

North Kitsap Trails Association
Board of Directors Meeting
July 23, 2009

Attendees: Jon Rose, John Hawkins, John Willett, John Kuntz, John Hawkins, Duke Bourgeois, Dave Haley, Carolina Veenstra, Sarah Steffen

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 3:10 p.m. on July 23, 2009

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- a. Jon Rose made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June
- b. John Willett seconded motion
- c. Unanimously approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- a. John Kuntz gave the Treasurer's Report – See Attachment 1
- b. Additional improvements needed for parking lot at Norman Road
- c. Whitehorse status: We should have plenty of money to cover Seton invoice
- d. Indianola would like to find woodchips for trail

4. New Board Members/Welcome

- a. New Board Members
 - o Carolina Veenstra
 - o Dave Haley
- b. Motion: John Willett made motion to add Carolina Veenstra and Dave Haley as board members to NKTA
 - o John Hawkins seconded
 - o Unanimously approved
- c. The board welcomed both Carolina and Dave

B. Updates

1. Paddle Kitsap – John Kuntz

- a. Food is ready
- b. The music is done
- c. Kingston Downtown Association is ready with volunteers
- d. Any NKTA Board members are welcome to participate, please let John Kuntz know if you plan to attend
- e. Almost 40 kayakers participating
- f. There will also be a volunteer group demonstrating water safety

2. Arborwood – Duke Bourgeois and John Willett

- a. Brush work needs to be done so drainage, washouts, and culvert work can be completed on the Option Property and link for Whitehorse Trail
 - b. Culvert on Beaver Pond will be installed after OPG gets permit
 - c. Will continue to clear trail on 7/24 to prepare for Seton Construction
 - d. Duke will need to sign an OPG release form for liability purposes
3. John Willett
- a. John received an email from Christine Redmond for a Grant opportunity with DNR. John will be contacting her about easements, lands, etc.
4. Kingston Indianola
- a. Trackhoe used to clear the trail and it is “unofficially” ready for use. To compact the trail most efficiently, Duke suggests gathering some horses to ride up and down the trail for good compaction.
 - b. John Willett and Duke Bourgeois to continue to clear the trail on 7/24/09 to prepare for Seton. Brandon Bird to provide map of area.
 - c. Duke Bourgeois would like Olympic Outback and DNR to contract what we need done
 - d. Jon Rose to drop an email about Whitehorse Trail to Rebecca at the county

C. Projects/Other/Next Steps (Items in order according to agenda but not discussed in order)

1. Trail Maintenance
- a. Ongoing maintenance for washouts, roots to be removed. NKTA will work with other groups to get maintenance with stewardship groups to participate. There are a lot of overlapping groups involved in trails already
2. Kingston to Indianola Trail Connection on OPG Property
- a. John Hawkins asked Dave Haley if they have created a switchback. John Hawkin’s bicycle club volunteers for trail work or any trail maintenance needed and could help out with the project
 - b. Trail needs grooming, this is not suitable for horses, very soft, single track not much room to maneuver, Duke’s concern is if there is a lot of rot underneath trail
 - o Stages
 - Hikers
 - Bikers
 - Horses
3. NKTA Board
- a. Jon Rose will be contacting Joan Lukasik to see if she would have any interest in becoming the NKTA secretary to replace Sue
 - b. Hansville Board member still needed. Perhaps Jimmy James who is involved in the Mountaineers Group in Hansville would have a good recommendation. Carolina will contact Jimmy.
4. Tribes

- a. There has been a recent change at the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Jeromy Sullivan is now the new tribal chairman
 - b. Jon would like to send an email to both Paul McCollum and Jeromy Sullivan to ask if they interested in someone representing the tribe on the NKTA Board of Directors to branch out and have a broader board of directors representation
 - c. Jon will also contact Leonard Forsman to see if he is interested in having someone from the Suquamish Tribe on the NKTA board of directors as well
5. NPS Grant/Work on Mission/Vision
- a. Request for extension. Sue Abbott needs us to get this in as soon as possible.
 - b. Linda Berry-Maraist is working on completing form.
6. Water Trail
- a. Sue Abbott expressed urgency to get water trail moving, a work plan, website and press kit to move water trail through quickly and to also have public feedback and involvement
 - b. John Hawkins would like to create a website and include this and other trails on the map so the public may see new additions etc.
7. Off Agenda Items
- a. Jon explained the Dewatto Forest Legacy transaction which provides 2,290 acres of recreation rights
 - b. John Hawkins: upcoming trails seminar September 12th and 13th - How to build a trail sponsored by Subaru.

D. Next Steps

1. Action Items
 - a. Liability Release Form for individuals to sign who are volunteering work or maintenance on trails related to NKTA
 - b. Jon would like to have an agency meeting in late September early October for the water trail to include the following attendees:
 - o Tribes
 - o Kitsap County
 - o State Parks and Recreation
 - o Public Works (road ends)
 - c. Jon to contact Joan Lukasik to ask her to be the new NKTA Secretary
 - d. Jon to send an email to both tribes to invite each onto the NKTA Board
 - e. Attend chainsaw safety class from Washington Forest Service

Meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sarah Steffen

Real Estate Assistant to Olympic Property Group
for Sue Schroader, Secretary of NKTA in her absence

