

# ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

2/6/07

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order 12:08 PM 2/6/07 in the Chamber Conference Room.

**Quorum:** A quorum was established, with Lachowsky, Whipple, Hansen and Foreman present. Guests included Shaw Patterson, Mike O'Neil, Terry Michalski (USCG Representative).

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Whipple moved to approve the minutes as presented of the 12/12/06 meeting. Lachowsky seconded and it carried, 4-0.

**Elections:** Deferred. We are looking for energetic motorized and non-motorized trail users to join our board of directors. Instead of elections, we opted for a round of introductions of all in the room.

### Old Business:

**Bylaws:** Discussion confirmed that bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the board, and that regular business, including voting, may be legally conducted by email as long as a signed resolution is obtained as well. Foreman moved to approve the bylaws as presented. Whipple seconded. Carried 4-0.

**Election of Officers:** Voting was conducted by secret write-in ballot. Results are as follows: President/VP, Erin Whipple (4 votes). Secretary, Patrick Saltonstall (4 votes). Treasurer, Robert Lachowsky (4 votes). A Vice President will be sought before summer.

### Membership Drive:

Will begin Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and end in our first restoration project at Pillar Beach, tentatively schedule for May 12th 2007. Levels of membership will be \$15 (student), \$25 (individual), \$35 (family), \$100 (charter sponsor). After 501c3 status is obtained, \$750 (lifetime) and \$2000 (patron) levels will become available.

Membership drive will be advertised on Talk of the Rock, KVOK PSA, KMXT PSA, Coast Guard Bulletin Board, Kodiak Daily Mirror "Around Town", Island Byways, and a feature article in the Mirror prior to the Pillar Creek event.

**Pillar Creek** Date selected to the May 12<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. Lachowsky will provide Lions Club tent. Hansen estimates 12-15 boy scouts will be involved. Event will be 10 AM – 2 PM. KIB and Len Schwartz (ADF&G) will be contacted to see if additional funds might be available to improve the road conditions there. More to come in future meetings as date draws near. ED will appear before borough assembly within the next month to request waiver of derelict vehicle and garbage fees in conjunction with an introduction to ITN.

*Painted buoy project:* We must check to ensure city ordinance doesn't prohibit their display. Hanson has several available at his Gibson Cove facility.

*Floatees project:* Could provide a useful local awareness campaign for marine debris, e.g. local businesses offer a "bounty" for Floatees recovered from Kodiak island.

**Polaris TRAILS grant** Best candidates are Portage Trail and Miam Trail, though Portage may have fewer hurdles in the near term. ITN will pursue both March 1<sup>st</sup> for Portage and September 1<sup>st</sup> for Miam grant application dates. Whipple believes we might be eligible even prior to 501c3 recognition & will contact POLARIS to see. Michalski encouraged outreach to CPOA and Coast Guard MWR for volunteer labor, as well as encouraged ITN to ensure volunteers and events have appropriate insurance. Whipple said ITN doesn't carry insurance, but many of our partners, (e.g. agencies, landowners) do. It is always a concern, though.

Ad hoc planning worksession slated for Feb 8<sup>th</sup> at Koniag offices.

## **New Business**

**Board Member Bios:** ED is still trying to obtain last few bios from board members. Filling out the form attached to yesterday's (2/05) email will give him all he needs to publish an "About Us" page on the website. Still need these from Foreman, Saltonstall, and Shaw. Thanks.

**Formal Introductions:** ED has requested time for a short introduction at the Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Borough Assembly meeting. At that time he will also request waivers for landfill fees on our May 12<sup>th</sup> cleanup.

## **ED Report**

**Alaska Coastal Stewardship Workshop:** ED will be attending Feb 16-18 in Homer. Itinerary is attached to yesterday's email.

**Foraker Group** will be coming to Kodiak to conduct board member training February 20<sup>th</sup>. Board members are entitled to a \$25 per class (vice \$65 for non-members). Board members are asked to attend if possible.

**Finance** Nothing new to report.

**501c3 determination** Application is in progress. ED needed Officer names & backgrounds as well as approved bylaws for submission.

**Board Member Comments:**

**Erin Whipple** will attend NPS trail surface hardening training in Anchorage in April.

**Public Comments:**

**Shaw Patterson** thanked ITN for a productive and informative meeting.

**Upcoming Meetings:** Feb 27, 2007 Chamber Conference Room 12:00 – 1:30

**Adjournment:** Lachowsky moved to approve the agenda as presented. Whipple seconded and it carried, 2-0 (Hansen and Foreman departed).