

## ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
3/04/08

**Call to order:** Whipple called meeting to order 12:05 PM 4/09/08 in the Chamber Conference Room.

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

**Approval of Agenda:** Foreman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Glaspell seconded. Carried 7-0.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Harrington moved to approve the minutes of 3/4/08. Saltonstall seconded. Carried 7-0.

### **Introductions:**

### **Old Business:**

**Trails Summit:** Schroeder outlined the updated presentation schedules. In answering questions from the last meeting, 15 advanced students will be instructed in "Trail Layout" on Saturday and 25 novices in "Principles of Sustainable Trails" on Saturday, for a total of 40 students trained. The KFRC conference room has been reserved for the summit. The latest version of the itinerary was distributed, and suggests moving all four speakers to Friday night and canceling the Saturday night event to take care of a conflict with a KMXT fundraiser. Schroeder will see if the McCords can reschedule for Friday night and come to Kodiak a day early.

The chosen venue for Friday night's event is the KNWR Visitor's Center, with a seating capacity of 60. Glaspell added that food is acceptable, but getting an alcohol permit is impractical. Foreman and Harrington volunteered to organize the food for the event, hopefully with assistance from Lund (not present, but a prior volunteer). Pizza from Big Al's will be served outside the meeting room, to allow for maximum seating inside. Doors open at 6, presentations at 6:30.

Harrington volunteered to implement the advertising campaign to include CG bulletin board, KVOK, KMXT, KDM, and listings on online calendars KMXT, Kodiak.org and Sustainable Kodiak.

For fundraising, Harrington suggested a door entry fee of \$25 (individual) or \$35 (family) that includes your membership to ITN. If you have already joined for 2008 the fee will go towards your 2009 membership. This idea

was well received. For additional fundraising, Foreman suggested finding one or two high end items to auction off. Michalski recommended auctioning one item between each speaker, with optional items auctioned after the speakers, for a total of 3-4 "big ticket" auction items. Bear Becker or a similar personality will be sought as the auctioneer. Schroeder thought that local retailers would be willing to donate. Saltonstall suggested we not recreate the Mud ball. A short list of auction items offered at the meeting included an Afognak DNR cabin (Kevin Murphy), a berth on the Shuyak marine debris cleanup (Andy Schroeder), and a stay at the Koniag Yurt (Erin Whipple). Marty and Marion Owen and Mike O'Neill will also be asked to donate trips. (Hansen excused at 1:00 PM)

Jillian Morrissey has recently contacted Schroeder about fees for the training, presumably to cover travel expenses. Schroeder will try to keep costs of training small to encourage volunteers, absorbing training costs through the fundraising event as funding permits. Lodging for the instructors will be coordinated with Brian (KNWR bunkhouse) and/or Terry (Rezanof Dr. apartment).

#### **City of Kodiak trails:**

Schroeder circulated a copy of the letter ITN sent to the City Council. He outlined how the City Manager, Linda Freed, had asked that he provide amplifying information on project and planning costs. Schroeder described how the Near Island trail might be built with SAGA crew labor in 2009, with layout chosen at this spring's trails summit. Foreman asked how soon these funds would need or be allowed to be obligated. Schroeder knew only that Freed had asked for costs estimates, but didn't know for what year she had in mind.

Foreman suggested that since this year is already booked for field work, we should focus on planning and design this upcoming fall/winter, and look at field work in 2009. The city should know that we don't have time this field season to do this but we could take advantage of the expertise we're going to have here in May. Cassidy advised to make the city council aware of who you are, who you're aligned with, the kinds of things you've done. This could include the Partnership with Borough on Island Lake Trail. Whipple added that we must have specific markers & milestones, and to clarify what it's going to cost this year. Mention to the city that we will come back to them in FY09 with some potential cost estimates. She added that we should see if there's design money for this fiscal year, since the city fiscal year ends June 30. Foreman added that they're already deep into the budget process for the July 1 budget, and directed staff to find out what she wants from us for each step.

Schroeder reported that it's the time of year when the borough can reclaim properties with overdue taxes, and that the KIB P&RC recommended 3 trail easements and 1 property repossessed. Cassidy confirmed that if the property is claimed public, the owners right to reclaim the property ceases, although this is a difficult process to complete.

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM there is an Assembly meeting with P&Z to discuss land disposals. Cassidy plans to broaden discussion to include comprehensive lands management plan. There are not only lands to sell but lands to purchase, easements to acquire. One hot spot is behind Beaver and Dark Lakes, where there are some properties subject to disposal. Another area is the right hand side of the road past Bell's Flats on the way towards Cliff Point.

Foreman suggested reminding the Assembly to partake in land management, zoning ordinances. She hates to see the assembly leaping off into a land sale situation before assessing it in light of the recently updated comprehensive plan. Harrington was disheartened by the sale of land.

Whipple says we don't have time to develop a formal position, but it's going to be an ongoing process. Keep the emotion out of it, but encouraged board and interested ITN members to attend and to attest to the value of public lands. There is a new recognition of trails and open spaces. We're also moving into a housing slump. The assembly has a chance to sit back and think about it. If we all can express these few valid points it might have an impact.

Saltonstall added that a Borough comprehensive trails plan is in the works and noted that a lot of land management language should be in it.

Foreman excused at 1:25. Cassidy says there's value in having this discussion because we can influence the policies adopted into the code.

**Adjournment:** Saltonstall moved to adjourn, Harrington seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM. Comments and reports moved to next meeting.

**Also present:** Terry Michalski  
Barbara Chase  
Kevin Murphy  
Bud Cassidy