

Kachemak Bay State Parks Board Meeting
Advisory Board Minutes
December 11, 2013

1. Members Present: Willy Dunne, Steve Schultz, Glenn Green, Dave Taylor, Lindsay Wolter, Stan Lefton
Staff Present: Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell, Kenai/Prince William Sound Superintendent Jack Blackwell.

Guests: David Martindale- Board Applicant.
Beaver Nelson- Board Applicant.
Jeff Lee- from Seldovia.
2. Changes to Agenda: January meeting added to new business.
3. Adoption of the Agenda:
 - a. Motioned- Willy.
 - b. Second- Steve.
 - c. Adopted as amended.
4. Changes to Minutes:
 - a. Change Trials Day to Trails Day.
5. Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. Motioned- Lindsay.
 - b. Second-Willy.
 - c. Minutes approved as amended.
6. Correspondence: Letter to David from the Office of the Governor thanking him for writing and requesting funding statewide and local issues.
7. Introduction of Visitors:
 - a. Dave Martindale- Board Applicant.
 - b. Beaver Nelson-Board Applicant.
 - c. Jeff Lee- from Seldovia.
8. Committee Reports:
 - a. Operations Report:
Roger provided board members with following operation report:
 - Park Specialist Eric Clarke went on seasonal leave without pay until March 1, 2014.
 - One Patrol of China Poot Bay with AST/DFWP, several duck hunters, duck blinds, trap in the bay. We made no contacts.
 - Patrol Vessel (Naiad) has been repainted, new GPS/radar array installed, at Kenai Parks Office.

- Met with reps from Homer Cycling Club regarding Diamond Creek. Advised before much more trail work to be done, we need to formalize relationship once Non Profit status is completed (just found out they received their non profit papers).
- Water Trail meetings: Debating display map, requesting the Park Boundaries/name be clearly marked on map. As it is on safety map.
- Some illegal wood cutting at Diamond Creek, nothing too concerning, dead and down trees. Have at least six "green" trees down from windstorm.
- Met with FEMA reps at Diamond Creek, but trail too icy to safely inspect. They will use our last report and our update from more recent problems.
- Time off for Holiday. I will be on Annual Leave December 18 thru January 5th. Returning to work Jan. 6th.
- Winter volunteer caretaker has been plowing and sanding two parking lots, bunkhouse and office lots.
- Finalizing work plan and budget for next years Trails Program and facility maintenance. We will have three ACC trail crew leaders funded from Federal Grant/Trails program. We will have three crews, two full time dedicated to trails and one to PUCs/Campsites and Trailheads. Each ACC leader will manage a three person crew, except for Camp. Crew which will have two. They will work a staggered 8 day on/Six day off schedule.
- All will start May one and two will work thru August while a third will work thru September. VIPS will start towards third week of May and finish by end of August.
- Waiting End of Season reports from Commercial Operators to finalize visitor numbers as well as public cabin use.
- Nomad Shelters has requested extension of their permit. I have recommended we do so. Does the board have any issues with continuing or not continuing the YURT contract? Recommendations requested.

b. Friend's Report:

Willy provided board members with following report:

- Friends paid for trip to Chugachik Island, dug latrine hole, put in box with state archaeologists along with Roger MacCampbell. No Artifacts found.
- Friends are doing a first hike on the first day of the year at Eveline, January 1. Nationwide program. Meeting at McNeil Fire Hall. Do a hike or ski, depending on weather. Will be doing a film, sneak preview of film festival. Fee/donation of five dollar, for non members.
- Roger asked about funding request. No answer.

9. Old Business:

- a. Dark Sky – No report- discussion of proposal.
- b. Staff funding stage 2- Lindsay, Carol, Mako and I met to talk about stage two items we can do to pressure for funding for KBay, not just Homer but state-wide as well, including articles in paper. By next meeting.
- c. CIAA permit application – Tutka Bay - Waiting for response from state attorney
- d. CIAA/ADF&G permit application - Leisure Lake – waiting for response from state attorney
- e. Sea Duck Refugia - No Action
- f. Board Applications –

- Beaver Nelson: Spent his entire life in Kachemak Bay on the CIAA board, but used the Park for a lot of things.
- Dave Martindale: Avid user of the Park, sat in last year during heli skiing issue, just wants to be apart of it, be aware of it, represent my demographics, and be positive, commercial fisherman but not staying in that line of work.

g. New Management Plan update – Planners are currently working on researching park issues.

10. New Business:

- January meeting: Dave will be unable to attend on January 8, 2014 can meet on 15th, but Dave will check if Nancy and Mako can run meeting prior to changing date.
- Meeting for March is moved to the 19th.
- Appointment of David Martindale and Beaver Nelson:
Motioned- Willy
Second- Stan
Motion passed.

11. Comments and Discussion:

12. Adjournment.