

Date: 16 April 2011
Time: 7:15 - 9pm
Place: Turkey Red, Palmer, AK



Annual Meeting

AGENDA

Alaska Trails Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: 7:42 pm

Attendance:

- Malcolm McEwen – Treasurer
- Jack Mosby – VP,
- Jillian Morrissey – Secretary
- George Schaaf – Board Member
- Geoff Orth – Proxy (Jack Mosby)
- Kevin Meyer – NPS
- Liza Holzapfel-NPS RTCA
- Paul Sandhofer-founding member
- Scott Lapiene-president Mat Su Trails Council/Mat Su-Copper River Basin ORTAB member
- Randy Goodwin-BLM Outdoor Recreation
- Dot Helm-MSB Trails/Rec Board & VMBaH & Mat Su Parks & Rec Foundation & MS Greenbelt
- Tom Clark – TrailMapper
- Eric Troyer-Newsletter & Interior Trails
- Jon Underwood-Happy Trails, Inc.
- Mike Shields-Trail Consultant

Staff: Erin McLarnon

2. Changes to the Agenda

George moved, Malcolm seconded. Approved

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the March meeting minutes Tabled until next month
- b. Approval of the March Treasurer's Report

Motion carried (Jack) – approved.

4. Board Action Items

- a. Board Elections – Geoff Orth & Malcolm McEwen terms are up – 3 year terms
Scott Lapiene is interested in self-nomination to leverage service to the statewide motorized community - wants AT Board to understand that 'Sustainable Trails' is not considered ideal for all motorized community. He also wants to work on the 'lightening rod' topics including the process of how State Parks allocates funding for RTP grants.

Advisory Board – Kevin Meyer, James King, Mike Shields

Jillian Moved. Malcolm seconded. Approved.

5. Board Discussion Items:

- a. QuickBooks Online – Erin & Malcolm
Malcolm has used to checked on payroll
Erin is not entering things into Excel until
- b. Instruction/Construction Partnerships – Erin
Agency Project Management – Selling consulting services to the greater trails community. 2011 could be a lean year. The State is doing 'in house'. The Muni of Anchorage/ANC Parks Foundation is interested in 3 different scope of works providing management for the their project leader and also quality control.

Jon U. comments: letting membership lapse because working with someone who understands the business. 'Some clients need more hand holding'. He feels AK Trails can get the job done and give an idea if you are in 'the ballpark or not'.

Scott talked about the value of Project Manager – knows that it is worth having a professional PM in the construction business – now with trails jobs at \$20-30K.

Parks Foundation – Urban Curriculum for Youth Employment in Parks is happening and will come through to AK Trails

Campbell Creek Estuary – Muni of Anchorage/GLT is a potential highlight project

Kevin Meyer of RTCA is doing a "Wet Crossings" in Willow on April 22.

USFS/RTCA TRACS training – 3-day training for TMO & TRACS system

Jillian going to Fairbanks State Parks – 101 trainings for incoming trail crew

Mat Su Health Foundation – 3 were previous, 3 included in Rondy and now Willow, Sutton and Chickaloon Tribe will finish that grant out

Trail Costing can be added as Advanced Module - perhaps could done with UAF Construction & Project Management

Interior Trails – is updating the 101 class the manual to fit the presentations

Education is barely paying for itself – we need to make sure the education costs money and is an important part of our mission.

Membership – about 20% of Trail Rondy attendees became members

200 attendees are in attendance.

George Schaaf – believes in membership and is interested in helping take unrestricted funds and what we wants to know what we need for staff \$. Direct mail, integrate with Constant Contact, and really do a direct mailing to increase membership. Make sure we define why we are so important to our members. George will work with Erin to make this effort happen.

Maintaining the AK Trails website – we could really use the website to help that effort in membership.

BLM – OHV PSA - different user groups meeting at the 4-corners discussing trail safety & etiquette will be focused on summer

- c. Projects – All
No discussion.

d. Board Nominations – Jillian
All board members should get a short statement to Jillian before next Friday so that can go out with ballots.

e. Board Commitment Letter
All Board members should print & sign and send to Erin to file in the office.

6. Executive Director's Report – Erin (see above)
Congratulations to Erin on the Trail Rony attendance.

7. Trail News:

- a. Randy Goodwin – long range Fed Hwys & Transportation plan being done (Strategic Plan for 5-10 years)
- b. MSTC – 4 active grants with Moose Range x-country ski trail grooming, OHV obstacle course in Butte, Archangel Brushing project in Hatcher Pass, Plumley-Maude bridge habitat needs new design with Fish & Wildlife Grant
- c. Paul Sandhofer – 1000' ANC Senior Center Trail built that connects into Chester Creek Trail
- d. Eric T. – Mastodon Creek Trail mapping a new route, non-motorized trail to cabin, Angel Creek trail. Also working on the Campo Trail to complete a sustainable trail to the Colorado Creek Cabin in the Chena Rec Area. In the urban area, they are working to hook Farmer's Loop to the Birch Hill Rec. Area, and to Chena Hot Springs. Mtn. biking downhill trail in summer time – 5 new trails that will tie into the ski trail. Equinox marathon route was on DNR land and was transferred to Mental Health Trust and Island Trail Preservation . Jon Underwood working on this project
- e. Juneau – (George S.) Mt. Juneau trail 4000' reroute – 40% to 20%
- f. Juneau – (George S.) Mt. Roberts addressing are cutting switchbacks
- g. Juneau – (George S.) OHV area in the Borough
- h.

8. Adjournment: Jillian moved, seconded. Approved. Adjourned at 9:27pm

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report – Balance Sheet & Cash Flow Statements

Action Items:

1. Reminder: Next meeting — 9 May, Noon to 1 pm.

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