

ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

Minutes of Regular Meeting
6/05/08

Call to order: Whipple called meeting to order 12:05 PM 6/05/08 in the Chamber Conference Room.

Quorum: A quorum was established with Whipple, Lachowsky, Glaspell, Harrington, Hansen and Foreman present.

Approval of Agenda: Harrington requested to add "Board Contracts" to old business. Schroeder requested to add "Fundraiser" to new business. Foreman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Glaspell seconded. Carried 6-0.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Whipple pointed out addition of "said" in line 1 of "City of Kodiak Trails". Foreman moved to approve the minutes of 4/9/08 as amended. Harrington seconded. Carried 6-0.

Old Business:

Trails Summit Wrap-up: Schroeder thanked the board for a successful fundraiser. Over \$4000 was raised, with 55 new addresses added to the membership list. Whipple said that several members requested to add multiple email addresses, not just one primary for a family membership. Whipple asked if we have we have collected payment for the auction items. Schroeder replied that we had for Shuyak, but not for the others. Hans Tschersich will be contacted for the dinner cruise. Erin Harrington for the portage cabin, and Ralph Gibbs/Betsy Lund for the Afognak Cabin. Written thank-yous will be sent out to FITC, KFRC, KNWR, Big Al's, as well as each speaker, Alaska Trails, ASP, Marion & Marty Owen, Bear Becker, and USFWS Staff. Board agreed we should have this again next year, and begin regular presentations this fall/winter. Foreman challenged board and staff to maximize training opportunity and fill the classrooms, which was the weakest point of the fundraiser. Foreman suggested and Whipple agreed that we should hold these on separate weekends next year.

Island Lake Trail: Bridge design needs approval. Needs to get multiple quotes. Paulsen suggested Matthew Lloyd could provide leverage to push this project forward in June. He has just over a month of eligibility to complete the project for Eagle Scout. Meeting was suggested with Lloyd, Whipple, Schroeder, Paulsen and Cassidy as soon as practical. Schroeder will work with Lloyd to get quotes from Rippey and Spenard's ahead of time.

Harrington suggested that long-term, we figure out how to take over all aspects of a project like this. She suggested Trail Mix may provide example contracts which would be helpful. She suggested an MOU be proposed to assembly to accomplish this.

Paulsen believes Matthew is available 28-29 June, though Paulsen himself will be gone. (Saltonstall enters). Meeting with KIB tentatively scheduled for 1 PM Monday, June 9.

Summit Lake Trail: Schroeder provided financial update to project. SAGA crews will be on island the week of August 3rd (exact dates to be determined). They are asking for a down payment on a total cost of \$8195, and will accept final payment upon completion of the project. So far board has approved up to \$8000 for the project. Harrington moved to approve \$8195 for completion of the Summit Lake project. Foreman seconded. Passed 7-0. Whipple added that we did not receive a grant from Polaris this year despite a strong application and indications that they were pleased with our previous work. Future grant opportunities include applications for ORTAB available July 1st. We should invite Susie Byersdorfer, who sits on the ORTAB committee to next meeting. Whipple asked for increased board participation in the field projects, particularly Summit Lake and also Island Lake Trails.

Board Contracts: Harrington would like to put together a pledge form to specify each board member's contribution to the organization, to help focus your commitment. Circulated draft form, suggested we talk about it at the next meeting.

New Business:

Fundraiser: Schroeder gave background on a past kayaking client Mary Smith, who is also Director of Marketing for seafood buyer Plitt Co., learning about ITN projects and wanting to support ITN efforts in the future. Smith had emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship to Plitt, and applauded ITN's environmental efforts. In prior emails to Schroeder and Brown, Smith had suggested a three-way partnership with the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a seafood cook-off or dinner as a fundraiser during a Plitt Co. visit to Kodiak on June 17/18. Trevor Brown described the Star of Kodiak Grant, the Kodiak Seafood Marketing Board and their potential role in any event as willing to cater or provide funding for food for an event as long as it were open to the public. Harrington objected to a full-scale fundraiser on such short notice. Harrington, Foreman and Michalski agreed. Foreman pointed out the potential future benefits of such a partnership and suggested a reception or informal event may lay groundwork for something bigger in the future. Schroeder suggested a marine debris presentation at KNWR

Visitor Center, perhaps inviting Bob King and/or Tom Gemmell (MCAF) to be a featured speaker. Schroeder, Foreman, and Brown agreed to meet after adjournment to develop these ideas.

Reports: Executive Director's report was circulated in hardcopy. Schroeder gave verbal financial overview in lieu of Treasurer's Reports.

Communications: Member Rae Jean Blaschka letter read aloud. She would like to see more small maintenance projects on existing trails, specifically mentioning North End culverts and water bars. Lachowsky suggested that ITN volunteers could clean out culverts and through an arrangement with the city or borough, ITN gets money for it. Schroeder asked if it could be recommended at the upcoming discussion of Near Island trails at the June 24 city work session. Foreman and Whipple advised Schroeder to approach Linda Freed with the idea but admonished to not mix this new idea with existing communications to the council. They've got enough to think about with our letter.

Comments:

Erin Whipple: Is leaving next Wednesday for 5 days.

Harrington: Was hiking south end Near island and encountered dirt bikes and ATVs. 2 kids were riding on Near Island. When confronted, they said somebody at Trident basin had said it's okay to do so. Foreman suggested an email to Linda Freed, carbon copy to T.C. Kamai, asking to make sure people are aware of the City's policy on no motorized vehicles on their land.

Lachowsky: Advised board to call Whipple at 942-5155 until 11 PM if anyone's riding at sometimes island. Lachowsky will also be volunteering this summer in wounded warrior projects.

Glaspell: Will be gone rest of month, back on 28th.

Foreman: Nothing.

Patrick: Will be gone today until 16th. Schroeder should send minutes directly to board.

Michalski: Suggested a new business membership opportunity where a business could place an ITN sticker in their storefront window to show support for our efforts.

Upcoming Meetings: Next regular meeting. Personnel committee meeting. Dates & times TBD.

Adjournment: Saltonstall moved to adjourn, Harrington seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Also present: Terry Michalski
Trevor Brown
Barbara Chase
Steve Paulson