



Snowmobile Trail Advisory Committee

SnowTRAC

Advisory Board Meeting

September 28 2005

Atwood Building - Anchorage

Staff called meeting to order @ 8:40 a.m.

Members Present:

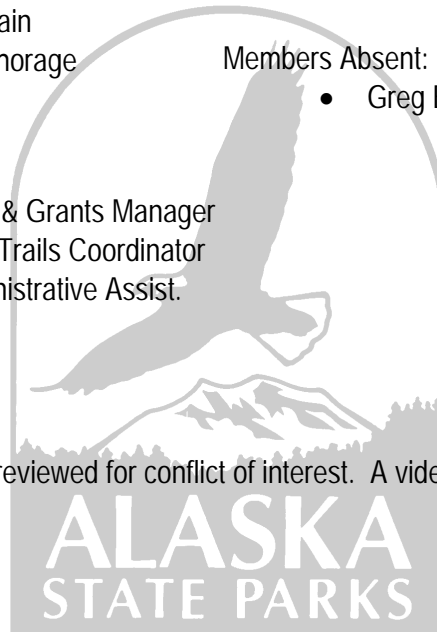
- JR Malesic - Anchorage
- Ken Lancaster – Soldotna
- Eric Morris – White Mountain
- Marianne Beckham – Anchorage
- Myles Yerkes – Skwentna
- Andy Morrison – Girdwood
- Mark Wilke – Juneau
- Frank Woods - Dillingham

Members Absent:

- Greg Barclay - Soldotna

Staff Present:

- Margaret Brodie – Admin. & Grants Manager
- Samantha Carroll – State Trails Coordinator
- Sandra Cleveland – Administrative Assist.



Introductions were made.

Ethics paperwork was handed out and reviewed for conflict of interest. A video on Ethics Laws was shown. Brief question and answer period.

Break

Ineligible grant applications:

Iron Dog – only submitted one copy of the application, 11 were needed. They will try again next time.

Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers - submitted an incomplete application. No public notice was given on this application. Staff from DNR ML&W provided background on the Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers and issues they have had with regards to "trespass trails" in terms of trail easement acquisitions and negotiations. There were questions and answers.

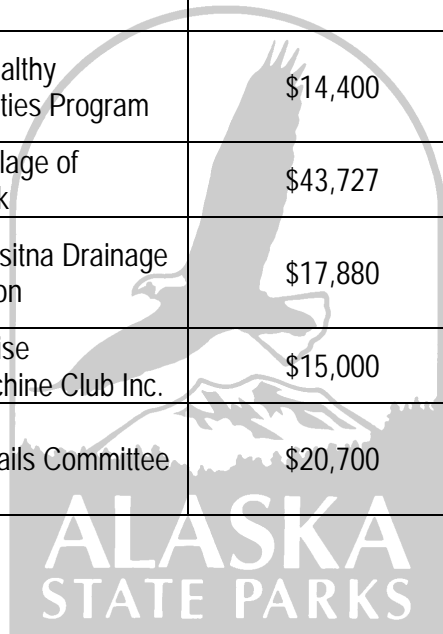
North American Outdoor Institute – the application was considered ineligible by the Committee, the application proposed a project that is similar to one that is already funded by the same applicant. Current grantees are not eligible to apply for the same project scope while still administering a current project. Grantees are eligible to apply for different projects.

Break

SnowTRAC’s funding recommendations to the Director of State Parks:

The maximum amount of a grant is \$50,000. The program receives \$200,000 per year, which is the total funding for the entire program.

Project Title	Applicant	Funds Requested	SnowTRAC Award
Hatcher Pass Snowmobile Trails	DPOR Mat-Su District	\$50,000	Funding through the Grooming Pool for one year
2006 Chugach State Park Snowmobile Trail Maintenance	Anchorage Snowmobile Club	\$8,972	Fund in full
Trapper Creek Trails Winter Grooming & Signing	Alaska Snow Cat	\$15,000	Funding through the Grooming Pool for one year.
Mat-Su Snowmobile Helmet & Safety Program	Valley Healthy Communities Program	\$14,400	Fund in full
Shelter Cabin at Igguagnak	Native Village of Shaktoolik	\$43,727	Funded at \$25,000
Lower Susitna Drainage Area Trail Grooming & Maintenance	Lower Susitna Drainage Association	\$17,880	Not funded
Eureka Trail East to Locate Monuments	Lake Louise Snowmachine Club Inc.	\$15,000	Fund in full
Willow Winter Trails Maintenance Project	Willow Trails Committee	\$20,700	Awarded funds for non-grooming activities & funded through the Grooming Pool for one year.



Grooming Pool:

Last year SnowTRAC authorized funding for a Grooming Pool Pilot Program, which was administered through the Mat-Su State Parks office. The pilot was well received throughout the community of the Mat-Su valley and it’s visitors.

The Mat-Su Superintendent spoke on how he administered this program and how he distributed the money.

Discussion on how to distribute funds from the pool.

Public suggested that the state disburse the money for the Grooming Pool.

Park Staff would like to see a one-page application used for the Grooming Pool.

One of the aspects of the grooming pilot was that if the program worked, then the following year funds would be disbursed to other areas of the state. It was suggested that half of the programs funds go into grooming and the other half for maintenance and development grants.

Committee members ask that Staff take on the Grooming Pool task and keep the Committee informed on its progress. Members would like to have this concept in writing.

Staff will put together all the information and have a SnowTRAC teleconference by the end of next week.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

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