

ALASKA TRAILS

**TELECONFERENCE MEETING
Alaska Trails Board Minutes
March 11, 2009**

1. Call to Order: 12:06 PM.

Present: Malcom Ewing, Blain Anderson, Jack Campbell, Jillian Morrissey, Geoff Orth, Jack Mosby(proxy Kenton Bloom), Wayne Biessel

2. Changes to the Agenda: - None

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

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

Blain moved, Malcom seconded, Approved.

4. Board Action Items: - None

5. Board Discussion Items:

- a. ED Search Progress – Jack M - We have received about 12 applications. Four or five have some non-profit experience. None have indicated any trail exposure or experience. The responsibility of the position and being the only staff person are apparently factors in making people apprehensive.
- b. Reporting issues with State Park RTPs – Geoff: - They are insisting on receipts for all reimbursable expenses. Their requirements are tied to federal requirements. We have resolved many issues with State Parks and are able to claim more funds.
- c. Recruiting new board members and officers - Jillian is interested in serving on the board after she leaves the ED position. George Schaaf, ED of Trailmix is interested in serving.
- d. Annual membership drive – Jillian - will start next week. We will do an email membership drive. A few members will have to be mailed as we do not have their emails. We will have a booth at the conference.
- e. By-Law changes addition: board remuneration, term limits, and other changes – Malcolm: Nothing else has come up. The changes will be done at the annual meeting. Changes should be ready for the next Board meeting for review and edit.
- f. Upcoming Trainings – Jillian: No new trainings at this point.
- g. Web site Calendar Online – Jack M: Bonnie should have it online shortly. Any Board member should be able to access and update it. Jillian and Eric will be included. This will replace the Google calendar.
- h. Use of all or some of Mike Shields Advanced Module curriculum by NPS - Jillian: Kevin Meyer has worked on updating the modules. The modules will be made available nationwide thru publication by the U.S. Forest Service and will be available online. This will be a document on how to manage ATV trails.
- i. HB 132 Support Letter – Eric has asked us to write a letter of support for this bill. Jack M. - This bill provides for a grant program bicycle trails for municipalities.

Geoff Moved, Malcom seconded to have Eric draft a letter of support. Approved.

- j. Trails Conference update – Jillian: Moving along and in good order. Alaska Trails will have a booth thruout the conference and will need assistance in staffing. A silent auction

is planned. Remote board members will be reimbursed for their travel and accommodations. They must apply to the Executive Committee for specific approval. Registration fees will be paid upon request by the board member. Deadline is Friday, March 13 for board members to let Jillian know what will be requested. Jack M. has offered bunk space in Anchorage for those who are coming from remote areas. Early registration is due March 31. The ARPA website has detailed information.

6. Executive Director's Report

- a. Lance Mackey's PSA is out. Jillian is working on getting it on YouTube. Will try to provide a downloadable version on the website. The PSA will also be shown at the beginning of the Trail Conference.
- b. We had a meeting with the Matsu Health Foundation yesterday. If we get the grant, it will be awarded April 27. The amount of the grant is \$32,000. It will be used to target training in the Matsu valley over the next year and one-half.
- c. Work is ongoing with trail contractors. One is Interior Trails and they will be working on projects in Anchorage. They will be finishing Phase I at the McDowell Sanctuary and at University Lake. They will also be doing some training. Brian Vaughn will be working at the Sanctuary Trail also and will be doing trail training.
- d. For the trails conference, if people indicate on their registration forms that Alaska Trails is their organization, the registration fee goes to Alaska Trails minus the overhead costs for the conference. Likewise with the proceeds for the silent auction.
- e. We need to put together an action plan and agenda for our meeting at the conference.

7. Trail News:

- a. Big Lake Trails and associated organizations will have the inauguration of the Big Lake to Denali Winter Trail designated as the Su Valley Winter Trail this Saturday. Send any PR to Austin Helmers, C39, Palmer Pioneers Home for info. The official trail consists of 112 miles of "legal" trail.
- b. Division of Mining Land and Water will be starting the Hatcher Pass scoping meetings in the near future. Meetings will be held in Wasilla and Anchorage. Will be posted on the web site.
- c. Passage of HB 25 - Provides tax relief for property owners giving easements for trails. Needs to be requested by private property owners.
- d. Blain Anderson will be leaving the Board as of this meeting.

8. Adjournment: Malcom moved, Jack M. seconded, Meeting adjourned at: 1:09 PM

Prepared By:

Jack Campbell, Secretary

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report

Action Items:

1. Reminder: Next meeting— Tuesday April 14, Noon to 1 pm.
2. Bylaws to be revised at the April Annual Meeting (part of Trails Conference)

AK Trails - Balance Sheet - As of 2/28/2009

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Account	12/31/2008 Balance	2/28/2009 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
AK USA Checking	10,620	8,198
AKUSA MnyMrkt	20,514	36,556
AK USA Savings	5,316	15,316
Long-Term Savings 5/08	0	0
REI Grant 8/07	5,372	5,372
RST BLM OHV Proj 6/07	0	0
RST Organizational Endowment 5/10	4,673	4,706
RST SngltrckAdvct	5,219	5,299
RST Trail Endowment 5/08	0	0
Cash on Hand	0	0
PayPal	24	34
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	51,737	75,480
Other Assets		
AgncySrvc	0	0
Accounts Receivable	9,038	11,608
Property, Miscellaneous	2,346	2,346
Property, Tools	0	0
TOTAL Other Assets	11,384	13,954
TOTAL ASSETS	63,121	89,434
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0	0
Singletrack Advocates	18,821	37,602
Payroll - Federal	10	-813
Payroll - State	266	355
Reimbursables	0	0
TOTAL Other Liabilities	19,097	37,144
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19,097	37,144
OVERALL TOTAL	44,024	52,290