Minutes

DELTA JUNCTION TRAILS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Jarvis Office Building, Conference Room (Bug Room)

Thursday October 30, 2014, 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Judy Hicks, Mindy Eggleston, Brandy Baker, Ellie Mason, Ellen Clark, Audrey Brown, Whit Aillaud, Steve McCombs, Heather Rice, Nat & Cheryl Good

MINUTES approved

TRESURER’S REPORT

        $50.00 fee paid to State of Alaska for Non-Profit application

$2304.96 in the bank account

OLD BUSINESS

1.  Treasurer & Secretary needed: Audrey Brown will consider Secretary position. She needs help with Dropbox. Ellie Mason will try out as Treasurer. Ellen will assume Ellie’s membership responsibilities. Steve McCombs available to help with Quickbooks.

2.    Join Chamber of Commerce-We need to join

3.    Open House August- Comments need to be entered on website

NEW BUSINESS

1.     8/29/14 Mindy & Judy met with Geoff Orth in Fairbanks, learned and visited 3 different types of trail construction

2.    Geoff Orth visited Delta 9/19/14 to see our top 15 Trails.  Carol, Mindy, Judy & Ellie Mason showed him 12 out of our top 15 trails except Donnelly Dome,  Lisa Lake or 1408.

3.    TMO’s were reviewed at the last meeting and evaluation for Draft of Delta Junction Community Trail Plan-Recommendations noted and TMOs reflect changes. Draft plan should be available after 3 Nov. Steering Committee will review Draft Plan. Andrea E. will work on graphics in plan. Draft plan outreach strategy: 1. internal review 2. Available online and hard copy (at library?) 3. Go to community groups 4. RTCA may be able to assist with printing costs.

4.    Trail Talk Oct = Delta Nordic Ski Club (Brandy Baker) in today’s (Oct 30) Delta Wind. Nov- Aillaud’s Pacific Crest Trail presentation at the public library (6Nov). Delta Wind is already publicizing and will write about presentation. Dec: Ellie M. will contact John Schandelmeier. Jan: solicit membership for Trail Talk topics. Other ideas: Clint Crusberg, animals on trails in winter; poetry contest in spring.

5. Brandy Baker & Whit Aillaud are working on submitting a RTP grant for equipment (snowmachine & grooming equipment, Mindy & Carol visited Delta Power Sports for snowmachine pricing) This grant will be through the Delta Nordic Ski Club due Nov 15.

6.    Judy & Mindy are working on submitting a RTP grant for the Liewer Community Trail though DJTA due Nov 15. Easements to be vacated by the city will come up for City Council review at next meeting. To get RTCA help with editing grants, drafts need to reach them by 11/6 and 11/10 at the latest.

7.    DJTA & Delta Nordic Ski Club have submitted applications for non-profit status with the State of Alaska

8.    Review of the Delta Junction Community Trail Plan

Amending the plan: A new trail advocate (someone suggesting /promoting new trail to be added or removed to/from the Plan) must research the required information (i.e landownership; DJTA still needs to develop list information needed, see Sitka Trail plan as example). A ¾ majority vote is necessary to approve amendment. Mindy will send out via email Sitka example of how to amend trail plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

a.    RTCA National Park Service-October 2, 2014 letter announcing an award of continuing technical planning assistance to Delta Junction Community Trail Plan project Oct 1, 2014-September 30, 2015.

b.    Dean Seibold-Trail opportunities with the fiber optic cable being laid in the Delta area . Concern about private property crossings. Utility easements do not equal trail easements.

c. Cindy Aillaud will be in charge of Relay for Life next year. Does DJTA want to have a team?

NEXT MEETING –Co-Op Extension November 20 5:30-7:00 early because of Thanksgiving

Calendar of Events

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MINDY EGGLESTON

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