

**Big Lake Trails, Inc.
Membership Meeting
Big Lake Family Restaurant
November 13, 2009**

Call to order was at 7:04p.m. Dan Mayfield, Dan Kruse, Monica Thomas, Viki Vaas, Cathy Mayfield, Margaret Billinger, Todd Rinaldi present. Members: Lee & Heather Davis, Pierre & Judy Strong, Gerard Billinger, Grace and Jonathan Kruse, Jack Cambell.

Approval of October 9, 2009 minutes, correction of Dan Mayfield to develop a schedule for grooming of the Snow Trac Grant not Dan Kruse pg 2, 1st paragraph. Page 2 last paragraph BLPS instead BLMS motion to approve by Viki Kaas, 2nd Cathy Mayfield. Passed.

Treasures Report: Viki Kaas reports \$3876.12 Iron Dog Restoration Grant
General Fund: Balance: \$5928.61with \$1832.00 raised at the Food & Gifts Festival from sale of art, a \$500.00 grant from All-State and 2 memberships were received.

Iron Dog Restoration Grant: Balance \$3876.12

Reports/Updates

Membership Report We have 97 members, the largest group in the valley. We welcomed Lee & Heather Davis.

Borough Report – Dan Kruse read a report from Bruce Paulsen. Easements: Bruce Paulsen contacted Marcie Menefee (acting Executive Director) about acquiring easements across Mental Health Trust Lands. She stated that MHT is not opposed to trails across their lands as long as their location does not pose problems for any land management plans they may have. She also stated that if the trails are primarily across wetlands that the trails have a better chance for easements as they are less likely to have impacts to any development plans. Marcie requested a map of the trail locations in question and we are working on putting something together that shows land ownership and also aerial imagery to indicate where trails cross swampy areas.

We will start with trails 1-6 and 8 where we believe the majority of the MHT land is located.

Dan Mayfield stated we are looking for a letter of non objection while paperwork is being completed and approved.

C. Food & Gift Festival: We still have the Bennett prints and office furniture. We sold the most on Friday. A thank you will be sent to Bill Webb.

Old Business

- a. Iron Dog Restoration Project Status: We received our permits to break ground. Scott Lapiene has final copy. Dan Kruse project manager will be posting a request for bid on our website.
- b. Further disposal of art - Elton Bennett Prints. Cathy Mayfield made a motion that Dan Mayfield put them on Ebay with a reserve of \$375.00, Craig's list and Alaska list for the office furniture. 2nd by Dan Kruse. Passed.
- c. Other fundraising ideas: We need to place our brochure with application at local businesses along with donation jars. Dan Kruse discussed a contest for local students to develop our logo. Any medium may be used. Designs may be altered at final logo processing. Monica will Email schools and local youth groups. Packets will be sent by 11/25/09. Due date 1/4/10. Groups will contact Monica and she will pick them up before Jan. 8th meeting Voting will be done at this meeting. Cathy Mayfield made a motion we give a \$50 gift certificate instead of \$25 from Best Buy paid for from the general fund, 2nd by Dan Kruse.

Open Membership Discussion

Community Concerns:

Todd Rinaldi is interested in preserving trails on the Burma Road. He is looking into "moose jaw" and "log road trail" on Burma Road for a proposed bike trail.

Monica Thomas discussed an interest by many youth groups in helping with Jordan Lake. She thought it would be a good project to have the various groups help develop non-motorized, walking/hiking trails that use Jordan Lake as a central location. There is an interest in walking trails.

Monica Thomas reported that the Big Lake First Friday Supper Club had their event and was fun and very successful. Members signed up who wanted to be included in the email newsletter.

New Business

- a. 2009-2010 Trail Plan: Our Trail Plan was submitted. We will do grooming utilizing volunteers. Frequency of trail grooming will depend on weather. General plan: Our easement secured trails will be groomed 2 times a month on an alternating basis. We are charging out our work for \$65 hr for reimbursement. That fee includes cost of wear and tear on two machines, two volunteer groomers, insurance on both machines, gas and maintenance on the drag. Monthly billing may vary from \$4,495-\$7,275 per month and \$15,700 up to \$25,200 per year. Most grooming will be done Sunday night and Monday evening. The Groomer should always be accompanied by another rider for safety reasons. We will be utilizing Tim McGhan's services once every 4 weeks. Speed is 5 mile per hour for 50 miles equaling 10 hours of riding for one pass. Two to four passes are generally needed. The Trail Plan will be on our website along with a GPS map of groomed trails.
- b. Equipment Purchase Dan Mayfield reported that the bids for the drag were: [\$3189.880 drag- 800 s/h], [\$ 2449.80- 600 s/h] from Snowgroomers.com and [\$1395- 370 s/h] from Yellowstone. Bill Luth has worked with the low bid company. Bill Luth knows a man by the name of Bob Hutchinson who will make a drag for us for the \$ 1395.00 price. We would save the shipping and handling. Bill Luth would also lend his design expertise to design the drag. Margret Billinger made a motion with go with Bill Luth's suggestion, Cathy Mayfield 2nd. Pass unanimously.
- c. Draft Trail Grooming Standards Table for now.
- d. Motion to end meeting was made by Judy Strong and 2nd by Cathy Mayfield passed. 2.0 hrs.

Adjournment

Monica Thomas, Secretary