MINUTES FINAL
Girdwood Trails Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting -- Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Due to the current spread COVID-19 virus, Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are held virtually and telephonic indefinitely.

GTC Voting members are defined as Girdwood residents or property owners age 18 years or older who have attended one or more meetings in the last 12 months, based on sign in on the sign in sheet.

The Girdwood Board of Supervisors, its committees, and subcommittees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings Act as found in Alaska Statute 44.62.310 and Anchorage Municipal Code1.25 - Public Meetings.

Call to Order 7:03PM Carolyn Brodin
Approval of January 5, 2021 Agenda Barb Crews/Deb Essex
Approval of December 1, 2020 Minutes Mike Edgington/Kate Sandberg
*Kate Sandberg clarifies that she will continue to serve as vice-chair if nominated/voted.

Announcements: None
Introductions: All attending are asked to introduce themselves for sign in purposes.
Presentation: None
Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.
Peter Zug: Suggests that parking is allowed on North Side of Arlberg extension road as parking lot is overflowing with vehicles often.

Old Business:

1. GTC Officer elections
   Positions are chair, 2 vice chairs, treasurer
   GTC Action:
   Treasurer: Kalie Harrison and Eric Teixmen are nominated.
   Kalie Harrison is confirmed to serve as treasurer of Girdwood Trails Committee via roll call vote.
   Vice Chair 1: Deb Essex and Kate Sandberg are nominated.
   Deb Essex is confirmed to serve as vice-chair of Girdwood Trails Committee via roll call vote.
   Vice Chair 2: Barb Crews is nominated and is confirmed to serve as vice-chair of Girdwood Trials Committee via roll call vote.
   Chair: Carolyn Brodin is nominated and is confirmed to serve as chair of Girdwood Trials Committee via roll call vote.

   2021 GTC Officers are: Carolyn Brodin, Chair; Barb Crews & Deb Essex, Vice-Chair; Kalie Harrison, Treasurer.

2. Review MOU with Chugach State Park (Kyle Kelley): MOU is under review with State's law department.

3. Trails Issues
   Progress on interpreting data and selecting future trails for trail Counter project (Barb Crews) – no update, this project is pending.

   Hand Tram: Discuss progress on proposed safety measures & draft operational management plan – no change in status, pending discussion with municipal manager and risk management. GBOS approved funding study of trail route study/bridge as recommended by GTC in December.

   Progress report from Lower INHT signage subcommittee progress (Kate Sandberg)- first panel is being sent to the designer for mock-up. Group is initiating work on the 2nd panel. Plan is for installation in summer 2021.

   Winter Grooming update: Thank you to groomers for lots of work in December in challenging conditions.

4. Discuss 2021 trail projects and trail crew staffing:
   With CARES Act funding GVSA plans to hire 2 additional crew members, bringing the summer crew up to 4 for summer 2021 projects, this will allow for 7-day a week coverage.

5. Discuss GTC ideas for KMTA 2021 Grant cycle (applications due Mar 12, 2021)
   Group discusses interpretive signs for Stumpy's Trails and 1968 Jr. Nordic Trail/event
   Group discusses need for easements on to protect trails.

New Business:
None

Other:

6. January LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives – Officers will make sure someone is in attendance.

7. Other: Peter Zug mentions that use of narrow gauge groomer on approved lower valley trails has been limited by lack of snowfall in that area. He suggests that groomer be used to create a perimeter trail around Moose Meadows, similar to the trail that used to be used by dog mushers. Staff says that this use was allowed under permit to musher with support from GTC. This item can be considered at the next GTC meeting.

   Zach Behney asks about volunteer trails work parties for next summer. Group discusses that work parties will be planned for summer 2021.

Written Reports to be added to the meeting packet:

- Trails Management Plan Subcommittee Update
- Trails Plan Subcommittee Update
- Grants Status report
- GBOS
- Other Girdwood Trail Partners Updates: GNSC; GMBA; Girdwild; KMTA; Imagine! Girdwood (GAP)

Adjourn 9:05 PM

The following individuals signed in a the GTC 1.5.21 meeting via roll call:

Adam Hoke New/Rejoining Member
Alex Davis
Amanda Sassi
Barb Crews – GTC Vice-Chair
Ben Kohler
Bob Dugan New/Rejoining Member
Brian Burnett
Briana Sullivan – GBOS Trails
Carolyn Brodin – GTC Chair
Deb Essex
Diana Stram
Dinah Merrill
Eileen Halverson
Eric Teixmen
Ethan Tyler
Henry Munter
Jason Stancil
Jeff Samuels New/Rejoining Member
Jessica Szelag
Jim Braham
Jonathon Lee
Justin Thomas
Kalie Harrison
Kate Sandberg – GTC Vice-Chair
Kevin McDermott
Krystal Hoke
Kyle Kelley – GVSA Staff
Lin Hinderman
Marc Esslinger

Margaret Tyler – GVSA Staff
Martin Cassens
Mary Thomas
Matt Wedeking
Michelle Tenny
Mike Blake
Mike Edgington – GBOS LUC
Nels Barber
Nick Georgelos
Patty Hamre
Paul Crews
Paul Ferucchi New/Rejoining Member
Peter Zug
Rich Peterson
Ron Tenny
Saraj Gottstein
Shannon O'Brien New/Rejoining Member
Sharon Samuels New/Rejoining member
Shelley Rowton – HLB Non-voting
Sherry Dugan
Sophie Ostroski
Sparky Anderson
Steve Halverson
Zach Behney