, etc.) by October 3rd
- Heather Rice & I are co-chairs of the Trails section. She is gone for a month so I will be handling all of this over the next month.
- 9-12 person Steering Committee is shaping up
- Will be hiring a part-time temporary person to be the Conference Coordinator

## **McDowell Sanctuary**

- Christine & I will be at the Sanctuary all week - no office time for me next week
- Volunteer Day on Saturday, Aug. 16th - announcement went out to AT members / notify list
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Invoice has been submitted

## **Alpenglow – Rendezvous Peak**

- About 10-12 hours of trail prescription work last week & this week
- I will be invoicing for this ASAP at \$75/hr

## **Gustavus – The Nature Conservancy**

- Scope of work attached to this email for those interested
- I will be there for 4 days - next week
- Will invoice ASAP for ~\$3000.00

## **Singletrack Advocates**

- Working with the Sweco was great – learned a lot about mechanized building
- YEP! Crew completed 10,500' of finish work
- Have invoiced Janice
- Will be prepping for SCA crew's arrival on 9/14