

**Girdwood Trails Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1, 2011**

Call to Order

Carolyn Brodin called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Jonnie Lazarus recorded the proceedings. Others present were Diana Livingston, Eileen Halverson, Teresa Paquet, Debra Croghan, Dwaine Schuldt, Michelle Tenny, Todd Foisy, Brian Burnett, Carol Sanner, Alison Rein, Tom Yeager, and David Chadwick, GBOS.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with one addition, Support for Bridge, to Other Business.

Approval of Minutes, February 1, 2011

The minutes were approved as written.

Introduction of Guests

No guests.

Old Business

Trail Issues

Hand Tram--

- *RAC Grant*--Thanks to Alison Rein, writer, the RAC Committee will award Girdwood Trails Committee \$50,000 to rehabilitate the hand tram system. When the announcement is official, the money will be in care of Girdwood, Inc. With the \$10,000 designated for the hand tram (see February 2011 Minutes), Trails has \$60,000 designated for this project.

This is a two-phase project. Phase one will be to hire a tram or structural engineer to assess what is needed to refurbish the system with safety and ease of pulling foremost in mind. Brian will send Jonnie names and contact information of engineers who have worked for Alyeska. The second phase is the actual work done. There is more grant money available from the RAC, and if we get the engineer's assessment in time, we may apply.

- *Cams*—After discussion, cams will continue to be explored. Jonnie reported that MOA gave her a cost of \$1000.
- *Rope*—Jonnie will order a back-up rope.

Grooming—The sled has been working well and Jim Braham is monitoring fuel. More groomers have stepped forward after Sean left.

Other Trail Issues

- *Bike Path Safety*--Brian asked David Chadwick to see about the safety of the Alyeska Highway Bike Path between Arlberg and Donner. The snow has made it unsafe for pedestrians and bikers. David will call John Gallup, GBOS Roads.
- *Moose Meadow Parking Lot*—the designing process is on hold.

Budget and Grants

Committee members agreed that Teresa doesn't need to pursue the Rasmuson grant until we have the hand tram engineer's report

New Trails Map

Carolyn and Todd presented their work on a summer and a winter map. The Committee was pleased with the results and gave recommendations for changes. Among those recommendations were: inclusion of date of map and sponsor logos, color usage, change in Beaver Pond and Upper Winner Creek listings, and addition of CPG trail over their bridge for clarification. The layout was discussed, and it was agreed that some maps will be printed for distribution and the online version will be available on many sites.

Carolyn and Todd will send out these changes before the next meeting, so members can respond. The goal for the finished product is May 1.

Review--Memorandum of Understanding with US Forest Service

Alison, USFS, reported that she and colleagues, had looked carefully at the changes to the new document and they have two suggestions for further change.

First is page 1, Section B, paragraph 2, first sentence. The Forest Service is also responsible for easements. The phrase "or easements" needs to be added back to the end of the sentence.

Second is Section D, #9. The entire paragraph should be removed as it is not part of an agreement, but rather a fact, and is incongruent with the rest of the section.

The Committee agreed with these changes and added that the agreement be in effect for five years after the signing of the document, not October 15, 2015.

Carolyn will write to John Rodda about these suggestions.

Updates

- *Nordic Ski Club* –No news
- *Conex Work Party, May 7-8*—John Gallup will head this project—roofing and painting the conex. Members are encouraged to save the date.

- *March Report to GBOS*—Diana or Brian will represent Trails at the GBOS meeting.

New Business

National Trails Day, June 4, 2011—Alison announced to save this date for work on Girdwood trails. Diana suggested coordinating with the Nordic Ski Club.

Elections—A slate was approved by a motion and vote of Carolyn Brodin, Chair; Brian Burnett, Vice Chair; and Kate Sandberg, Secretary for 2011.

Other Business

Trail Rondy Flyer--Palmer, April 15-17, 2011--Kate sent out the flyer during the past month.

Support for Bridge Project--Carol Sanner asked for the Trails Committee's support for repairing MOA's bridge that is above the Upper Crow Creek residential community. A motion passed to support this project. Carolyn will send Tim Charnon an email to inform him of the support.

**Next Meeting—April 5, 2011
Alyeska Day Lodge 7:00 pm**