**Delta Junction Trails Association**

**Meeting Minutes 10 April 2014**

**In Attendance Jarvis Office Bldg Bug Room**: Brandy Baker, Audrey Brown, Ellen Clark, Carol Dunlap-Austin, Mindy Eggleston, Judy Hicks, Elllie Mason, Stephen Staska, (RTCA-Lisa , and Heather via teleconference)

**5:30 p.m.** meeting called to order

**Approval Minutes** Mar 2014

**Treasurer Report**: New donations/memberships coming in. Paid for post office box rental. $877.38 currently in account.

**Old Business**:

1. Action Plan Timeline posted on wall. Reviewed and marked progress. We have accomplished much of what we planned for 2013. Still moving forward.
2. Thank you notes for members/donors. Ellie M. has them ready to go. DJTA has about 20 members/families.
3. “Trail Talk” article for April written by Brooks Ludwig, AK State Parks about why to stay off trails during mud season. Submitted to Delta Wind. May article Mindy and Judy report back from Alaska Trails Conference. Nancy King in June to write about collecting natural items while hiking.
4. DJTA needs treasurer/membership person. Carol working on computer technical issues and Ellie M. still filling in as needed.
5. DJTA Procedures- Ellen continuing to work on this.
6. Prioritized Trail List-Ellen working on short description of each trail
7. Mapping-Colin no longer working on mapping from SWCD. SWCD no longer working in any official capacity on maps for DJTA. Stephen S. will continue as a volunteer to collect and format mapping data for input onto the website. He will make GIS information available to DJTA but will not be working with RTCA on this project. Steve will coordinate map info for website with Andrea. Steve suggested DJTA collect photos of pertinent sights along trails to go along with maps. In addition he suggested DJTA think of what information we want on the map for users.
8. Website- working on a place for comments. Andrea will get back to Steve when her work responsibilities slow down.
9. Earth Day Apr 22 Theme for 2014 = Green Communities Outdoors. Mindy created digital flyer. All contacts will get flyer. Adopt-A-Highway- Elle M. reported: 3 year commitment, clean litter 3 times a year, 3 miles section of road. No one under 11 allowed along highway. 5 children max allowed with adult. Safety meeting prior to clean up. DOT has signs, safety vests, garbage bags. Leesha Rice coordinator. Ellie had difficulty reaching in person. DJTA likes the section of Richardson Hwy by Quartz Lake Rd.
10. Delta Power Sports Open House 5 Apr. Carol and Mindy attended and distributed about 25 flyers and membership forms. Delta Power Sports very receptive to DJTA. Many people at open house expressed concern about the increase size of atv’s and potential damage to trails from larger rigs. Public education/outreach necessary to help motorized trail users understand sustainable ohv trails and that sustainable trails still allow for fun.

**New Business**

1. RTCA asking if DJTA needing to host another community meeting in May (?) to share trial rankings with community, show DJTA progress and to solicit comments/feeback. DJTA still seeking to have input from user groups such as equestrians. Brandy will draft brief letter to trail user groups not yet represented on trails information (ie. 4-h stumpjumpers, DGSD, AK state troopers, City of D.J.). Letter will invite group to set meeting with DJTA. Will hold off on public meeting until later date when we have more of a draft plan.
2. Fundraising Dinner at BDSHP (Rika’s Roadhouse) 6/7/14. This is National Trails Day. America’s Trails website will list our event as part of national celebration. DJTA members to sell tickets for dinner. Chocolate Gypsy return all proceeds to DJTA. Workgroup: Ellie, Ellen, Carol, Mindy
3. Meeting with Tanana Valley Watershed Association (TVWA) on 4/9. Christy Everett (Board sof Directors) and Jewelz Barker (Exec. Director) met with some of DJTA steering committee. TVWA is a non-profit (501c3 designation) organization wanting to improve health of entire Tanana Valley watershed. TVWA to serve as “umbrella” organization to share human resources such as grant writing/administration among other organizations in the watershed. TVWA looking to expand geographically beyond Fairbanks area. DJTA benefit by having official nonprofit status for donations/grants. DJTA pursuing slowly to allow time to think through details. Rain to River Resource Center. [www.TVWatershed.com](http://www.TVWatershed.com) Draft pros/cons list of working with TVWA vs Alaska Trails.
4. Mindy and Judy to Alaska Trails Conference April 24-26 in Anchorage
5. John Sloan proposed Seniors Triathalon for Quartz Lake. DJTA cosponsor. Athletes over 60. Bike pipeline to Lost Lake. Hike to Gladfelter Cabin. Paddle to boat ramp. Contact John Sloan if you want to help.
6. Liability Insurance- Rural Alaska Insurance company advises that since DJTA has no assests or Board of Directors that we should encourage people to become members to participate in events. Members cannot sue themselves. DJTA do be responsible and safe while hosting events. Maybe TVWA can cover us with insurance for events?"

**Correspondence**

1. Fairbanks Hiking Club- Carol Lokken wants to dontate their $500.00
2. TVWA Exec Director Jewelz
3. Interior Trails recommends DJTA use Alaska Trails as fiscal sponsor
4. Audubon Society of Fairbanks spring field trip to Delta-Ellen
5. Delta Medial Transport “Community Safety Day” May 31

**Next Meeting May 22, 2014 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Jarvis Office Bldg, bug room

**Adjourn 7:10 p.m.**