

**Girdwood Trails Committee  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Brian Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Kate Sandberg took minutes. Others present were Dwaine Schuldt, Norman Starkey, Matt Wedeking, Jonnie Lazarus, and Alison Rein. Rob Hammel was welcomed.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**Approval of Minutes, August 2, 2011**

The minutes were approved as written.

**Introduction of Guests**

None

**Old Business**

Trail Issues

- Hand Tram Renovation—During the past month, a small child fell off the platform of the tram and down the slope to the creek. The tram did not fail mechanically.

Aerial Tramways will be here in early October. Jonnie will ask them for an estimate letter after their visit.

- Letter to USFS—Bridge—Discussion continued about support for a bridge near the hand tram. Opinions varied widely. Ideas discussed: Alison will talk to the Fire Department to see if further rescue training is advisable for the tram; Jonnie asked if the Trails Committee would agree to a \$3,000 liability insurance policy, paid through GBOS; and a trail could be built down to the creek for emergency access.

- Improvements to Deb's Way—Kate mentioned that next summer's trail work might include gravel and ditching of Deb's Way. It currently is dangerous because of the mud and angle of the hill. The Committee agreed, and Jonnie will find out what utility has the easement.

- Other Trail Issues--None

Budget and Grants

Jonnie said that there is general GBOS support for the Trails Committee budget, but that an email to all GBOS members would help. Budget meetings are in September. Members are encouraged to send an email for the following budget:

\$5,000	Materials
1,500	Winter grooming
1,500	Fuel for grooming
1,000	Advertising/Maps
20,000	Trail Work
6,000	Hand Tram

No survey work next year. Jonnie will email the budget to Carolyn, Brian, and Kate.

*Response to Chugach State Park New Draft Plan*

The draft response time has been extended to October 31, so the Committee will need to write a letter next month. Matt, Chief Ranger for CSP, is researching the history of the CA Creek Trailhead to see how Girdwood should respond to the proposal to take it over from CSP. Matt will forward what he finds to the Committee.

*Updates*

*MoU—MOA Legal*—Jonnie reported that Janice Crocker, GBOS Parks and Recreation Supervisor, is investigating the lag time. Jonnie will contact the Committee when she hears from Janice.

*Moose Meadow Trailhead*—Jonnie presented the concept to GBOS last month will go again this month.

*New Nordic Loop*—There will be no work this summer because the Nordic Ski Club is still finding funds to finish the project.

*Beaver Pond Trail System Easements and Survey*—Jonnie brought the completed survey maps of the system, and the final documents for the easement should be completed by January 2012. She will ask to have the maps put on the Girdwood Trail Committee website.

Members agreed that our next easement project should be the Iditarod realignment in the lower valley.

*September GBOS Meeting Representative*—Brian will attend.

**New Business**

None

**Other Business**

The CA Creek bridge in the lower valley is broken again.

The Forest Service has been granted an easement for the Winner Creek Trail through HLB lands. This new easement is from the "T, across the gorge bridge, then

to Crow Creek Road. They need this in order to replace the Winner Creek Gorge bridge, which is being widened to accommodate mechanized trail maintenance and emergency vehicles.

Jonnie mentioned that both Carolyn and Kate are in their last months of service as officers for Trails, and new officers will need to be elected in December or January.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

**Next meeting -October 4, 2011  
Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 pm**