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**Membership Meeting  
April 10, 2009**

Call to order at 7:10 pm Board members present: (5) Dan Mayfield, Cathy Mayfield, Monica Thomas, Todd Rinaldi, Dan Kruse. Board members not present Margaret Billinger, Viki Kaas. Members present: (4 ) Judy Strong, Pierre Strong, Bruce Paulsen, Jack Campbell, (1) visitor Total: (10)

A motion was made by Dan Kruse to approve March 13, 2009 minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cathy Mayfield, note identification number change of Herning Trail. passed

**Treasurers Report**

- a) Account balance 450.15 for first quarter statement. (See attached report A).
- b) Received written notification of completion of 501c Non-profit filing from IRS. (Attachment B )
- c) Membership/donations link is now available on our website including letter needed for taxes, along with a single button for downloading to GPS.

**Reports/Updates**

**Membership Report:** 83 members.

- a) Jack Campbell asked that we donate a hat to Austin Hulmers as it was his idea to start trails in the valley many years ago ( i.e. Pioneer Peak Trail). In recognition for all the things he has done over the years. Dan Kruse made a motion to do so, Dan Mayfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. passed.

**Borough Report**

- a) Bruce Paulsen reported that Big Lake Trails Plan was passed March 16 in the Planning Department. IM number and Ordinance number will be forth coming from him, he will let us know when Assembly will here public comments. Bruce brought signage, Dan Kruse will store in his shed. Members for the Assembly Meeting time will be set aside for Trails Plan public comment we will need to attend to talk about trails. He also reported that the Planning Department is looking into having the entire borough identified as a Historical/Heritage Area.

**Old Business**

- a) SVWT stakes and reflectors were picked up in the Big Swamp area by Dan Kruse on 4 April 09.
- b) Currently we will use the summer/winter letterhead. See attachment C and

additional information under New Business -Logo

- c) The group sent a letter of support to the American Coalition for Recreational Trails via Cathy Ahern at [caahern@funoutdoors.com](mailto:caahern@funoutdoors.com) 202-682-9529. (attachment D)
- d) Monica will need to update BLT, Inc tri-fold including accomplishments to date. She will make changes, circulate with board members for proof reading and approval and send new updated brochure to webmaster to post on Website. Copies need to be circulated more in the public arena.

**Community Concerns:**

- a) Todd Rinaldi brought up a discussion on downloading and opening up maps from our website. Dan Kruse will bring in his computer and suggested members others on how to access TRACKfile. Dan will add software to website for map user.

**New Business**

**Engagement of Landowners on winter trails:**

- a) Dan Mayfield, Dan Kruse and Bruce Paulsen will meet to strategize a plan how to best legalize our trails. Emphasis will be on trails 4, (6 has a 10-yr. lease 2014) with a broad focus on trails 1-6 . Mental Health Trust Lands have posted a policy for trails on their website.

**Summer Trail discussion and support:**

- a) Todd Rinaldi asked what others new about an upcoming North America Outdoor Biking Association Trail Building Seminar. (seeVBHA.com) Sat. May 1-2, 2009 trail information will include ATV, hiking, biking, winter ski. Several members discussed emails they had received and what they knew about it. Todd would like to attend and have others from group also. Dan Mayfield and Jack Campbell will make plans to accompany him.
- b) Todd Ringaldi [tarinaldi@yahoo.com](mailto:tarinaldi@yahoo.com) will be chair of this side committee on Summer Trails.
- c) Todd stated that we need to define what areas of winter trails can be used all year round. Focusing on inventorying what we have available for summer use that is single track.
- d) Dan Mayfield will send a email to all members for volunteers for a summer trail core group.
- e) Todd stated a need for summer links on website. Todd will forward sites to Dan Kruse for posting.
- f) Dan Mayfield will contact Bill Haller of the Big Lake Lions Club about the Frisbee Golf area to see if it they will be incorporating bike trails in their 40-acre area.

**Engagement of local merchants and fundraising:**

- a) Dan Mayfield introduced the idea of continued fund raising and asked for thoughts on how to approach this. Donation boxes, advertising and raffles were suggested and will be looked into for the future.

**LOGO**

- a) Monica suggested we have a Summer Contest for children of BLT, Inc. The goal would be to develop a logo to go into graphics for BLT logo. The logo would be used on our brochure and letterhead and encompass the spirit of Big Lake Trails, Inc. June 1-August 1 2009 will be the time frame. Award prize would be a Gift card from Best Buy for \$25.00. Monica will send out RPF. Dan Kruse made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Todd Rinaldi. Passed.

**National Heritage Historical Area:** Meeting to be held in Palmer, Monica will contact and ask Jay Cross to also attend to be part of Historic Trail Identification.

**Restoration of Irondog Trail:**

- a) Dan Kruse is going begin to focus on the \$12,500 in matching funds.

**Adopt a Highway Program:**

- a) Tim Rinaldi made a motion we look into the Adopt a Highway Program as a way for our group to become more visible to the public. Dan Kruse 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed. No action plan set.

**Announcements:**

Cathy Mayfield read the following community announcements:

- a) Silent Auction for Big Lake Elementary School: Friday April 17, 2009 6-8 pm. To raise money for playground repairs. Dan Kruse made a motion to donate two free memberships to Big Lake Trails. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Campbell, passed. Dan Mayfield will follow up on this.
- b) May 16 Big Lake Clean-up, parking at Century 21 Building, burgers and hotdogs afterwards, trash bags and gloves provided.
- c) Women's Health Fair, May 20, 2009 Big Lake Mall
- d) May 30 Open house Fire Hall for Meadow Lakes and Big Lake merger.
- e) Elderly help with clean up. Contact Cathy Crammer Horseshoe Lake Fire Wise Group 892-7067
- f) Susitna Area plan: Tuesday Apr 15,2009 Cottonwood Emergency Facility

Adjournment 8:40 (90 min)