

**Big Lake Trails, Inc.
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**Membership Meeting
February 13, 2009**

Agenda

1. Call to order 6:15 pm Viki Kass absent
2. Approval of December 12th, 2008 minutes. Motion made by Margret Billinger to approve min, no discussion, no opposed, approved including Revision and clarification of highlighted area.
 - a. **Treasurers Report** given by Dan Mayfield
Account balance \$649.39 in bank. 20.60 expended for the cost of checks. Total deposits 700.00. No assets but monies in bank.
 - b. **Status of Non-profit filing:** Paperwork ready to go. Dan Kruse made motion for paying the filing fee \$300.00 for U.S. Treasury Dept for 501c application. Cathy Mayfield 2nd. Passed
3. Reports/Updates
 - a. **Membership report:** 64 active members, 20 are family, 10 single. One member donated extra \$25.00 to help organization. Add check box on BLT application on membership form to share name, email info. Will only be in members only link, Cathy Mayfield made a motion for change, Dan Kruse 2nd passed.
 - b. **Cow Lake bypass clearing** – status work in progress, useable for Iron Dog.
 - c. **Iron Dog Restoration Grant** – status (MAT-SU TRAILS has received 1 ½ million over the last 15 years), 18 trails were awarded money; Gov. Palin's letter is posted on our website. Project manager will be Dan Kruse 20% match funds or \$. We will be working with 2 other trail groups.
 - d. **Website status:** Site is available and up and running. If you are on the trails, use you're GPS, our mapping is right on.
 - e. **Susitna Corridor Trail:** will link trails groups from Big Lake groomed trail Trail A, #6, #1, N. Big Swamp Trail 125 under easement. Big Lake North Shore. Groups involved Curry Ridge Riders, Willow, Mid-Valley, Matsu, and Big Lake Groups. This is a winter Trail. Signs are waiting approval from state. Our trailhead will be to the Big Swamp we must clear and signage. Original signs will remain (red/green arrow) we will be filling in, but, moving toward a

standardize sign. These signs are reflective made with **carcinaeu**.
Priority trails, 1-6 and 11.

- f. **Inaugural run of Susitna Corridor Trail:** Dan Mayfield brought up the issue if our group wants to do anything as a moneymaker for this event. Motion made by Cathy Mayfield that Margaret & Monica will contact screen shirt maker. Get sponsors for from local shops. Do we want to spend funds we have to pay for this? Cathy Mayfield in favor of spending all of funds to do this. Margret Billinger 2nd passed. Big Lake Chamber will be doing an advertisement with the Frontiersmen for the Inaugural Run of March 14th, 2009 and food.
- g. **President sick leave:** Dan Mayfield is having surgery Feb. 16, 09, Dan Krause will be doing interim. 2wks-2 months rehab.
- h. **Advertising** Monica setting up, AK "Snow Rider State Ass. Of Snowmobilers, CCC, Dig Bulletin Board, Wes Hamrick. Dan Mayfield sent email to all the groups. Oder form for shirts, hats, respond to Monica Thomas, blt.org.
- i. **Insurance:** Dan Mayfield will look into this and we may need it by March 14 activity. Add blanket participation waiver for our events for now in membership packet and sign-in and waiver at each person that participates in the event. Landowner liability waiver and Big Lake Trails, Inc. with participants signing for all events. Dan Mayfield will look into a liability policy \$1,000.00. Add to membership packet.

4. Old Business

- a. **Volunteer record keeping** for matching funds. Monthly reminder needs everyone's vol. hrs. Have sign-in sheets at all events. With synopsis of event attached. Report generated yearly

5. Membership discussion: Tabled

6. Community Concerns

- a. Add **Bruce Paulsen** to agenda: He reported our grant was one of those accepted by the state.

7. New Business

A.. **Appointment of new Board member** 3 members interested in 1 opening.

Explanation of need of By-laws change. See: copy. Discussion held on what BLT, Inc. does need for a yearly plan (1- 3 yr, 4-2yr). By-laws need to be sent and published for 30 days. Todd Rinoldi made a motion we table the appointment for 30 days, Margret Billinger 2nd ^{Passed}

- b. **Meeting time:** Cathy Mayfield made a motion for all meetings to start at 7:00 for those working in Anchorage, Margret Billinger 2nd, passed. Change time on website.

c. **Trial run for 14th** needs to be planned, next planning meeting 27th Feb 7:00, Monica Thomas will contact White Rose or Fire Station, Send thank you for meetings held at fire station. We need to develop letterhead. Next mtg 13 March 7:00.

d. **Collection boxes**

8. **Announcements**

9. **Adjournment** 8:45 p.m. (105 min)

Monica Thomas
Secretary