

**Girdwood Trails Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2, 2011**

Call to Order

Carolyn Brodin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Jonnie Lazarus recorded the minutes. Others present were Dwaine Schuldt, Elaine Halverson, Michelle Tenny, Norman Starkey, and Alison Rein.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes, July 5, 2011

The July 5, 2011, minutes were approved with one deletion.

Introduction of Guests

None

Old Business

Trail Issues

- *Hand Tram Issues*—It is not known if Brian contacted Superior Tramways. Dwaine has contacted Unique Machine and will contact General Mechanics for design estimates. Jonnie said that HLB will sign off on a new permit for the tram in a few weeks.

- *Moose Meadow Trailhead Progress*—Even with the Arlberg extension approval, members will move forward with the trailhead. Jonnie will present the concept to LUC next week and ask for a letter of non-objection, ask Janice Crocker (Parks and Rec GBOS representative) to bring the concept to GBOS for approval, then approach MOA for design plans and

construction.

- *Letter to USFS about Bridge Over Glacier Creek*—After considerable discussion, members decided to postpone a letter of support for the USFS proposed bridge over Glacier Creek near the tram. Those present discussed advantages of having no bridge which were: liability for huge snowfalls on bridge, sight location of potential bridge, tram as unique draw to Girdwood, other continuous trails for hiking and biking, value of hand tram without bridge, and impact on environment with building a bridge. Alison will discuss these issues with Ranger Charnon and will email the Committee.
- *Other Trail Issues*—It was noted that Upper Winner Creek Trail is in need of some brushing of high grass.

Budget and Grants

- *Preparation for GBOS Budget*—Jonnie has moved money to show better the Trails Committee needs: \$6,000 Hand Tram, \$6,000 Materials, \$600 Conex, \$1500 Grooming & Snow Work, \$24,000 Trail Work. Not included in the budget is surveying of trails.
- Jonnie will correspond with Janice Crocker about this budget.

Summer Crew Work Summary

The work done was praised by all present. Questions were raised as to how much money was saved. Jonnie will have this information at a later date.

John Gallup will have a plaque in his name on the conex to thank him for his work.

Response to Chugach State Park New Draft Plan

No news.

Updates

- MoU—MOA Legal—Jonnie will contact Dee Ennis for the update.
- Beaver Pond Trail System Easements and Survey—Jonnie said that the easements for Beaver Pond, CA Creek, and Abe's Trails will be completed in a few months.
- August GBOS Meeting Representative—Carolyn will make sure this is covered.

New Business

None

Other Business

Winter maps are available online. The summer map distribution has been quite successful.

There is a sofa in the creek and trash-filled fire pits that need to be cleaned up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting is September 6, 2011
Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 pm**