

ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

Minutes of Regular Meeting

5/01/07

Call to order: Whipple called meeting to order 12:00 PM 5/01/07 in the Chamber Conference Room.

Quorum: A quorum was established, with Whipple, Saltonstall, Hansen, and Lachowsky present (Foreman arrived 12:20)

Approval of Agenda: Saltonstall moved to approve the agenda. Lachowsky seconded. Carried 4-0.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Saltonstall moved to approve the minutes as presented of the 4/03/07 meeting. Hansen seconded and it carried, 4-0.

Elections: Saltonstall moved to appoint Erin Harrington to board of directors. Hansen seconded and it carried, 4-0. Welcome, Erin!

Old Business:

Pillar Beach Cleanup: Schroeder presented an itinerary for the CoastWalk event (emailed to board) & requested volunteers for individual assignments. Hansen volunteered to pick up hip waders. Harrington will pick up lunches. Whipple will help Schroeder set up KFRC meeting room.

We are sharing the Talk of the Rock program with the Chamber and can clarify the two events on the air to avoid confusion. We will call in to KVOK hotline late next week, days prior to the event. Newspaper ads begin running tomorrow, May 2nd. Lachowsky will bring tables as well as the tent to distribute informational materials. Membership applications will be available at the event as well as at KFRC. Marine Debris posters were available for distribution, compliments of Cook Inlet Keeper. Those who post them should add event-specific information to the poster. A thank-you ad will run in KDM May 14 or 15 thanking all businesses and organizations who participated. Participants will be reminded to bring bottled water for the event.

National Trails Day: Harrington provided suggestions for a trails day activity. She suggested three to five groups might each choose a trail to hike/ride and document together for inclusion on the ITN forum. In that way we could hopefully see a handful of the trail descriptions built out. The day might start out with a gathering at a central point for a quick talk from

ITN on what to look for on the trail.

The following were discussed as necessary steps to carrying out this plan:

1. Write a press release and distribute, including details on where/when for pre-event and post-event.
 - 1a. Reserve spaces
2. Identify affinity groups, communicate directly with them about the event and how they can participate.
 - 2a. Identify specific ITN board members who will reach out to each group (equestrians, ATV, hikers, bikers, kayakers, etc.)
 - 2b. Provide affinity groups and informal social groups with press release info for distribution to their members.
3. Work with the newspaper and KMXT to assure general coverage.
4. Identify someone from ITN who will go on Hotline to talk about the event.
5. Develop informational sheet and/or gather materials for distribution at pre-event activity.
6. Organize a post-event get-together at the College with laptops and collectively put their notes and thoughts into the web forum.

Foreman applauded the idea. Harrington will continue along these lines, with staff support available as needed.

Lake Miam Trail Project: Formally adopted by resolution as a follow-up to previous e-mail vote. Whipple provided summary of the project to date (board was e-mailed executive summary 4/14/07). Harrington had been able to arrange possible free shipment on the VANGUARD in June, but nothing has been available for May. ITN will encourage SWCD to ship materials by normal channels for this project and attempt to load materials on the Vanguard in Newport, OR in June for the Portage Trail project.

Hansen offered storage for pallets upon arrival to Kodiak but before deployment to work site. Thank you, Ken.

New Business:

Marine Debris Committee: Was formally established by resolution. Harrington, Foreman, Lachowsky and Tschersich are members. The committee will meet 5 P.M. May 4th, Chamber Conference Room to discuss coordination of a 2007 coastal survey and subsequent MD removal projects for 2008.

Schroeder provided background on marine debris opportunities, including partnership with Marine Conservation Alliance Foundation, grants

available through the NOAA Restoration Center, and the donation of a bareboat vessel charter.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Lachowsky delivered a verbal report on ITN finances. A more detailed report is being e-mailed to the board.

Executive Director's Report: Circulated to board prior to meeting. Schroeder added that two additional members (bringing membership to 29) and \$60 in contributions were obtained from the first kayaking safety clinic. Three more are scheduled.

Public Comments:

Hans Tschersich said Audubon society will once again be leading hikes this summer. They are having difficulty obtaining liability insurance but will likely proceed even if they fund the insurance themselves. They have a hike scheduled for National Trails Day and are open to suggestion on how they might join this event with ours.

Board Member Comments:

Erin Whipple: Announced that the Polaris TRAILS grant has been awarded to ITN! Though the letter did not specify, we are assuming it is for the total amount of \$10k.

Also, Koniag will be announcing the closing of Sometimes Island to motorized traffic in coming weeks. The area has been severely damaged by motorized use and is a known nesting and archaeological site. Signage will be posted soon and letters sent to local agencies & organizations.

Future Farmers of America (FFA) has resurfaced in Kodiak and has good potential for partnerships with ITN. Erin has some involvement with this group and hopes to get them involved in some of our restoration & environmental projects.

Patrick Saltonstall: Regrets his expected absence from upcoming projects including Pillar Creek CoastWalk and Portage Trail project. He hopes to assist with marine debris reporting through sharing databases of local setnetters who are already collecting archeological information for the Alutiiq museum.

Erin Harrington: Thanked ITN for appointing her to the board. We're glad to have you, Erin!

Upcoming Meetings: May 29, 12:00-1:30 PM, Chamber Conference Room.

Adjournment: Saltonstall moved to adjourn. Lachowsky seconded. Carried 5-0. Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Also in Attendance:

Eric Engvall
Hans Tschersich
Barb Volpe