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**Membership Meeting
Big Lake Family Restaurant
7:00 PM
March 12, 2010**

Call to order at 7:05pm, Board members present, Dan Mayfield, Dan Kruse, Monica Thomas, Cathy Mayfield, Margret Billinger, Not present Viki Kaas, Todd Rinaldi.

Approval of January and February 2010 minutes: Dan Kruse made a motion to accept February minutes table January until next month. 2nd by Cathy Mayfield, passed.

Treasurers Report: as of January 1, 2010 \$ 8,179.00.

Income: 16,473.23

Expenses \$9668.36

Irondog and general acct 6804.87

Pierre Strong made a motion to accept the report 2nd by Margaret Billinger.

Reports/Updates

Membership report: 100 paid members. We have 5 renewing members upcoming.

Borough Report – Easements: Bill Luth has notified Bruce Paulsen that the grant for surveying all our trails that do not have easements including the Flathorn connector has been approved. .

Mental Health Trust lands: An application has been sent by Bruce to the committee. They are reviewing this currently.

Iron Dog Restoration: Dan Kruse reports that Greatland Tree Service LLC was selected and performed the job (Feb 16 to Feb 27). The job site was purposely shut-down on Feb 21 on the start day of the Iron Dog snowmachine race to avoid any potential conflicts between Iron Dog racers and the trail clearing crew. The project was executed exceptionally well given outstanding project parameters, such as excellent pre-packed routing over trails and lakes to the work site, less

than a foot of snow at the work site, no mechanical breakdowns of equipment, no crew shortages, no injuries, no spills, and perfect (30F) weather throughout the operation. There were 8200 ft of existing trail cleared (1.55 miles), 20-30 ft wide to meet Big Lake area trail standards. Felled trees located within the trail were ground up into sawdust and the ground vegetative mat was left undisturbed as required. On the 27th of Feb, Big Lake Trails used its pull behind drag groomers and groomed the new trail, and we officially reopened the trail with new signage on Feb 27 to the community. This project makes legal passable trail access now available for all Iron Doggers and recreationists on Trail #6 (SVWT). The Frontiersman newspaper carried an excellent article summarizing our trail clearing project in their March 5, 2010 edition, and our website now carries a copy of the story if you missed it. Thank you's were given to Dan Kruse (Project Manager) and to the Mat-Su Trails Committee for their great support in support of this key access enabling project.

Grooming activity: Richard did a lot of grooming. Dan reports issue with Tim McGhan: \$1600-2400 was allotted for trail #6, he decided he did not want to groom for Big Lake Trails. We have contacted CC Construction and Cruse Construction. They do not have a drag. We are looking for a contractor to finish out the year.

Equipment condition and repairs. There were a few repairs to the small groomer.

Wasilla-Big Lake Trail Project: The State has set aside 2 million in federal monies from the Sports Complex to South Shore Campground. April 8th is the public meeting forum.

Old Business

- a. *Big Lake Trails Logo:* Monica is working with kids group we will keep promoting project with them. Dan Kruse reports a professional graphic artist has donated their time do final work on logo.
- b. *Sale of Art:* Elton Bennett Prints tabled.
- c. *Fund raising jars:* Monica reports that there are jars at Arctic Cat and will be delivered and checked on by the Mayfield's.
- d. *Bike and walking trails:* The mapping project will be spear headed by the Jordan Lake Group and Monica Thomas will keep us informed. Currently Youth Groups are being contacted and areas assigned for initial mapping.

Membership discussion: None

Community Concerns: BLCC Implantation Committee report and concerns. Please read information on Big Lake Community Council Website.

New Business

Set priorities and direction for next year. The following list was set no prioritizations were made.

1. Possibly going for a grant for McGhann's Equipment \$25,000.00 for the Bombardier, 1985 Tucker groomer \$40,000.00. Wish list is for some type of small piece of equipment.
2. Get a contractor for this season.
3. Look at bike and walking trails and their easements for legal access.
4. Kiosks

Announcements:

- Mat-Su Trails has gotten a grant to do a study for an ATV park.
- Bruce has Trail markers available they have arrived.
- Buy Ice Classic tickets available around town.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 9:00 pm, a motion was made by Margaret Billinger 2nd by Cathy Mayfield to close meeting. (2hrs)