

Date: 8 September 2009
Time: Noon — 1 pm
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AGENDA
Alaska Trails Board Meeting

1. **Call to Order:** _12:04_ pm
Attendance: Geoffrey Orth - president, Jillian Morrissey- secretary, Dan Chagnon, Malcolm McEwen - treasurer, Wayne Biessel, Jack Mosby - member

Absent: Karl Kassel,
Staff: Max Gruner

2. **Changes to the Agenda**
Under Grants & Proposals, Add - Infrared & GPS
_____ Dan moved, _____ Malcom seconded. Approved.

3. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:**
 - a. Approval of the June Monthly meeting minutes – no comments
 - b. Approval of the July, August & September Treasurer's Report -
_____ Dan moved, _____ Malcom seconded. Approved.

4. **Board Action Items**
 - a.
 - b.

5. **Board Discussion Items:**

Membership Report – 8.31.09: 89 total - 3 agencies, 2 businesses, 14 families, 53 individuals (3 lifetime, 2 comped, 3 student), and 15 trail organizations (9 recip).

Discussion: Happy Trails should not be a business member, should be Alaska Feed. Geoff will discuss with Jon Underwood and follow-up with Board

 - a. Project Updates –
 1. Ester Dome Singletrack – Happy Valley Phase
Geoff: Going well – Jon Underwood finished. Lots of press and use from the public, even new riders.
 2. RTP Grants Proposals
 - Interactive Trail Map using Google mashup (Tom Clark, Fairbanks)
Geoff: Mosquito Net programmer is volunteering to do this kind of work in the public domain. Geoff will send out a sample (prototype).
Wayne interested in this for State Parks to look at as a model. Good way to process trail inventory data.
 - Underwriting *Alaska Trail Quarterly* and the monthly Action email (Eric Troyer, Fairbanks)
Discussion
Geoff : Can we get Eric Troyer some funding for this?
Jack M.: wondering if we can use Eric's time as a match for future grants.

- Trail Rendezvous
 - Max: Possibility of every 2 years a big trail conference and on the off year just a meet n' greet for the trail community. Alyeska is possible for next year. Lisa Holzapfel is helping in initial recon.
 - Costing training from CA State Parks as a class for this or for later.
 - Dan – ARPA involved?
 - Jillian: ARPA should be invited, but the Rendezvous will be coordinated by AT
 - Costing principles using Chugach/Flat Top
 - Possibility of bringing the Don & Karl show up to AK to do a project costing class in spring
2. MoU with AK State Parks – meeting with Bill this week. Needs 3 letters of support. Will bring to Board
 3. MoU with Municipality of Anchorage – will be almost carbon copy – next 30 days
 4. Strategy review – concerns regarding mission creep for AT– Jack M. relayed vision in founding- statewide umbrella organization that enhances the local groups through advocacy
 - Discussion: Board Retreat in late October/early November to strategize and discuss AT mission. Max will look at budget for this retreat and talk to Foraker to see if they can facilitate the meeting.
- d. Project evaluation & tracking
Max & Geoff did an overhaul on finances with an internal audit - \$50K weare owed – \$13.5K outstanding

6. Executive Director's Report (sent separately)

7. Trail News:

- a. AmeriCorps position – TMO – mat su

8. Adjournment: _____ Dan moved, _____ Jillian seconded. Adjourned at 12:56 pm

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statements
June Meeting minutes
Strategic Plan

Action Items:

1. Reminder: Next meeting — 13 October, Noon to 1 pm.
2.
3.