**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Brian Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Jonnie Lazarus recorded the proceedings. Others present were Diana Livingston, Sean Stash, Lisa Portune, Eileen Halverson, Teresa Paquet, Norman Starkey, Todd Foisy, Jaycey Harker, John Gallup, and Carol Sanner.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes, November 2, 2010**

The minutes were approved with one correction.

**Introduction of Guests**

None

**Old Business**

*Trail Issues*

 Grooming

Sean reported that grooming is going well. All agreed that the trails are in good shape and thanked Sean for his long hours of hard work. He had 9-10 people show up for the grooming orientation but is still looking for volunteers. He has 4-5 people who groom now. Sean got the new tools that were approved this fall and received the check from Diana.

All agreed that Horror Hill is no longer a horror and that the community appears to like the result. Alyeska Resort will help with grooming after three or more feet of snow stay on the valley floor.

 Other Trail Issues

*Hand Tram*--Jonnie announced that Jim Braham inspected the hand tram on November 29 and found the rope to be stiff and that the bearings need to be replaced. It was agreed that because the rope is so stiff that usage will not be an issue this winter.

*Bike Path Winter Safety*—John mentioned that the new contractor, APC, will be plowing and sanding the bike path as needed. Sanding will be a priority for pedestrian safety. Verbier Way’s path is not accepted yet, but will be plowed when accepted.

*Budget and Grants*

Last month Teresa volunteered to work on the American Hiking Society’s grant application. She will submit it by the December 15 deadline. Her application asks for $5000 to contribute to the survey and easement costs for Abe’s and CA Creek trails. Members thanked Teresa for her great work.

Diana said that Trails currently has $15,124.82.

*2011 Trails Map*

Todd said that he could now work on the 2011 Trails Map. Carolyn will call him to set up the process.

*Memorandum of Understanding*

No progress. Jonnie will talk to John Rodda again.

*Updates*

 Nordic Ski Club Trail—Brian said that the loop might be ready by the end of January; the contractor continues to work on it. He will send a letter to Jonnie to tell Parks and Recreation what the club’s grooming commitment will be this year.

 Hand Tram and RAC application—Alison Rein submitted the RAC application on time, and the entire group thanks her for her hard work on this project.

 Trail Survey—no news.

 Conex—John reported that 1) the funding for the trusses may exceed what is budgeted, and 2) he will hold a work party to build the roof in early May. SBS will design and permit the trusses for the conex roof. The MOA requires the permit stamp, so there is little way to avoid these costs. SBS can deliver and raise the trusses for $400. All agreed this was a good price. Eaves will be 16”.

The color of the conex was discussed at some length. It will likely be a dark brown and have a dark forest green roof. Carolyn will contact an upset community member to find out if this color scheme is satisfactory. John assured the committee that he will finish the job this spring; all thanked John for his faithful finishing of this project.

**New Business**

*Moose Meadow Trailhead Design*

Brian said that Tina Carlisle will present her drafted plans for the trailhead. It will include landscaping, parking, snow storage, and exits. There is no restroom planned.

**Other Business**

*Dog Problems*--The problem of XC skiers who do not clean up after their dogs was discussed. Sean said that nearly 85% of the feces are at the beginning of the Moose Meadow trail where people put on their skis. He will put a trashcan and sign and has put a poop bag dispenser there. He will also put similar items below Our Lady of the Snows. The Committee agreed that community education and changing values are necessary.

*Quilt Tickets*--Jonnie announced that all but a few quilt tickets are available for sale. Come to the Parks and Recreation office on Tuesday or Thursday to purchase one or to return any unsold tickets.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting—January 4, 2011**

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