**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Alyeska Day Lodge, 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Carolyn Brodin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Jonnie Lazarus recorded the meeting. Others present were Jim Braham, Diana Livingston, Sean Stash, Lisa Portune, Brian Burnett, Kyle Kidder, Michelle Tenny, Eileen Halverson, Deb Essex, Mik Jedicka, Sean Stash, and Teresa Paquet.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes, October 5, 2010**

The minutes were approved as written.

**Introduction of Guests**

Jaycey Harker, a new member, was welcomed.

**Old Business**

*Trail Issues*

* *Horror Hill Work*: The scoped work has been completed and all agreed that i

was well planned and well done. The orange tarp will be removed. Brian reported that Dario Martinez of Chugach Express is pleased with the result.

* *Hand Tram and RAC Application*: Jonnie reported that Alison Rein has been

working on the application and that Dave Wilson has given feedback as to what needs to be fixed. He agrees that the latch, carriage, guides for rope alignment, and towers need major work. The grant application requests that a structural engineer come to inspect and assess the scope of the necessary work.

The application deadline is November 30, and we will hear back in spring 2011.

 There is $600,000 to distribute in this region.

* *Grooming 2010-2011*: It was agreed that groomers will take care of existing

trails first, then the new Girdwood Nordic Ski Club loop when it is ready for skiers. This loop will double the necessary grooming time for volunteers from three to six hours if all trails are groomed at once.

Sean Stash will lead the volunteers again this year. He plans to contact the volunteers and meet with them next week to arrange details for the winter. They may have a schedule if the grooming is extensive. All is dependent on weather and the finishing of the loop. Sean will send a list of groomers to Jonnie so that MOA paperwork can be completed.

Sean reported that the snow machine is in working order, but that a maintenance check would be a good idea. The exhaust pipe needs to be extended, so exhaust doesn’t get in the groomer’s face. More oil will be needed by January 1.

* *Other Trail Issues*

Foot Bridge Near Tram: Jonnie said that Alison Smith of HLB will not allow both a hand tram and bridge to coexist on its land. Glenn Smith of MOA Risk Management was mildly more encouraging. As well, informally asked community members do not want a bridge near the hand tram. This will be reported to the USFS.

Tram Visual: Jim Brahams will do this month’s visual inspection of the hand tram.

Downed Trees: This last windstorm brought down trees on the Beaver Pond Trail, Lower Iditarod, and Virgin Creek Trails. These need to be cleared out.

Danich Trail: A local citizen cleared out the Joe Danich Trail this past month.

Map: The trail map needs to be finalized. Karl Madsen is no longer in Girdwood, so Carolyn will contact Todd Foisey.

*Budget and Grants*

Jonnie reported that Trails received all the money it requested from GBOS. The Committee thanked Jonnie for her hard, attentive work on this.

Diana announced that we have $15,124.82 in Girdwood Inc.’s account and that all the current bills have been paid.

One resident who lives near the conex wants siding put on soon.

MOTION: Move to allocate up to $2,000 for siding of the conex. (Jonnie, Diana seconded)

After discussion, this motion was withdrawn. Siding may not be the best thing to do right this fall/winter. Carolyn will talk to the resident and ask for patience so that this coming summer we can put on a roof and paint the conex.

MOTION: To spend up to $300.00 on snow-removal implements and a ladder for snow removal off the conex roof. (Jonnie, Diana seconded)

After discussion, passed unanimously.

Sean will buy the implements and arrange for volunteers to remove snow off the roof.

*Trails Survey Issues*

Jonnie mentioned that Norman Starkey will walk the Beaver Pond Trail with Alison Rein, USFS Trail Planner, to see if the Y section does need to be realigned. This will impact our survey from the MOA.

It was agreed that the Beaver Pond Trail will be a grade 2-3 for hiking and come as close as possible to a bike standard. This includes hardening and widening the trail and where possible to enlarge the turn radius.

*Memorandum of Understanding*

The Memorandum changes from the MOA lawyer are on John Rodda’s desk. Jonnie will tell the committee when she hears back from him.

*Girdwood Trails Plan*

No progress.

*Updates*

* Nordic Ski Club Trail Building: The building is slowing down due to weather. The Club will not be putting in bridges over any ditches because the ditches will fill with snow.
* CA Creek Trailhead Easement: Matt was not present to confirm the status of the trailhead easement. Brian will call him.

**New Business**

None

**Other Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

**Next Meeting—December 7, 2010**

**Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 pm**