

ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

Minutes of Regular Meeting

10/04/07

Call to order: Whipple called meeting to order 12:05 PM 10/04/07 in the Chamber Conference Room.

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

Approval of Agenda: Saltonstall moved to approve the agenda as presented. Lachowsky seconded. Carried 5-0.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Harrington moved to approve the minutes of the 8/15/07 meeting as amended, Saltonstall seconded. Carried 5-0.

Deleted: .

Old Business:

Island Lake Trail: Schroeder reported that at the 9/25 P&RC meeting, the Island Lake Trail was on the agenda. At the meeting both Mike Sirofchuck, P&RC Chair and Bud Cassidy, Community Development Director for KIB, suggested that a trails non-profit like ITN would be a good candidate to coordinate the project. Schroeder, who serves on the committee, said he would put it on the agenda for the next ITN meeting. The scope of work allows a grant of \$48,000 for work that "may include, but is not limited to, upgrade and improvements along Island Lake Trail." Lachowsky had questions regarding language in the scope of work regarding the limitation on administrative fees to the grant. Shaw voiced concern over the expected timeline of completion. All agreed that these concerns could be dealt with at a later date. Board passed resolution 07-05 authorizing "2007-2008 management of Island Lake trail improvement project in conjunction with Kodiak Island Borough."

Logo: Results of the logo election were presented to the board. Logo "C" which received the most votes was presented along with 4 minor variations of the logo which may be easier to print or find matching fonts through different printers. The board agreed on to keep logo "C" intact when possible, and eliminate the background gradient when necessary, replacing it with a brown or green outline.

New Business:

Strategic Planning: SP Committee member Harrington reported that the committee met 9/27 to discuss how to approach the planning process.

ITN will request assistance from Alaska Trails or NPS-RTCA (Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance) to facilitate a closed-door workshop involving the directors that will mark the first step in developing a long-term strategy. A mid-winter annual meeting will be the first opportunity to share these draft objectives with the membership and allow for additions & modifications to the plan. This second draft will be the starting point for a more formal strategic planning process to take place thereafter.

Trails Summit: Discussion of holding a mid-winter “trails summit” weekend to feature trail training, keynote speakers, and hold an annual meeting. Alaska Trails could export their trail training modules to train trail crews for the forthcoming Island Lake trail project (bridge/boardwalk construction, sustainable trail concepts etc.). Guest speakers could include thru-hikers of the Appalachian trail, Inca trail, etc. No venue has been discussed but a rough timeline could include a keynote speaker(s) Friday night, first training module Saturday, annual meeting Saturday night, second training module Sunday. Direction to staff was to research alternatives and give a more thorough presentation at the next meeting.

Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: Paper copy was circulated.

Executive Director’s Report: Paper copy was circulated. In addition, E.D. mentioned that the strategic plan would not be in place in time to guide ITN through its second field season. Under the direction of the board, he will pursue development & maintenance of urban trails as a top priority for the 2008 field season, with motorized trails, coastal stewardship, and education/safety remaining high priorities. He identified several grants which ITN may choose to apply for over the winter months.

Communications: None.

Audience Comments:

Terry Michalski: Thanked ITN for attending newcomers’ fair but asked that we place increased emphasis on responsible ATV riding through printed materials & other forms of outreach.

Board Member Comments:

Rob Lachowsky: Said the signage on Sometimes Island appears to be intact and asked Koniag how the new regulations are taking hold. Whipple replied that it seems to be working and some new vegetation has been taking hold in the eroded areas.

Erin Harrington: Will be in Juneau next week and has scheduled a meeting with George Shauff, E.D. of Trail Mix. She will be collecting ideas regarding fundraising and forming partnerships and looks forward to sharing the results of the meeting with our board. She congratulated ITN on its success at Summit Lake and wishes she could take part.

Paul Shaw: Was disappointed not to have taken part in this year's trail work. Congratulated the board on a few early wins and the momentum it has achieved in its first year. Recommended the board seek compensation for its staff.

Patrick Saltonstall: Said he "echoed Paul's comments".

Erin Whipple: ITN attended the USCG newcomers' fair September 19th & enlisted several new memberships. She also gave a presentation to the Fair Board through FFA & encouraged the equestrian community to become involved with ITN and provide input to our strategic plan.

Upcoming Meetings: Thursday, November 1st, 2007, 12:00-1:30 Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Also in Attendance:

Terry Michalski
Sahale Shaw