

# ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

## Minutes of Special Meeting

12/12/06

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order 12:08 PM 11/28/06 in the Chamber Conference Room.

**Quorum:** A quorum was established, with Saltonstall, Lachowsky, Shaw and Whipple, and Foreman present.

**Approval of Agenda:** Saltonstall moved to approve the agenda as presented. Whipple seconded and it carried, 5-0.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Whipple moved to approve the minutes as presented of the 11/28/06 meeting. Lachowsky seconded and it carried, 5-0.

**Elections:** Deferred, Shaw Patterson not present.

### Old Business:

**Bylaws:** Foraker Group is reviewing for flat fee of \$250. They also offer 501(c)(3) faciliation for an additional \$1000 (total \$1250).

### Membership Drive:

Will begin Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and end in our first restoration project at Pillar Beach, tentatively schedule for April/May 2007. Levels of membership will be tiered "Gold/Silver/Platinum" or flat fee "Charter Member" drive, depending on legalities to be discussed with Foraker Group.

Charter memberships, if adopted, would be approximately \$50. However, a tiered system is preferred, if legal prior to 501c3 recognition. Levels would be approximately \$15 (student), \$25 (individual), \$35 (family), \$100 (sponsor), \$250 (agency or corporation), \$750 (lifetime), or \$2000 (patron). Higher level members will receive gifts for their donations such as water bottles, carabiners.

Foreman and Whipple will provide sample logos in time for drive kick-off, or ITN will feature a "Design Our Logo" contest at that time.

**Trails Assessment:** Board circulated several documents, including sample Trail Classification standards, GIS data spreadsheets, and Trail Maps over a discussion of existing trail research done in the borough at this point. Lachowsky summarized analyses and illustrated a role for ITN as a

clearinghouse for this information and engine to move planning documents forward. Whipple remarked on the need for GIS expertise to be effective in trail mapping. Schroeder added that GIS is equivalent to surveying for easement purposes and provides good data for grant proposals. Shaw remarked that lack of GIS equipment doesn't preclude good trail work from being done. Foreman said a lot of different planning documents has been done already, the real deficiency is paid staff to integrate them. This topic, along with membership drive, will be featured in the next meeting. In the meantime, Schroeder will beta-test a Trails Forum discussion board on the website [www.islandtrails.org](http://www.islandtrails.org).

### **Fundraising/Finance:**

ED report: Income/expenditures. \$100 spent for Foraker partnership. \$250 committed for document review.

Future Grant Opportunities: Polaris T.R.A.I.L.S. grant program, application deadline summer 2007 to coincide w/ 501c3 recognition, required for this grant and will be complete by then. Prospective projects include Portage Trail in partnership with Koniag, or others if proposed by, say, an advisory project committee comprised of ATV stakeholders. Schroeder will discuss with Patterson/Gornall/O'Neil and ask for trail conditions summary of ATV trails to help identify & prioritize projects.

See:<http://www.polarisindustries.com/enus/ATV/News/PolarisTRAILSGrantProgram.htm>

### **Board Member Comments:**

**Erin Whipple** will spearhead a "paint the buoy" campaign to accompany the membership drive. She is seeking sources of unusable or discarded crab pot buoys. Schroeder offered to help locate sources of old buoys.

**Patrick Saltonstall** is interested in developing a brochure. He will be thinking & working on it over the next few months.

**Pam Foreman** reminded everyone there is a Comp Plan meeting tonight and encouraged those interested to attend and a P&Z packet review of KIB P&RC Open Spaces Ordinance tomorrow (Wed 12/13).

### **ExDir Comments:**

**Andy** will be off island Dec 17-Jan 30.

**Upcoming Meetings:** We will continue on our projects in January, but will not meet until February, 2007. Time/place TBD. Happy Holidays everyone.

**Adjournment:** Foreman requested a motion to adjourn. Whipple seconded. Passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.