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Membership Meeting
Big Lake Family Restaurant
7:00 PM
December 11, 2009

Call to order was at 7:04pm. Those present were Dan Mayfield, Cathy Mayfield, Monica Thomas, Dan Kruse, Todd Rinaldi. Not present Viki Kaas, Margaret Billinger, Members: Pierre Heather Davies, General Public: road supervisor: Jim Clemensen, Bruce Paulsen

Approval of November 13, 2009 minutes: a motion was made by Cathy Mayfield, motion 2nd by Judy Strong. Change is the date from October to November, approved.

Treasurers Report: Dan Mayfield read a loss and profit statement made available by our treasure Viki Kaas. We had a starting balance of \$13,915.30, we had \$5,735.71 in debts with an Account balance of: \$8,179.00.

Reports/Updates

Membership report: 110 members. Most are using pay pal to renew for 2010. Since last meeting we have had 6 new family memberships sign up, one donation from Jim & Patty Rafter. We are challenged to get renewals completed.

Equipment Purchases: Polaris wide trac \$2,000, Drag \$1395.00 and a 96 Bearcat for \$1,000. There is a need to purchase a storage tent for all of the materials. Monica made a motion for Dan Mayfield to purchase a tent for around \$300.00. Monica Thomas will donate railroad ties to be used for support. Will need campfire kit, hand warmers, first aide kit and a 100ft. ½” poly rope come-along, chains, locks and will be purchased at time of the tent to put in the two snow machines.

Borough Report – Easements: Bruce Paulsen reports that grants will be reviewed in January. He has talked with Ms. Menefee, she asked for maps. Bruce sent her our trails maps, a tax parcel map and an aerial photo. Dan Mayfield talked with Andre of DNR sharing the map that will be used was reviewed for grooming. We will follow Bruce Paulsen’s lead on how we will work toward easement availability. He stated he has received the monies for signage and they will be available, 8 ft poles, orange strips, and snowmobile signs.

Iron Dog Restoration: Bid packet was sent to Greatland Tree Service. Nothing has been received back.

Jordon Lake walking trails: Monica reported that the Jordon Lake group will be contacting local youth groups in their assistance in a service project for mapping walking trails from various places in the community to the Jordan Lake Park as a central starting and ending point. They will be also looking at replanting and trail design in the park for the summer season.

National Heritage Foundation: This group meets in Palmer and is looking at the borough as a whole to tap into federal funds to promote the history of the area. They are still in the early

stages of this process. Their January meeting will be a historical overview of what the group has accomplished in the last 2 yrs for all the new people who have come on board.

Old Business

Big Lake Trails Logo: Letters were sent to local schools and youth groups. Dan Mayfield stated that Eva Kalouski, was contacted to reproduce patches and she stated she felt they could be printed up for \$2.00 each.

Further sale of art – Elton Bennett Prints: Todd Rinaldi will work on setting up an EBAY account to sell the prints after the holidays.

Other fundraising ideas – discussion: Donation jars will be given to Monica, to be completed and put out at the local businesses with updated brochures. Dan Kruse will be looking into Rasmussen Fund for their Operating Agreement Endowment. Could we make a donation the Iron Dog and other groups to get our name out there and recognition?

Bike Trail discussion/direction: Check into Burma Rd trail and log road for use as a biking trails area. Focus on non motorized trails and easement trails for the use of ski, walking and biking. Continue to collect trail information in the area including mountain bike trails in South Big Lake. Education needs to happen to help with green space and dust control. Look into the establishment of cross country ski trails that can be used by bikers in the off season. Dan Kruse attended a meeting for the Wasilla to Big Lake 5mile multiuse trail to be established. He is a steering committee member. We will be taking an active interest in this trail development.

Membership discussion: No discussion.

Community Concerns: Cathy Mayfield made a motion to pay reimbursement for our webpage to the Kruse's, we will need a receipt to pay this monthly this was 2nd by Pierre Strong. Dan Kruse reported they are looking into a program that may eventually include blogging about specific trail use.

New Business

Grooming Grant: Dan Mayfield signed the grooming grant on Monday the 7th at DNR \$9,040.00 will be awarded. A map was given, giving us 53 ½ miles to groom. 15 miles on the Irondog trail, 14.50 miles of the Crooked Lake Trail, 9 miles of the Houston Loop, The Lakes Trail 6.50 miles across Big Lake, Mud Lake, Big Swamp Trail 5 miles, SVWT connector 2.5 miles and Trail #5 1.5 miles. Insurance policies do not have to have DNR on the insurance policy. A contractor may have to have DNR as a payee on their insurance. The snow machines need liability insurance it will only cover in case of an accident. It was brought up that Director and Corporation insurance needs to be looked into and brought up at the January meeting.

Trail Signs: The signs were viewed and 2 need to be corrected. Dan Mayfield will make the corrections and seal signs before they are placed.

Announcements: Next meeting January 8, 2010.

Adjournment: Cathy Mayfield made a motion to adjourn and Pierre Strong 2nd. 2.0 hours

Monica Thomas
Secretary