

**Girdwood Trails Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

Call to Order

Carolyn called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Kate Sandberg took minutes. Others present were Diana Livingston, Jonnie Lazarus, Todd Foisy, Sean Stash, Lisa Portune, Norman Starkey, Matt Wedeking, Deb Essex, John Gallup, Dwaine Schuldt, and Sue Kennedy.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes, November 3 and December 1, 2009

The sets of both minutes were approved.

Introduction of Guests

John Cornell, Mark Dalpes, and Mik Jedlicka were welcomed.

Old Business

Trails Issues

Alyeska Highway Bike Path Grant—No news yet.

Hand Tram Maintenance Schedule—John Gallup volunteered to regularly maintain the hand tram, and Norma will contact Walt Inis to see if he would inspect the tram yearly. Trails or Parks and Recreation would pay Walt for this service. Jonnie has a yearly schedule for maintenance, which was developed by Dave Wilson.

Conex and Shed—Jonnie and John G. agreed that we would have a conex by the summer. They will keep us informed about the purchase.

Winter Grooming—Volunteers have been doing a lot of work for winter grooming. Things accomplished or discussed were:

- Jonnie said that the fuel card is still not working. The person getting the fuel needs to take Jonnie with him or her until the card works.
- Sean has cleaned out the shed and left some plastic fencing outside to make room for other things. It is agreed that this is fine.
- Sean said he would be the main contact for grooming.
- Eben Stone and Andy Morrison are digging out some leftover wood at Crockett's bridge, near the Enchanted Forest, and putting it next to the

shed for the time being. The wood is three sheets of 4'x8'x3/4" green plywood, four beams of 6'x6'x14' or 16', and eight beams of 4'x8'x8'. They will use the snow machine to haul this.

- Deb has put a helmet in the shed for groomer use.
- Jonnie has had all groomers sign the release form.
- The Committee settled on the names of the various meadows for groomers' communication about their work.
- The Committee discussed having etiquette signs at the main entrances to the trail system. It was agreed that these would not be read. However, maps would be a good idea and need to be pursued.

Holtan Hills and Iditarod Trail Realignment--Carolyn reported that Alison Smith of HLB assured her that there would be a 50-foot easement (25-foot setback on either side of the trail) for the areas where the National Historic Iditarod Trail will have to be realigned. Alison said that the Trails Committee will be a part of the decision of where the trail will go, and that the developer will be responsible for replacing the trail.

The Committee still advocates for a 200-foot easement, and Dwaine will go to the Planning and Zoning meeting on January 6 to voice this at the Holtan Hills hearing.

Jonnie and Kate will research the status of Tiny Creek's dedication and GBOS's and HLB's support of that dedication.

Lastly, Dwaine will talk to Kevin Keehler, Iditarod Trail Coordinator from the Bureau of Land Management, about coming to one of our meetings to discuss the Iditarod in the Girdwood valley.

Other Trail Issues

- Sanding the Bike Path--Carolyn will talk to Nick Danger about the lack of sanding the bike path during the Christmas rain and ice.
- Todd expressed concern about the Virgin Creek Falls trailhead's integrity with a lot's "for sale" sign right next to it. It was confirmed that there is already an easement to protect the trailhead.

Budget and Grants

Jonnie will create a calendar for the year's upcoming grant deadlines.

Wish List for Purchases

Members agreed to spend approximately \$3,000.00 this year for transportation and spreading of Portage gravel.

New Trails Map

Members decided to have one map, not two, of the valley's trails. Winter and summer trails will be on the same map. A subcommittee was formed of Carolyn, Norman, and Todd, and John C. They will report to the Committee next meeting.

Norman will find out who published the Resort's map.

Updates

- *Girdwood Area Trail Plan*—No report.
- *Next Topic for the Turnagain Times Article*—After brainstorming, no clear topic was decided; however, there seems to be some confusion in the community about the difference between the Girdwood Nordic Ski Club (GNSC) and the Trails Committee. Deb said that she is writing an article now about GNSC and will clarify that distinction. She'll send that article to Kate and Carolyn. The topic will be identified at a later date.
- *Trail Signage*—The meadow signs are already in place for groomers, so Jonnie will not need to add more signs for Riley Cronk's students at this time.
- *Hand Tram Cable*—The left over piece of cable is at Alpine Air.

New Business

The slate of Carolyn Brodin as Chair, Brian Burnett as Vice Chair, and Kate Sandberg as Secretary was voted and approved unanimously pending Brian's willingness to be Vice Chair. If he is unable, there will be an election next month for that office.

Other Business

Jonnie and Kate will look into buying a digital tape machine for the Committee.

The Committee will begin to reevaluate its Operating Procedures document next month.

Carolyn announced that Gold Stitchers have contacted her, and they would like to donate a quilt to a raffle that benefits the Trails Committee. The raffle winner will be announced at the Fungus Fair Formal. Carolyn will look into a gaming permit and printing 500 tickets. If all the tickets are sold, we will most likely earn \$2,000 minus \$250 for materials and Four Valley's permit usage cost. The Committee thanks Gold Stitchers for their generosity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is February 2, 7:00 p.m., Girdwood Community Center