

ALASKA TRAILS

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR ALASKA TRAILS

Call to Order 9:07 AM, April 22, 2009 at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel.

1. Introductions - Present: Geoff Orth, Jack Campbell, Jack Mosby, Karl Kassel, George Schaaf, Dot Helm(member), Jillian Morrissey, ED.

We have a quorum.

2. 2008 Annual Report – Presented by Jack Mosby. Will be posted on web site.

3. Conference Updates - Jillian: We will have a booth at the conference. We will have our reception at the Snow Goose. This will be Thursday night. 175 Invitations have been issued. Friday night we will have the awards banquet There will be a ARPA reception tonight for the conferees. This will be held at the Jewel Lake Bowl.

4. 2009 Projects - Geoff: Ester Dome is underway. Happy Trails is our contractor. Jillian: Phase I is being completed on the McDowell Sanctuary. It will be completed by Fall. University Lake: We will be building a trail at University Lake. It needs to be completed by August.

5. Upcoming Training

- a. Geoff: IMBA training is scheduled for Palmer, Juneau, and Fairbanks. Palmer will be on May 1, 2, & 3. Juneau will be on May 8, 9, & 10. Fairbanks will be on May 15, 16, & 17.
- b. Jillian: Chugach State Park is trying to get a trail crew set up. Their training is set up for May 20 and 21st.
- c. Jillian: Anchorage Parks and Rec. are setting up a youth employment program. We are doing consulting and training for them for trails. This will be on May 27 and 28th.
- d. Geoff: 17B Glenallen Training with BLM, Ahtna and NRCS. This involves training in Glenallen on how to deal with the 17b easements on trails. This will be done June 10 to the 12th.

6. Trail News – Jack C: We had a trail ride on the Knik. This ride was done for Chuck Ehnes, the NOHVCC representative to show him some examples of trail improvements done in Alaska. There was a good representative turnout from local trail groups, DNR, State Parks, and NPS. Geoff: HB 25 has given landowners protection from liability and acceptance of easement by DNR and allows property tax exemption in some cases.

7. Announcements – None

8. Board Nominations – Jillian Morrissey nominated George Schaaf. Jack M. seconded. Geoff nominated Jillian Morrissey, Carl seconded. Jillian nominated Holly Spoth-Torres. Geoff seconded.

Jack M. moved to extend the nomination time period to end at the closing of the reception on Thursday night. Jack C. seconded. Approved.

9. Development of a Business Plan – Geoff: We need to have this for supporting our grant presentations. Heather Rice and Blain Anderson went through an outreach class for doing this.

10. Strategic Plan – Needs to be updated.

11. Board Commitment Letter – Need to reconsider what we are asking of our board members.

12. Bylaw Changes - The bylaws changes were discussed and the changes were sent to Malcom McEwen. They will be finalized after the conference and sent to all members for ratification.

13. Closing - Jack C. moved to close the meeting. Jack M. seconded. The meeting was closed at 11:03 AM.

Prepared by Jack Campbell
Secretary