

**Big Lake Trails, Inc.
Membership Meeting
September 11, 2009**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present were Dan Mayfield, Cathy Mayfield, Dan Kruse, Monica Thomas, Not present Viki Kaas, Margaret Billinger, Todd Rinaldi
Members: Pierre & Judy Strong,
Audience: Bruce Paulsen,

Cathy Mayfield made a motion to approve the August 14, 2009 minutes, 2nd by Dan Kruse, no objections, approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Mayfield for Viki Kaas, deposited funds from the sale of art donated by Allstate Insurance Company was made. Our account balance is \$1795.00, Iron dog Trail Account: \$5976.15 minus 100.00 for permit for land access permits for the Iron Dog trail upgrade.

Reports/Updates

Membership report no new members,

- a. Borough Report – Easements: Bruce Paulsen reported another Sno-Trac grant for signs was submitted and was approved. As soon as it is signed he will order signs to complete our signage for the trails. Dan Mayfield discussed we need to move on making sure we have our easements' in place by January 2010. Trail #4, Trail #1, Trail #3, Trail#5 need to be addressed. The land is predominately borough and mental health trust lands. If we cannot secure a contract possibly a letter of non-objection for trails to cross these lands may be available. Crooked Lake Trail may not be wide enough for McGhan's machines. Dan Mayfield also reported that he had contacted Bill Luth, groomer of the Willow Trails, thanking him for supporting us in the Snow-Trac meeting and if he had a pull-behind snow machine drag we might be able to use.

Old Business

- a. Iron Dog Restoration project status: Dan Kruse reported we are waiting on approval of our land permits from DNR.
- b. SnoTrac Grant Status: Dan Mayfield reports that we are funded between \$8-9,000.00, we are assured \$5,000.00. Dan Mayfield contacted Scott Lapiene, Bill Luth & Wayne Beissel about our mistake in missing the intent process date.

Membership discussion: None

Community Concerns: Dan Kruse had brought up questions about using psi per square foot weight for trail clearing on trails, who should be contacted? Dan Mayfield will call Wayne Bessel and report back to Dan Kruse, Bruce Paulsen suggested Mining, Land & Water Departments to check out.

New Business:

- a. A discussion was held about the direction and disposal of art objects that have been donated to Big Lake Trails by Allstate Insurance Company of Anchorage, Alaska. Included in the art is an Alaska 25- year State Anniversary Painting by Fred Machetanz retail \$5,000.00. It needs some restoration; Cathy Mayfield made a motion to find out the cost of restoration (Dan Mayfield will follow up with this). The other painting done by the artist is Spring Fever valued at \$1800.00.00. There is also a Bryon Birdsall called "Mountain Trip Tic" and a set of 4 screen prints by Elton Bennett. A 19" walrus tusk with scrimshaw (unknown if signed, Dan Kruse suggested, the Weekend Art & Craft Show at the De-naina Center the first weekend of November for a raffle, Dan Mayfield will contact Bill Webb to get a free table.

- b. Alternative ideas for fundraising nothing to report.

Announcements: Monica talked about Pirates of Dollar Lake.

Adjournment: Was at 8:16 p.m. 1:15 hr. motion made by Cathy Mayfield, 2nd by Monica Thomas, no objections, passed. The next meeting will be on October 9, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Big Lake Restaurant.

Respectfully,

Monica Thomas
Secretary