**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, April 6, 2010**

Prior to the official meeting, the Committee met at the proposed conex site with John Gallup, GBOS and Trails Committee member. After discussion with John, the Committee agreed to place the new conex in an east-west configuration with a slanted roof that sheds snow north-south. The major portion of the roof will be on the south side and will reach to the average snow level. Neighbors will then see only the roof, not the conex. Other equipment will be stored under the south roof and in the conex. John will apply for permits and cut down alders this month. The conex will be painted this summer.

 The Committee then proceeded to the Day Lodge.

**Call to Order**

Carolyn Brodin called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Kate Sandberg took minutes. Others present were Jim Braham, Carol Sanner, Debra Croghan, Jonnie Lazarus, Molly McKinley, Norman Starkey, Sue Kennedy, Todd Foisy, Mic Jedlicka,

Mark Dalpes, Diana Livingston, Sean Stash.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes, March 2, 2010**

The minutes were approved as written.

**Introduction of Guests**

None

**Old Business**

*Trails Issues*

*--Hand Tram Schedule*—Jonnie has created a list for visually checking the tram. She will email committee members to see who will informally check the tram each month this summer. Kate will contact Di to see if Dave Wilson has agreed to certify the safety of the tram this year.

*--Alyeska Bike Path Repairs*—Carolyn reported that Isobel Roy (MOA) would like Trails Committee members to mark the most needed repairs when the snow and ice melt. This will be done in May. Isobel will arrange the repairs with the $19,000 left on our grant.

*--Spring Grooming*—After discussion, the Committee agreed that grooming would end when the groomers are unable to cross bare spots in Moose Meadow. There was discussion as to Horror Hill and that eventually it will need repair.

*--Holtan Hills/Chugach State Park Easements*—Matt will address this next month.

*--Trail Crews*—Brian will address this next month.

*--Other Trail Issues*—Carolyn reported that the USFS does not intend to plow the new Iditarod parking lot in winter due to traffic and safety concerns.

*Budget and Grants*

*--Parks & Recreation Paperwork*—Committee members filled out the volunteer forms required by MOA.

*--Conex*—Jonnie reported that the price of the conex will be approximately $4,700, which includes delivery. We have $6,000 budgeted for the entire process of buying, transporting, and installing the conex. It was agreed that the installation will have to be done carefully and will take a lot of time. We may want to use the Geoblock that the Resort owes us. Kate will email Brian to see when we can get that repaid.

Excavation and gravel for the pad may cost $3,000. Jonnie will email John Gallup to see what materials will be required for this project.

*--Anchorage Parks Foundation Grant*--The Committee agreed to apply for an Anchorage Parks Foundation matching grant due on May 14. Kate will go to the April 28 application workshop. This grant application will be directed at creating a sustainable Beaver Pond Trail. USFS has 7,500 tons of available gravel that is currently worth $13,000. The price will increase October 1 to $16,000.

Norman will draw a map of the trail and improvements needed. Jonnie will then contact Alison Rein to figure out the cost of these improvements. Carolyn will ask the GBOS for a letter of support.

*SAGA Planning*

Jonnie said that SAGA can only give us two weeks of work, although we have funding for three weeks. The Committee agreed to have Jonnie contact DNR, which has older teenage workers, to see if their schedule and crews would be appropriate for us. If DNR crews do not come, we will have $5,000 to spend on other items. Jonnie has “handyman” funding that may come available as well.

*New Trails Map*

Carolyn reported that she and Norman met with Carl Madsen, USFS. He will help with the map on his own time. This will be a visitors’ map. Carolyn will bring a mock-up to the May meeting.

*Updates*

*--Memorandum of Understanding*—Carolyn is working with the MOA Legal Department and hopes to have the document ready in a few months.

*--Girdwood Area Trails Plan*—no update

*--Girdwood Nordic Ski Club/Moose Meadow Parking Lot*—no update

*--Turnagain Times Article*—Next Topic—We will skip this coming month.

*--Quilters’ Raffle*—Carolyn will report raffle information to Rotary for the gaming permit.

**New Business**

Alison Rein is organizing Girdwood participation for National Trails Day, June 5. She intends to have volunteers work on the Iditarod, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Other Business**

Carolyn will look into the Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm Heritage Corridor Communities Association (KTCA). It was recommended that a representative from this group come to a Trails meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Next meeting is May 4, Girdwood Community Center, 7:00 p.m.