

**Kachemak Bay State Park  
Advisory Board Minutes  
Wednesday December 12, 2012**

- I.
- A. **Members Present:** David Taylor, Glenn Green, Willie Dunn, Steve Schultz, Mako Haggerty, Nancy Hilstrand ( on the phone), Stan Lefton, Lindsey Wolter and Nancy Harding  
Staff Present: Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell.
  - B. **The Minutes:** The minutes were approved.
  - C. **The Agenda** from the December 12, 2012 was approved as written.
  - D. **Correspondence:** Reviewed the letter that Jack Blackwell pertaining to the Heli Skiing.
  - E. **Introduction of Visitors:** Chuck Lindsey community member and enjoys the park.

II. **Committee Report**

- a. **Operations Reports-**Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell gave a brief report on the activities of the State Park. The water trails committee is continuing to meeting. A request for proposal will be ready to go out for creating an interpretive web page design. The committee is looking for a web page with new technology that includes GIS layering of imagery, topography and other attributes.

The Bay Crest interpretive sign planning committee has had 2 meeting. These meeting are once a month on a Tuesday. The City of Homer Arts committee is working on cleaning up the area to showcase interpretive panels on the volcanoes and special lands in the area. The group consists of the City of Homer, conservation group, a Federal agency and fish and game.

The Diamond Creek Road will be closed soon.

Roger MacCampbell and Dave Braun would like to do a survey of the Diamond Creek area for potential futures ski trails. Roger would also obtain a aerial photo of the area.

The new state truck a six pack has arrived.

Roger stated that with the recent storm there is lots of debris in Halibut Cove Lagoon, Glacier Spit beaches.

States Parks is currently working on re-establishing a citizen advisory board in Ninilchik.

Roger has received a few complaints about some trespassing and tree cutting in the Clam Gulch area. State Parks also received a request from Doctor Marley about some property along the Sterling Highway. At this time State Parks is not interested in purchasing the land.

The Alaska Yurt rental company was sent a letter in response to some of the deficiency in regards to there stipulations and contract. They replace a few of the stove and the old stove were left on site and not disposed of properly. A latrine needs replacement, the bear proof boxes needs to be locked and replaced. The Alaska Yurt Company is currently looking into selling the yurt reservation portion of their business to wither Lands End or Center for Alaska Coastal Studies. They also are looking into selling the yurt reservation portion of their business to either Lands End or Center for AK Coastal studies.

Njord Rota sent in a response to the Heli Skiing proposal. After reviewing the comments Njord may be appealing the decision to wait until the management plan has been revised. He concluded that after detailed analysis there was 1572 comments, 90% were in favor and 9.8 percent were against and the rest were neutral.

- b. **Friends Report-** Willie Dunn commented that the committee has applied for 2 grants. The first grant is a capacity grant to help start building the membership. The second grant is to help with trails day. The committee meets the first Monday of the month at the community library at 5pm. There are membership forms available and have established a Face book page. The friends have currently \$5000.00 dollars available.

III **Old Business**

- a. **Budget and staffing**-At this time the budget has not change. Many available vacancies will not be filled and trail crew may not be hired at this time.  
Roger is currently proposing to cancel the bridge project in order to use the money to hire the trail crew.
- b. **Letter of support for Kachemak Bay State Parks**- The board work together on developing the letters to the legislature for additional funding for the Alaska State Park system in Homer. The letter will contain a cost analysis for four additional position that in clued a 12 month ranger, additional month for Eric Clarke the seasonal Technician and 3 additional seasonal technicians. Roger estimated the cost to be \$250.000 dollars for these additional staff. The letter will also include the statistics explaining the visitor counts and commercial use. A copy of the final letter will be sent to each board member.

The letter with the analysis will be sent to Director Ben Ellis, Superintendent Jack Blackwell, Senator Paul Seaton, Senator Peter Micciche, Governor Sean Parnell and Commissioner Dan Sullivan.

The board approved to send a letter of support for budget above list. Mako will send a list of e-mail address to each of the board members. The board members will send in there individual letters and recruit one friend and one business or organization to send in a letter.

**IV New Business**

**IV. Board Comments**

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

**Date/Agenda of next meeting January 9, 2012**