

## MINUTES FOR THE MAY 2020 MEETING

- The May 18, 2020 meeting was called to order at 5:16 PM via teleconference.
- Advisory Board members present: Leslie Jackson, Amanda Kiely, Floyd McCellan, Richard Hauver, Arika Paquette, and Adam Minshall.
- Staff present: Aaron Ostby, Preston Kroes
- The agenda was approved by Floyd, seconded by Amanda
- The April 2020 meeting minutes were not completed by the time of the meeting. The previous meeting minutes will be submitted for review via email.
- Correspondence: None
- Persons to be heard: None

### STAFF REPORT:

Aaron Ostby reported:

- Receiving a lot of calls regarding camping at Settlers Cove. The campground should be open this weekend. The parks have been extremely busy.
- The Settlers Cove Hosts are leaving June 2<sup>nd</sup>, they will be replaced by Tony and Alicia Johnson. We were fortunate to find locals to replace the departing hosts. Host Stephen Kirkland left Totem Bight to be the on-site host for the Forest Service at Ward Lake on May 20<sup>th</sup>. We no longer have a park host at Totem Bight.
- Finishing up the current RTP grant application.
- Received an email from HAP Alaska Yukon, regarding the cancelation for most of the cruise ships this season.

### CHAIR'S REPORT:

Leslie Jackson reported:

- Commented on the public getting out and using the parks and social distancing.

### KASPER REPORT:

- No report from Mary. Floyd stated that the last meeting was postponed due to COVID19. Aaron commented that Mary was planning on reimbursing Arika for the Books given as prizes for the Bird ID contest. The Haida Descendant Dancer event sponsored by KASPER will probably not be held this year due to restrictions on social gatherings. Preston added that restrictions are being lifted but questioned if the event should take place.

### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Kids in Parks Event Debrief:** Aaron asked if anyone had seen or participated in the contest. There was an overview of the event and its purpose.
- B. Digital Bird-Walk Debrief:** Arika explained the program and said that all the contest winners were excited to get their books. She would like to see more involvement from children in future contests and thought that giving people tips or ways to engage their children might help. Staff and members of the Board thanked Arika for her work in developing and implementing the program.

- C. Forage Fest:** Leslie explained that the event is scheduled for the end of September but will need to wait and see if it will be safe to host the event at that time. Leslie explained the purpose of the event. Amanda noted that we could wait until the day prior to the event to pay and should hold the reservation until then. Leslie would like to meet again over the summer if needed to plan for the event and work on a parks project. The Board is hoping that by mid-summer there will be a better idea as to what to expect for social gatherings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. RTP Grant LOS:** Aaron explained the proposed grant for the replacement of the Lunch Falls Trail stairs and asked for Board support. Leslie will draft a letter of support for the grant application. Deadline is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- B. Summer Project Plans:** Leslie asked if there were any ideas for projects that the Board could be involved in over the summer. Aaron commented that if we receive the trail grant, we could coordinate a volunteer day to help demo of the existing stairs. If COVID restrictions are lifted, a marine park beach cleanup or a National Trails Day (June 6) event could be scheduled. Preston suggested using the Friends group with an SUP to cover participants in an event since all volunteers would need to have a VSA approved in advance. The Board will communicate and attempt to plan an informal meeting over the summer break.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- A. Board Projects and Planning

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for September 8, 2020