



Kachemak Bay State Park Citizen Advisory Board
PO Box 3248, Homer, AK 99603
Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2020

1. Call to Order

- a. **Roll Call:** Board Members: Aron Peterson, Glenn Green, Sera Baxter, Robert Archibald, Beaver Nelson, Johnathan Sharp, Patrick Miller, Carol Harding, Nancy Hillstrand, and Robert Ostrom.
Excused: Curtis Jackson, Jeffrey Lee. **Not present:** Kristen Dixon
On the phone: Kevin Walker.
State Park staff – Jason Okuly, Carter Forney
Public Members – there were 6 members of the public.
- b. **Minutes:** Glenn Green Voted to adopt the minutes, Seconded by Patrick Miller.
- c. **Agenda Changes:** Agenda was approved as written

2. Public Comment–Janet Klein: I’d like to draw your attention to the display on the south wall that talks about the park. Dave Brann also created the 50 things to do in the park flyer

3. Visitors

Michal McGuire – speaking about a run from Tutka to Taylor on July 18th. Expecting 10hrs as an average. Limited to 30 people. Goal is to move the race all the way to Jackolof and have an ultra-race. We hope to use this year as a learning experience to figure out the logistics of this type of race. Race will be held July 18th, 1 week after the Grace Ridge Race in the current plan.

Robert Ostrom – This will be a bucket list race for people, keep the number of people small.

Mako Haggerty – Last year we had a hiker lost across the bay, Michael McGuire assisted with the lost hiker by running down the trails.

Nancy Hillstrand – This run goes through a wilderness park; how will human waste be dealt with? Consider wildlife etiquette.

Aron Peterson – how would you put a bathroom at the head of Tutka Bay – Michael – probably boat it over.

Dana Nelson – With a 6am run start time will that result in camping at Taylor Bay the day before? Michael – we are going to attempt to fly runners over the morning of. If people want to get over themselves, they are welcome to do so. Every racer will be required to attend a prerace meeting.

Robert Archibald – are racers responsible for their own evacuation? Michael – yes, each runner must sign a waiver stating they are responsible for their own evacuation. Additionally, we will be covered by the racing club's insurance.

4. Committee Reports

a. State Parks: Jason provided the board with the following operation report.

1. New PR I has started, Carter Forney. He has a history of working for State Parks starting in 2011 as an ACCer in Denali. In 2019, he resigned from the State Park service achieving the status of Tech II. He then became an EMT II with Matsue borough. He will be attending the academy at the end of February. He will be done with training in Mid-August.
2. Illegal wood cutting at Dimond Creek. One green tree taken closest to the upper trailhead along with one standing dead.
3. People feeding wildlife at Dimond Creek – porcupine. Porcupine was trapped and relocated to the wildlife center close to Whittier. Photos were taken of the porcupine on an individual's leg. Videos were posted on Facebook of the porcupine following people.
4. A dog was supposedly quilled by the porcupine.
5. Participated in the winter carnival parade. Three rangers from the Kenai area attended with superintendent Jack Blackwell and Director Ricky Gease. Rangers handed out treats to the kids while walking alongside the State Park landing craft.
6. Community outreach event on KBB's Coffee Table regarding the park and its 50th anniversary.
7. Park fees have increased. The most impactful would be per client fees, they have increased from \$4/client to \$6

Permits:

1. Issued a permit to land a plane on Grewingk Lake in the winter with skis.
2. Issued a permit for harvesting dead trees at Diamond Creek.
3. HEA Permits – issues with the power pole stability due to the river changing its course. HEA will be flying into the China Poot Bay area to shore up power poles with guidelines. These poles provide power to Halibut Cove and Peterson Bay
4. CIAA – issued a permit authorizing the installation of signage around the hatchery operation; at the facility in Tutka Bay Lagoon, the trailheads around the hatchery, and on the net pen itself.
5. Permit request to land a helicopter at upper Hazelle Lake area to conduct a backcountry ski trip across the ice field – parks is requesting they find a fix wing plane with skis instead of a helicopter.

Called into ORTAB board to provide comments on one of our RTP grants.

Replace jack stand and bunks on small landing craft.

b. Friends' Report- Mako Haggerty provided the board with the following report:

1. February 3rd meeting, we spoke of the 50th anniversary, talked about tool purchases, and approved a 2020 budget, looking into insurance, going to put banners along Pioneer road designed by Kathy Sarns.
2. Removed from the agenda – an electric fence by Grewingk Lake due to it being beyond our capacity.
3. Figuring out how to sell items, sweatshirts and water bottles
4. Working on a website that is not live, hopefully next month
5. We would like to have an "Ask" from the advisory board.

6. Maintenance of structures built by the “friends.” We build it, we provide transport, we “ask” that the Park maintains it.
7. Brochure – made last year, they are expensive. We want more of these from the State Park.
8. Rescue crew – we would like a representative from the Blue Shirts, Brown Shirts, Coast Guard, Fire Department to create a rescue team.

c. Kachemak Bay 50th Anniversary Celebration- Mako Haggerty provided the board with the following report:

1. Parade was a big success; Christina Whiting help a lot with the parade. Roger MacCampbell did a great job getting people involved. Osic Wheeler was the bear in the parade. It was GREAT!! The director and superintendent showed up, Josh Duffus was there as well. Toby Wheeler orchestrated the song for the trail crew.
2. Doug Baily is working with Johnny B for the 50th birthday bash.
3. **May 9th will be the birthday bash at the SPARC.** Anyone wishing to help talk with Roger.
4. **Trails day** – Friends will have two of their own crews, one led by Cathy Sarns and one led by Roger MacCampbell
5. Shore bird fest – we have the friendship walk, pancake breakfast, and the birthday bash.
6. **Nancy Hillstrand** – in two years we will have the 50th birthday of the wilderness park. Should we keep these celebrations going for two years?

d. Trail Committee- Mark Romana –nothing to report.

e. Habitat Committee – Nancy Hillstrand – looking to start a habitat committee, looking to define what habitat means regarding our Park. Carol Harding would be interested on being on this committee as well.

f. Bylaws committee – You must get a hold of the Chair or Pam if you are going to have an excused absence. More than three unexcused absences the Board may vote to remove person from the Board as per the Bi-Laws.

5. Old Business

- a. Interagency Land Management Agreement at 17-mile East End** – Robert Archibald wrote a letter to Jack Blackwell regarding an ILMA. Jack explained that the division is attempting to complete all ILMA’s simultaneously.
- b. Dr. Anja Dufresne** – Interested in conducting research at Grewingk Lake’s potential slide area. The board has drafted a resolution in support of her research. The resolution will help with her funding source to conduct this research. Beaver Nelson voted to approve the resolution. Johnathan Sharp seconded the motion. Discussion – none, motion passes unanimously approved.

6. New Business

7. Action Items

8. Public Comment

- Mako Haggerty – We had a group meeting regarding the opposition of lifting the jet ski band. If the state lifts the band, we will be fund raising to litigate. We think there are 900 people who are opposed to lifting the band and 400 in favor.
- Dana Nelson – community council meeting March 4th noon to 3pm at the university. The habitat committee members are welcome to sit in on the meeting.

9. Comments of Board Members

- Sera Baxter – electric fences with bear safety – I think electric fences are very effective.

- Robert Ostrom – we need to support the search and rescue outreach efforts.
- Glenn Green – The state is talking about reducing airport maintenance, does anyone know if this will affect our area?
- Patrick Miller – I appreciated Michael McGuire sitting through this meeting as well as bringing the race information to this group.
- Aron Peterson –
 - Cottonwood Eastland developments have taken place. We have added an outhouse, a picnic table, and a fire ring. I would like the draft management plan to reflect the improvements at Cottonwood Eastland.
 - Friends have agreed to refill bear canisters with water to be used as bear spray trainers. A refill device is being made.
- Robert Archibald – we have a computer guided router. Thanks to Aron Peterson for creating the signs. Thanks to Dave Brann for planning the boards. On February 19th we will be hosting our second seminar series brought to you by Brentwood Higman and Taz Tally. then Jason Herriman on April 15th to talk of the terrestrial animals for the park. Debbie Tobin will speak of the Marine mammals, then Janet Kline with the history of the area.
- Johnathan Sharp – would like to put an event together to take 120 kids across the bay. I am looking for support.

10. Adjournment: Was at 7:pm. Next Board Meeting March 11, 2020 at 5:30pm.