

ISLAND TRAILS NETWORK

Minutes of Regular Meeting 1/27/11

Call to order: Slater called the meeting order 12:15 PM 1/27/11 in the KNWR Visitor's Center conference room. The meeting had to be moved because of a scheduling conflict at the Chamber of Commerce conference room.

Quorum: A quorum was established with Slater, Foreman, Tschersich, Saltonstall, Glaspell, Francis and Windnagle present.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Slater announced the Winter Use Trails committee meeting notes as a recent addition to the consent agenda, to move Elections to item "b" of unfinished business and to reorder Youth Workforce Programs to item "c". Francis moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Saltonstall seconded. Passed 7-0.

Audience Comments: None.

Unfinished Business:

Board Development: Slater highlighted recent efforts at board development and encouraged the board to continue to maximize their contribution of time and leadership to ITN. Those considering officer a higher level of commitment should consider officer positions. Glaspell noted that those considering future presidency may consider Vice President or a "President-elect" as a good opportunity to gain officer experience. Foreman suggested Schroeder consider listing officer succession in the bylaws. Schroeder asked board to make their annual financial contribution to ITN within the next two weeks by online contribution or check. This is partially to meet Rasmuson foundation requirements for grants.

Elections: Francis and Saltonstall expressed a willingness to renew their board commitment for another three year term. Slater said she had confirmed with Persselin her desire serve another term as well. Foreman moved to extend the terms of Saltonstall, Francis and Persselin until December 31, 2013. Glaspell seconded. Passed 7-0.

Slater, Foreman, Saltonstall and Francis expressed a willingness to continue serving as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. No others were nominated for officer positions. A vote was taken by secret ballot, with the results as follows: President, 7 votes for Laura Slater; Vice President, 7 votes for Pam Foreman; Secretary, 7 votes for Patrick Saltonstall; Treasurer, 7 votes for Sara Francis.

Youth Workforce Programs: Schroeder summarized a request from an Oct 20 meeting with Alan Austerman to have ITN administer a youth workforce program. Schroeder provided a handout of what such a program would look like for ITN, outlined a simplified budget, and cited several examples of project outputs that would serve both ITN strategic goals and the needs of partner agencies. He is reading up on labor laws regarding teens. Glaspell said total costs are typical of such programs and cited similar programs within USFWS. Schroeder recommended ITN pursue funding through the legislature for such a program. Saltonstall moved to proceed with developing a youth workforce program, and to submit a proposal to the Alaska legislature by the end of February. Windnagle seconded. Passed 7-0.

New Business:

Trails Summit: Betsy Lund volunteered to chair committee. Foreman, Tschersich, Glaspell, and Sandra West volunteered to serve on the committee. Event and milestone dates, venues, and conflicting events were discussed. Current date is set for April 8th, and Lund and Schroeder will

ensure no conflicts with marine science symposium, statewide envirothon, KVOK/St. Jude telethon, or COASST training. If date remains April 8th the deadline for submissions will be March 24th, with film selections occurring March 26th. Schroeder and Lund will be on vacation March 13-26. Tschersich volunteered to assist with AV and quality issues, and to conduct an iMovie workshop prior to the submission deadline.

Audience Comments: West said the USCG is celebrating the 70th anniversary of military presence in Kodiak and the centennial of naval aviation this June. She hopes to put on a mountain bike race, which might be used to raise awareness of the bike path.

Director Comments: Glaspell introduced the Grand Slam challenge, a USFWS Alaska region initiative to connect people to the outdoors. ITN and others are eligible for up to \$10k grants to support projects and events that meet these goals. Grand submission deadline is March 1st.

Salstonstall said he received a letter from Susan Payne about concerns about the Anton Larsen Bay trail, that it was overbuilt, overused and undersigned. Schroeder added that he would include letters like these in communications in the future. Slater suggested a public meeting with Anton Larsen Bay residents, if necessary.

Upcoming Meetings: To be determined.

Adjournment: Foreman moved to adjourn the meeting. Windnagle seconded. Passed 7-0
Meeting adjourned at 1:55

Also present: Sandra West, Betsy Lund