

North Kitsap Trails Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2009

Attendees: Jon Rose, John Hawkins, John Willett, Linda Berry-Maraist, John Kuntz, Duke Bourgeois, Sue Schroader, Sue Abbott

A. Business

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

The Board of Directors meeting of the North Kitsap Trails Association was called to order by Jon Rose, President, at 2:35 p.m. on April 8, 2009

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a. John Willett made motion to approve
- b. Linda Berry-Maraist seconded motion
- c. Unanimously approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. John Kuntz gave the Treasurer's Report
 - o \$300.00 check cut to Duke Bourgeois to the IRS to file Form 1023
 - o \$245.00 in checking account
 - o See Attachment 1

4. Form 1023 Status

- o Form has been mailed

5. Presentation of Grant Money for Trails from the Suquamish Tribe

- a. Jay Zischke could not attend to present grant money to NKTA
- b. Sue Schroader told group that Jay pulled together an application for \$1,500.00 to submit for a grant through the Gaming Compact with the State to build on the community efforts to create a connection between the end of the Whitehorse trail and the closest existing logging road in the Heritage Option property
 - o They were awarded the funds and will now be sending to NKTA
- c. Linda mentioned that Tex Lewis offered to come up here to teach us his method of trail construction if we wanted to use it at the Heritage Park/Indianola-Kingston connection
- d. John Willett made mention that he and Dave Haley are now chainsaw certified for County land – John Hawkins also took the chainsaw class
- e. Duke will be taking a chainsaw class in Cle Elum in May to become Forest Service certified which enables you to use a chainsaw on any lands

B. Updates

1. Meeting with the KCAC
 - a. John Willett did a trails presentation to the KCAC on April 1st
 - b. Presentation went well – 20 minutes for presentation 10+ minutes for Q&A
 - c. Gave the big picture – cross state and then our smaller picture with links in NK
 - d. Talked about what NKTA is doing
 - o Heritage Park and Whitehorse trail connection
 - o Possibly pulling together a Kingston HS student challenge for fundraising and trail building purposes – students would obtain pledges for each foot of trail they built and money would go towards their stadium lights
 - o Paddle Kitsap

2. RWIP
 - a. Katrina Knutson now running staff end of program
 - b. County work-study session held last Wednesday, April 1
 - c. Commissioners will be extending discussions to May as they would like to know more of the history of the program

3. Mission/Vision Meeting with Sue Abbott
 - a. How do we make the Association more inclusive?
 - b. Need more representation on the Board by the County
 - c. Need to get relationships as partnership between OPG/NKTA/County
 - d. Can County agree with the Mission/Vision and Goals?
 - e. Need to foster innovative land use
 - f. Need to get grounded as a group and feed information to the public through newspapers, brochures, events, etc.
 - g. May need to separate String of Pearls from Trails in the mission/vision/goals – confusing
 - h. Can NKTA exist without the String of Pearls?
 - i. Goals should be short and sweet – need to be whittled down – need to get people through goals quickly
 - j. Need to have other communities, i.e., Kingston, put our M/V/G on their websites
 - k. M/V/G committee should finish their work prior to Board review
 - o Sue Abbott thinks we should all review now
 - o People from the community need to buy off on it, including the County
 - l. Need to publish the vision and goal statements and recognize trail supporters
 - m. NKTA must have clear independence for credibility and NKTA's ability to achieve its mission, vision and goals

4. NK Water Trail & Paddle Kitsap
 - a. John Kuntz gave update
 - b. Need to promote the String of Pearls and show what it can look like
 - c. Working on Paddle Kitsap

- Brochures
- Posters
- Every Pearl was involved last year
- Surveys were issued and turned in – amazing things said about the event – most people gave an “8” out of “10” as a positive rating
- d. Puget Sound Challenge
 - Funding to Washington Water Trails
 - Will have well over 200 people participating
- e. Kitsap Water Trail draft is complete
 - Everyone please read
 - Anticipated that community will buy into this
 - Getting groups to participate in plan is essential
 - Water trail can get established quicker than the land trails
 - Need a water trails planning meeting

C. Projects/Other/Next Steps

1. Organizational Structure

- a. Linda would like to see a bigger Board and possibly have Steve Bauer sit on the Board or ask him to appoint a representative
- b. Rebecca Pirtle may be able to sit on the Board in lieu of Steve as his representative
- c. Can we sit down with Steve and discuss how we can work better together?
 - Need to look at new ways of working together as a partnership
- d. How is the Board different from the Steering Committee?
- e. Maybe we can have a Board and a separate Steering Committee to lead NPS planning process
- f. We need to have the County feel more involved
- g. County needs to see that we are all separate but partners, for instance, NKTA and OPG are separate with different goals but working together as partners to get the vision done

2. Easements, OPG Lands/Option Property

- a. Heritage Park – County has purchased easement to go from Whitehorse to Heritage Park through the Option property but not to Norman Road
- b. John Willett will attend the Heritage Park Stewardship meeting April 9th
- c. John Willett would like to see a Memorandum of Understanding of Letter of Intent from OPG to the NKTA for easements over OPG property for trails

3. Transparency, OPG/NKTA

- a. John Willett wanted to know why OPG didn't divulge to the NKTA that OPG was planning to segregate all remaining lands in Kitsap County
 - OPG did this as a business decision and after much discussion did not want to put the burden on the NKTA Board of holding confidential information or by having to sign Confidentiality Agreements
 - Surveyors had to sign Confidentiality Agreements

- OPG felt it was under pressure due to rumors of a possible downzone on all remaining holdings

4. Other

- a. Need to put success stories on the web – insert new tab on site
- b. Should also include a tab that shows public/private partnerships
- c. Need a separate website for NKTA – break out of String of Pearls website
- d. John Kuntz will call Harmony Starr to discuss her availability and willingness to become the new Board Secretary and Webmaster
- e. What domain names did OPG reserve for the NKTA? Sue Schroader to check and get back to John Kuntz

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sue Schroader
Secretary, NKTA

Attachment 1 – Balance Sheet

2:06 PM
04/08/09
Accrual Basis

**North Kitsap Trails Association
Balance Sheet
As of April 8, 2009**

	<u>Apr 8, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
North Kitsap Trails Association	245.00
Total Checking/Savings	245.00
Total Current Assets	245.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>245.00</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	545.00
Net Income	-300.00
Total Equity	245.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>245.00</u>