**Girdwood Trails Committee**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, September 7, 2010**

**Call to Order**

Brian Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Kate Sandberg took minutes. Others present were Jonnie Lazarus, Deb Essex, Norman Starkey, Jim Braham, Dwaine Schuldt, Diana Livingston, and Sean Stash.

**Approval of Agenda**

No action taken.

**Approval of Minutes, August 10, 2010**

The minutes were approved as written.

**Introduction of Guests**

The guests introduced themselves. Charlie Crangle and Kim Blommel are from Seward and have experience with creating Nordic trails. Kyle Kidder works for DNR on trail easements.

**Old Business**

*Trail Issues*

* Hand Tram Maintenance: Jonnie reported that Girdwood members of the USFS

Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) met and voted to make the hand tram their top priority. She also said that Dave Wilson will re-inspect the tram; his May report is in her office. She does not have the new cable yet.

Jim, Norman, and Brian volunteered to fix the cable and rope this coming week. They will take pictures and measurements of the car. Jonnie reminded people who check the tram to fill out the check list and return it to her for records.

The subcommittee of Alison, Norman, Brian, and Jonnie will meet this month to write the application for RAC (see August minutes).

* Other Trail Issues: None

*Budget and Grants*

The first 2011 GBOS budget hearing is September 14; the second is October 12. Jonnie will attend and propose the Trails budget. With approval from the Committee, she will ask for $45,000. Items are: Conex roof $4,500; Materials $5,000; Fuel $1,000; Winter grooming equipment and maintenance $1,500; Three weeks trail work $18,000; Hand Tram maintenance and inspection $3,000; and trail survey $12,000.

The Committee will readdress the budget and vote to approve next month.

*Trail Survey Issues*

The Beaver Pond survey has doubled in cost to over $23,000. The Dowl/HKM surveyor underestimated the logistics and condition of the trail. It is unclear how much we will be charged. Jonnie will keep us updated.

Kate has drafted a letter to Bill Mehner (HLB Executive Director) and John Rodda (Parks and Recreation Director) asking for clarification on the easement process. She will send out a revision this week to interested Committee members for feedback.

Kyle mentioned that DNR requires as a minimum for trail easements only accurate GPS data until the trail is 100 feet from non-state property. Then a professional survey is required. The Committee wonders why this is satisfactory for the state but not HLB.

*Memorandum of Understanding*

We are still waiting for the municipal lawyer, Rhonda Westover, to send her comments to us. Kate will contact her again.

*Quilt Raffle Tickets*

Jonnie passed out raffle tickets to sell. All agreed that the quilt is beautiful and expertly made. Members agreed that we need to have a picture of the quilt to help sell tickets. All the money earned goes to the Trails Committee. Jonnie will see if we can thank the quilters now with Fungus Fair items.

*Updates*

* Fungus Fair Auction Summary: No report yet on money earned. Brian mentioned how successful the Fun Run was and that Alyeska Resort would like to continue holding this race.
* Nordic Ski Club Trail Work: Deb said that the new trail is going in smoothly and will be ready for skiing this winter.
* LUC Procedural Issue: Kate announced for Carolyn that Sam Daniels, LUC Chair, will have a reminder on each LUC agenda that all land issues involving a trail must be addressed first at the Trails Committee. He will also ask each person who requests to be on the agenda if they need to go through Trails before coming to the LUC.

**New Business**

None

**Other Business**

* Members agreed that Jonnie contract out cutting the vents in the conex, rather than volunteer labor.
* Brian announced several races being held at the Resort this weekend, the Climbathon and Tram-to-Tram Relay.
* Deb announced that she has met with a contractor and an Army Corps of Engineers representative about fixing Horror Hill for skier safety. The section would not be realigned, only cleared of leaning trees and reshaped. Members agreed to meet next meeting at Horror Hill to evaluate the needed improvements and perhaps meet at Our Lady of the Snows Meadow Conference Room. Kate will try and reserve the room.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is October 5, 2010, 7:00 pm, location TBA