



Minutes Final
Girdwood Trails Committee Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 7:00PM

Girdwood Trails Committee meetings are taking place on Teams with in-person attendance at the Girdwood Community Room, 250 Egloff Rd.

GTC Voting members are defined as any person eighteen (18) years of age or older who has attended one or more Trails Committee meetings in the last 12 months, and is:

- a) a current resident and/or property owner, business owner or designated representative of a non-profit association; and
- b) who has resided in, owned property in, owned a business located in, or operated as a non-profit association for the preceding ninety (90) days or longer in Girdwood Valley.

Attendance is verified through a sign-in sheet available at each meeting, or equivalent process.

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 Code 1.25 - Public Meetings.

The Girdwood Trails Committee operates under the Girdwood Public Meetings Standards of Conduct.

Call to Order 7PM Barb Crews, Chair

Approval of Jan 2 2024 meeting agenda

Approval of Dec 5 2023 meeting minutes

Carolyn Brodin/Brian Burnett

Deb Essex/Brian Burnett

Announcements & Presentations: Foraker Group Board Training is scheduled for TUE Feb 27 evening time TBA in the Girdwood Community Room. All are welcome to attend this meeting regarding Roberts Rules of Order and how to run meetings effectively.

Introductions: Lin Hinderman sharing computer

Public Comment (3 minutes each): Public Comment must be on subjects not listed on the agenda.

Deb Essex: GNSC has updated Winner Creek Grooming agreement with USFS and are prepping for grooming. There are some downed trees that need to be removed before grooming can begin.

Brian Burnett: In the end of Nov HLB dedicated land to the Potter Marsh Watershed district via Great Land Trust and GCI agreement. He recommends that land North of Girdwood Airport is considered for this type of land dedication for trails use. Nature Conservancy may also be an avenue for this.

Kalie Harrison: In line with Brian's comment, Kalie wants to encourage HLB to transfer trails land to Girdwood Parks and Rec.

Old Business:

1. Trails Committee Officer elections
Positions are chair, 2 vice chairs and treasurer

Chair:

Barb Crews nominated by Deb Essex, 2nd Kate Sandberg. Barb accepts nomination.

Barb Crews is elected by assent vote.

Vice-chairs:

Deb Essex and Kalie Harrison nominated vice-chair by Carolyn Brodin, 2nd Kate Sandberg. Nominations accepted

Deb Essex and Kalie Harrison are elected vice chairs by Assent vote

Treasurer:

Brian Burnett is nominated treasurer by Carolyn Brodin, 2nd by Kalie Harrison. Nomination accepted.

Brian Burnett is elected treasurer by Assent vote

GTC Officers for 2024 are:

Barb Crews, Chair

Deb Essex and Kalie Harrison, Vice Chairs

Brian Burnett, Treasurer

2. Update on Winner Creek Trail Bridge at Glacier Creek
GBOS has committed \$500,000 to the project. GVSA is seeking funding from USFS. Thank you to Chris von Imhof to his lobbying efforts with Rasmuson Foundation and others.
Completing design package with existing funding, which will produce documents for construction.
3. Consider Community Trails Info message for upcoming month to be shared on social media
Postholes and Poop: Kalie offers to post photos from GNSC to help carry messages on Friends of Girdwood Trails.
On a more positive note, trash has been full of dog poop bags, people are bagging and trashing a lot. Work on a more positive message thanking folks for picking up.

Grouchy moose on trails due to difficult conditions for wildlife

Deb asks about promoting cat track route to connect to Winner Creek from Arlberg Lot. Deb will discuss with CPG before promoting.
4. Update of Trail maps: Meeting Dec 20 to review draft from Corvus Designs. Staff are planning to meet with contractor to address changes.
5. Update on solutions to oversize vehicle use at the end of Timberline at Virgin Creek Falls
commercial permitting: Completing 2023 permit cycle and initiating 2024 commercial permits.
formal signage: pending meeting with MOA traffic for summer implementation
informal signage: neighbors may be working on their own informal signage

New Business:

6. Projects for Summer 2024:
Hinging on grant success, which we will know more about in late January. This funding would be used to hire trail crew.
Projects are Middle Iditarod NHT will probably be worked on in the fall.
Hiring will start soon for Summer Parks Caretaker positions.
Brackets for bridge on Beaver Pond have been received.
Winter: drag in lumber for bridge projects in Jan/Feb

Other:

7. Ongoing Trails Issues for update:
 - Trails Plan progress with Anchorage Assembly (Jan 9 intro; Jan 23 possible vote). Kyle and Holly will present to the Assembly Jan 23.
 - Status of Trails grants: Pending determination by ORTAB Board.
 - Other Trails Issues: Thanks to volunteer work on the trails.
Trees down on Winner Creek and Beaver Pond Trail.
 - No bonfire hole at location that has previously been used for parties behind the catholic church.
Containers were picked up the following day.
8. Monthly LUC/GBOS Meeting Representatives:
9. Written Reports should be submitted to include in meeting packet
Financial report received over the weekend.
Deposits include \$1000 from Girdwood Nordic Ski Club; \$14,536 reimbursement from KMTA Grant, Forest Fair \$1000.00
Dugan \$4000 for middle INHT for bridge rebuild.
Deposit of \$500 from GNSC is odd – staff will check on this.

Adjourn 7:35PM