

**Big Lake Trails, Inc.  
Membership Meeting  
Big Lake Family Restaurant  
October 9, 2009**

Call to order was at 7:10 pm. Board members present were Dan Mayfield, Dan Kruse, Cathy Mayfield and Monica Thomas. Board members absent: Viki Kaas, Margaret Billinger and Todd Rinaldi. Members present: Pierre & Judy Strong and Glen & Linda Hilton, Guests: Bruce Paulsen and Charles Conner.

Approval of September 11, 2009 minutes, motion to approve by Cathy Mayfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kruse, carried.

Treasurers Report was given by Dan Mayfield for Viki Kaas.

Account balance:

General fund: \$3,370.00. There were no disbursements this month. A deposit of \$1,575.00 was made on 9/28/09.

Iron Dog Restoration Fund: \$5,876.12. Disbursements of \$100.00 reflected in September 11, 2009 secretary minutes.

Notification of \$12,500.00 grant from Bed Tax received on 10/2/09.

### Reports/Updates

Membership report: We welcome the following new members this month, Glen and Linda Hilton, Rick & Patty Cook and an executive member of the Iron Dog committee.

Borough Report – Easements: MSB will be requesting monies from the Recreational Trails Grant to survey all of our trails. Letters of support are needed for this from our membership Cathy Mayfield made a motion that President Dan Mayfield will send a letter of support from Big Lake Trails, Inc., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Kruse. Bruce Paulsen reported that Courtesy Notices have been posted in the Big Lake Post Office, Steve's Food Boy and other public places in Big Lake. He is waiting on agreement paperwork for signage for our trails. There has been no movement on the issues concerning the Mental Health Trust Lands at this time. Bruce will be beginning with Trail #4.

### Old Business:

Iron Dog Restoration Project status: We are still waiting on the permits. Dan Kruse talked about the stipulations imposed by the State to move equipment across state lands. These being Mat-Su Trails must provide evidence of a bond and liability insurance with workmen's comp for the 1.2 mile along the Iron Dog Trail. Tentatively we will be targeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of February to pack snow (trail hardening) to begin work weather permitting.

SnoTrac Grant: Status no change. Dan Mayfield will develop a schedule for grooming of the trails. Sno Trac Grant monies can only be used on trails with legal easements. Currently only 35 miles of our existing trails have legal easements.

Status on Sale of Donated Art Pieces: This month the Machetanz Statehood print was sold for \$1425.00. We will be displaying the rest of the art collection at the Arts & Craft Show at the Den'ia Center in Anchorage the third weekend of November for sale. A booth has been donated for us to showcase these pieces. Dan Mayfield will set this up with Dan Kruse securing more easels for the display. Monica Thomas will work the weekend.

### Other Fundraising Ideas:

Donation Jars - Monica will prepare "Donation Jars" for grooming and place at Arctic Cat, Yamaha and Big Lake Power Sports Dealerships.

Membership Discussion Ideas- plan for one membership snow- rally possibly in January. Move forward with the "Emblem Project for Kids."

### Community Concerns:

A meeting for all the grooming groups of trails should be held, Dan Mayfield will follow up on this with possible site in Willow. Issues of concern are who will do SVWT and its responsibilities. Grooming schedules and boundaries. Has Susitna Landing been sold?

A discussion was held on the easements we wish to work on targeting Trails 1-6. A more defined thought purposed by Dan Mayfield was to close up spaces on Trail #4 and open 5, 1, and 3. Dan Kruse brought up that the lease on trail 6 expires in 4 years and we might want to look at this issue while addressing the other easements. The question was asked by Dan Mayfield, "Does Mental Health Trust pay borough taxes?" Bruce Paulsen replied, no.

### New Business

Grants: Dan Mayfield announced Big Lake Trails, Inc. was awarded a Bed Tax Grant from MSB and wanted to acknowledge special thanks to Dan Kruse and Cindy Bettine for their good work in securing this for us. This is a contract between us and the Tourism Infrastructure Grant Project providing matching monies from the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation Recreational Trails Program Grant. We are required to have a MSB business license, Dan Mayfield applied on Monday we received our business license today.

Equipment purchase: We will probably need to purchase some equipment. We are looking for equipment for the Iron Dog Restoration Project. Big Lake Power Sports has available a trail grooming sled, a 2001 2-speed Polaris Wide Trak Lx for \$2000.00. Big Lake Power Sports also required as part of the deal that promotional signage be placed on the machine, if ice scrapers are needed they will install them and we must carry liability insurance on the machine. Cathy Mayfield made a motion to purchase from Dan Kruse this machine 2<sup>nd</sup> by Monica Thomas. The vote was unanimous.

Drags were looked at by membership from different companies. Research will be done by Dan Mayfield . Charlie Conner will also make other designs available. C.C Enterprises will donate some time toward this.

*Draft Trail Grooming Standards* were handed out at the meeting by Dan Mayfield, members are asked to forward thoughts and suggestions to Dan Mayfield who will consolidate them and forward on to MSB. Charlie Conner will read these and consult with Dan Mayfield on his findings considering the document.

Announcements: Big Lake Trails is ONE YEAR OLD today  
Oxygen & Octane will be at the Sullivan Arena on October 16,17,18, 2009.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Cathy Mayfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Judy Strong, carried  
meetings ended 8:55 pm. (1 hr. 45 min. )