

ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

Minutes of Special Meeting

11/28/06

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

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

Approval of Agenda: Whipple moved to approve the agenda as presented. Saltonstall seconded and it carried, 4-0.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Whipple moved to approve the minutes as presented of the 11/14/06 meeting. Shaw seconded and it carried, 4-0.

Elections: Saltonstall moved to elect Ken Hansen to board. Whipple seconded. Carried 4-0. Welcome aboard, Ken!

Old Business:

Alaska CoastWalk Challenge Grant: Schroeder circulated Area Maps, Project Photos, and a Project Summary. Will file application electronically by 12/1/06.

Discussion ensued as to project scope. ITN will limit cleanup operations to Pillar Creek Beach, aim for 50 volunteers for a half-day (10 AM – 2 PM) versus a full-day event. A Safety Brief will be added in accordance with the CoastWatch safety plan. Lunch will be provided by Subway at Pillar Creek (no grilling required). Lachowsky will arrange for a tent from Lions Club. General parking will be on Monashka Bay road, with ITN-approved vehicles and boom truck allowed down the road for logistics, and more volunteer vehicles post-event to remove refuse bags. Borough landfill will be open to receive refuse. No signage will be posted. Depending on turnout, group may move to other sites after Pillar Creek project is complete to continue cleanups.

Hansen agreed to seek support from Boy Scouts, including approx. 15 volunteers and cutting torch services.

Additional discussions were held involving prize donations for “most interesting piece” etc. Further discussions on in-kind donations will be held in the coming months, but ITN believes we have the matching funds we need to pursue this grant.

Project budget items were discussed line by line.

Letters of support in hand from Koniag, ADF&G, and a KIB letter is forthcoming.

The board approved of the application with the above changes.

Bylaws: Schroeder is trying to get a lawyer to review. He reported that local firm declined pro-bono services. Next attempt will be Foraker Groups, then Alaska Bar Assn.

Membership Drive: Deferred due to time constraints.

Website: Schroeder is still seeking 100-150 word bios on board members.

New Business:

Trails Assessment: Lachowsky inquired as to a role for ITN in assessing and monitoring the physical condition of trails. Saltonstall, Whipple and Shaw discussed existing documentation on trails, including mapping, studies and surveys conducted back to 2003. No one was sure as to the web accessibility of these documents or future plans for trail monitoring. Whipple emphasized the importance, as ITN attempts to do this, of having clear definitions and classifications. Schroeder suggested we take a look at Alaska Trails trail classification systems, which are hopefully being adopted by Alaska State Parks and others. Schroeder suggested an interactive website, such as a forum or discussion board, could be used for public input to trail conditions. Lachowsky said he would try to locate borough documents and hoped to continue discussions in the future.

Board Member Comments:

Erin Whipple: Ken Warner told her that Polaris may have some trails grants available. He is also interested in upgrading the Mill Bay Beach facilities. (Saltonstall thought that KIB had funded this project, see separate email from ExDir)

ExDir Comments:

Andy said thanks for your patience meeting every week this month. Next time we will look past grants to items pertaining to ITN's role and identity, including Membership Drive and Bylaws. Also, he will be off island Dec 17-Jan 30.

I don't recall any other comments...please advise if I missed you.

Upcoming Meetings: Special meeting 12/12/06, 12:00 PM, Chamber Conference Room.

Adjournment:

Saltonstall requested a motion to adjourn. Shaw seconded. Passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.