Delta Junction Trails Association Meeting Minutes

5/22/2014 5:30-7:50 Co-Op Extension Conference Room

In Attendance: Ellen Clark, Terri Crowson, Wayne Crowson, Carol Dunlap-Austin, Mindy Eggleston, Nancy King, Ellie Mason

MINUTES/TRESURER’S REPORT

1. Approved the minutes.
2. Current balance $966.40. Mindy said the Go Daddy is $14.99/yr or $45.51/3yr for the .com. She spent $36.95 for the trail info printing (brochure handouts for the motorized trail users).

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Trail Talk**
   1. Mindy/Judy for May.
   2. Nancy King for June, possibly include a flower hike.
   3. July Terri Crowson on Berries. Discussed ideas for a pie class, bear safety info.
   4. August Ellen will ask Steve/Delta Wind about using Steve Dubois’ article from the Visitor’s Guide on Donnelly Dome – and coordinate a hike!
2. **Treasurer.** We still don’t have anyone with the computer/printer needed to run Quicken/Quickbooks. We will wait to purchase Quicken until we have someone in this position, so we can get appropriate version Mac/PC.
3. **DJTA Procedures**-Ellen has a revised version with a few items the group as a whole should approve. Tabled until we have a larger group in attendance.
4. **Mapping**- Steve Staska created a pdf mapbook and a large format poster pdf of the trails we have gps files for. They are in dropbox. Fabulous job Steve! Thank You!
5. **Website**-
   1. We need trail descriptions for prioritized trail list
   2. We need a schedule for checking the website email/blog. Mindy asked, and nobody has been checking it. She reminded everyone that there is a how to area in dropbox with instructions on checking the gmail account.
   3. We should add Alaska statutes that pertain to trails.
6. **Adopt-A Highway** Ellie M. still hasn’t heard back from the DOT person to get set up with the stretch on either side of Quartz Lake Road. You have to commit to 3/year for 3 years covering a 3 mile section. Carol will check into that.
7. **User Group Letter** Brandy has a rough draft of a letter inviting input and will send to the Steering Committee. We are hoping to reach out to groups that have shown a little interest, but have not participated (horse riding, ATVs, etc).
8. **Rendezvous at Rika’s 6/7/14 Fundraiser Dinner**- last minute coordination.
   1. We held 2 work group meetings to organize details for the event: Ellie M., Ellen, Carol and Mindy. (4/24 and 5/6)
   2. Tickets are for sale. If you sell a lot, you can deposit the money into the DJTA account at Wells Fargo or give it to Carol.
   3. The State Park user fee has gone up to $50. Wayne donated $10, and Ellie M and Ellen donated $20 each. Ellen filled out the form and Ellie M dropped it off.
   4. There is nobody available to do the GPS orienteering/geocaching. Ellie and Ellen will run it with help from Bob at ADF&G and Rob Gerber.
   5. Carol figured out the music – get Rachelle’s students to play and possibly the Woodshedders if their work schedule permits.
   6. Cassie is a possible for doing the face painting, Andrea will donate the paints. We discussed cost, and decided on “by donation.”
   7. Discussed the best ways to promote the event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Andrea donated DJTA business cards** – we can each have some and add our own contact info to the back (using a sticker looks nice).
2. **Alaska Trails Conference** – Mindy and Judy. Mindy relayed some of their experiences and the information they gained. From the agenda:
   1. Heather and Lisa plan to come this summer 7/7 thru 7/11 and help with trail layout
   2. Lisa has asked for the mapping and will begin work on title
   3. Jon Underwood will draw a trail layout of Donnelly Dome to help communicated the idea of a sustainable trail there (SWCD have expressed interest in doing the Donnelly design/layout/construction).
   4. Bike park ideas; contact Ptarmigan Trails, LLC for ideas
   5. Safe Schools Initiative; Steven Soenksen is the Safe Routes to School Coordinator
   6. Professional trail builders contacts: Happy Trails, Interior Trails
   7. We need a grooming guru. If you groom it, they will come. We want to ask Brooks if Brian Charlton from State Parks could do initial Grooming on Quartz Lake trails and we maintain grooming in between. And check with Deltana Fair Board to see if we can groom earlier to set the trails (I have a note on my paper here that says “yes” – I think that means Fair Board said that was ok?)
   8. OHV “Stay the Trails” Justin Lilly in CO is role model for responsible trail use. Ask graphics arts class at DHS for pamphlet, coloring book, brief video on trail ethics for OHV
   9. Historical trails. Trail-Story-Stewardship. Delta area is lucky to have trails that connect us with our local history.
   10. Trails offer the most benefit to a community for the least amount of cost. Trails are the new golf courses.
3. **TVWA – Chena River Summit** – Mindy attended
4. **GPS** – we have one checked out to DJTA from SWCD as of 5/16/14 for use in logging trail locations.
5. **Deltana Fair** – We discussed finding someone to take it on as the rest of the Steering Committee will be busy with other Fair activities. We decided that it should be someone who knows enough about what we have done and where we are at to be able to answer questions, and that we need several people to be at the booth if we were to get one. At this time, we don’t have anyone and will not get a booth.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

NEXT MEETING – June 19th 5:30-7:00 Co-Op Extension

Calendar of Events

5/13 Delta Medical Transport Community Safety Day (was actually held on 5/17)

6/7 Rendezvous at Rika’s

6/19 Next meeting

7/7-11 Heather/Lisa trail layout assistance

August John Sloan’s “over 60” triathlon

ADJOURN 7:45 p.m.