

**Kachemak Bay State Park
Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday October 10, 2012**

- I.
- A. **Members Present:** David Taylor, Jack Blackwell, Glenn Green, Willie Dunn, Mako Haggerty, Nancy Hilstrand and Steve Schultz.
- Staff Present: Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell, Superintendent Jack Blackwell and Support Staff Pam Russell.
- B. The Minutes: Correction to the September 12, 2012 minutes was on page 3 the motion should read public hearing not public comment period. Under operation reports Alaska Department of Fish and Game is helping Roger MacCampbell to apply for grant to help in rebuilding Slide Hole at Anchor River. Eric Clarke is a Park Specialist not a technician. Willie Dunn motion to accept the minutes as amended and Steve Schultz second. The minutes were approved as amended.
- C. The agenda from the September 12, 2012 was approved as written.
- D. Correspondence: None
- E. Introduction of Visitors: Stan Lefton, Lindsay Wolter, Billie Day, Tony Doyle and Jeffrey Lee, Jack Blackwell introduced himself as the New Superintendent and his background.

II. **Committee Report**

- a. **Operations Reports**-Chief Ranger Roger MacCampbell handed out a summery of the operations report for the Kachemak Bay State Park. Attached to the minutes.
Mako recommended that state parks provide mooring buoys around Kachemak Bay State park for visitors use. Jack Blackwell stated that there is maintenance of the mooring buoys and the state does not have the funds or personnel to main the system.
- b. **Friends Report.** Make reported about the National Public Lands Day that was held on September 29, 2012 at Island and Ocean Center. They sent out a mailing and did some advertise to invite members of the public. They had about 45 to 50 people attended and had 12 new members joined, some join at the level that they received a t-shirt. Mike McBride gave a presentation of his trip to the backwoods area of Africa and the methods being used to preserve the land. The Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park has a new webpage.
The Friend's committee is considering have a name the boat contest for the new state park landing craft that was purchase this year and they are also working on offering new members a discount of 50 percent discount on a water taxi trip as a stand by passenger. This would only be honored if the boat has a planned trip and there is room available. Two water taxi companies have signed up. A friend now has a board of directors.

III **Old Business**

- a. **Board member applicants:** Two new members attended the meeting. **Stan Lefton** has been a contractor in construction for 30 years. Owns property with several cabins at Sadie Cove and is interested in preserving the park. Stan has technical abilities, communicates well, and believes he is open minded to different point of views. **Lindsay Wolter** moved to Homer in April of 2012. She is interested in environmental law and is really compassionate about the environment. Interested in purchasing a boat and exploring more of the park.

For every vacancy we should get 3 applicants and those position that have expired reapply. Then the board votes to except those new members to the board. Then the superintendent Jack Blackwell and Roger MacCampbell interview the applicants and then send the applicants for approval to the State Park Director. The board can have up to fifteen board members and they are three year terms. Also, the board looks for diverse groups of community members.

The board then asked the applicants to leave the room and the have a discussion and determine if they should send a recommendation to the director for approval. Nancy made a motion to accept the applicants as new board members. Willie Second. The board voted unanimously to accept both Lindsey and Stan to the board.

- b. **Letter to Paul Seaton:** Roger is working with Mako on the main bullet points for the letter. Will meet on the 22nd of October, proposing that the letter will be done by October 26, 2012. This needs to be done within a month to be sent to the legislature.

- c. **Heli Skiing Proposal-** Njord Rota was on the telephone and Jeffrey Lee was present at the meeting.

Jack Blackwell explained that we received two applications for heli-skiing in the Kachemak Bay State and Wilderness Parks. This can be allowed by permit if approved by a Directors Order. It has been noted that the management plan does not limit the number of operator or stipulations regarding this type of commercial activity. So State Parks decided that it would send out a public notice explaining that we have received multiple applications to operate commercial skiing venture in Kachemak State Park and Kachemak State Wilderness Park and the division would like to hear your input. The public comment period will be open for 30 days. A decision will then be based on the comments received. One of the reasons for following this process was the question of limitation. If we allow it and only use the 2 applicants that we received and if another application comes in how do we handle it. The limitation route is the best. Have the discussion now instead of waiting for the revision of the management plan. Request for proposal is the way to go. Ask the question first, receive the comments and then determine which the best route to go is. Let's see if this is what the public

The board will need to formulate a recommendation to be sent in.

Mako commented on the permits that had been issued in the past to Maritime Helicopter services for backcountry skiing and when those permits were issued. Winter time landing zones, with a 3 mile radius for pick up. Permits were issued back in the 1990's. Comprehensive plan allow the activity in the Wilderness Park? Jack Blackwell read from the plan on page 86 or 69. Currently regulation does specify between fix and helicopter.

Jeffrey Lee talked about his Heli Skiing operation which includes two huts and would be a year round operation.

- IV. a. **Officer Elections for 2012-2013:** Chair-David Taylor- vice Chair-Nancy Hilstrand and administrative person-Pam Russell /Steve Schultz will be back-up recorder when I don't make it to Homer for the meeting.

Nancy makes a motion to we vote on the members Willie Seconds Lindsey and Stan all in favor.

- b. **Board Comments** Board would like the meetings posted in the Homer News and on KBBI.

III. **ADJOURNMENT**

A. Board Comments –

Date/Agenda of Next Meeting November14th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Operations Report

Kachemak Bay State Park, South District Kenai Area

October 10, 2012

Presented To: Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizen's Advisory Board

Presented by: Chief Ranger R. MacCampbell

- Attended **NERRS council meeting**, gave short presentation on seasons events, issues, accomplishments
- Attended ***Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park*** meeting along with Director Ben Ellis and newly appointed Superintendent Jack Blackwell
- **Flood Damage** assessment done in most of my units. Beach erosion at Deep Creek, stream bank erosion at Anchor River, more beach erosion at Anchor River at Halibut Campground and Tractor Launch, Diamond Creek lower trail sloughing off, mudslides. Trail at Slidehole campground in Anchor River, large area of bluff at Stariski State Rec. Site; Some minor trail damage in Kachemak Bay, several small foot bridges washed away, reports of bridge in upper Moose Valley washed out, flooding around China Poot Lake. Have yet to access upper Humpy Creek Bridge, new bridge at CP Lake and confirm bridge in upper Humpy Crk. (Helo flight scheduled for today)
- **YURTS:** I was able to inspect several Yurts while Eric and I were over for flood damage assessment: Both Tutka Yurts and the Sadie Cove Quarry Yurts (one was down/gone) I had previously this season looked at Humpy Creek and Haystack. All Yurts have issues in terms of permit/contract stipulation compliance. I have yet to draft a letter to Nomad Shelter regarding these issues.
- **Diamond Creek:** Wood cutting opened yesterday by permit. Estimates of over 400 truck loads yesterday; when I was there I counted over forty vehicles and 31 saws in operation. This morning at 8 a.m. there were 20 plus vehicles lined up along the edge of highway at the gate waiting to get in. I opened gate and allowed people to start cutting early. More areas will be opened up. Mako secured additional funding for area outside of Forester's selected area, mainly to allow harvest machinery to clear land for ski trails. When I left at 09:30 there were well over 50 vehicles and more coming in. Area will be closed on Friday to assure wood for Saturday for people who cannot take time off work during week days. Damaged areas, muddy rutting will be repaired and left over wood, stumps, etc cleaned up prior to completion of contract. More gravel will be brought in. Contrary to rumors, Homer Saw and the Honda Shop have not sold out of chainsaws.
- **Landing Craft:** We placed new logo/State Park Decals on new Landing Craft which have received many positive comments. NAME?_____
- **Plane Crash on WOZ:** report is plane has washed away. All personal belongings that Eric and I were able to recover were turned over to victim's girlfriend, since most of it was hers. One inflatable kayak remains near HEA shack.
- **Ninilchik operations:** Assisted for two days placing trusses and roofing on new 'shop' and storage units using two conexas at our Ninilchik facilities.
- **TRAILS office:** Eric and I entertained Darcy Harris and Steve Neal from the Anchorage office, oversight of Trails Grants for a day and a half. They were able to see first hand some of the incredible work being done by Eric and his crews at the Saddle Trail, our facilities at Halibut Cove and Eveline SRA and problems at Diamond Creek. I believe they left here very impressed.

- **Baycrest Overlook:** Had working meeting with committee including our interpretation design person regarding the Baycrest/Overlook interp project.
- **Water Trail:** planning continues on the water trail, have had two meetings. Committee members are working on Web design RFP, surveys and community outreach. Funding will continue for at least another year.
- **DOCK:** the ramp will be raised next Monday at high tide.
- **NAIAD Patrol Boat:** is out of water for winter. Hope to leave L/C in harbor over winter, occasional cleaning of hull for winter patrol/inspections of PUCS, etc.
- **ERIC's new truck:** Waiting for snow plow to be mounted and have truck brought down from Anchorage. Crew Cab four wheel drive will greatly improve operations for Eric and crew and give me another vehicle to use in winter for plowing parking areas at office, bunkhouse, trailheads and roadways at Ninilchik. Truck will still need to be outfitted with tool boxes at least but I prefer a camper shell and a lumber rack.
- **YET TO BE DONE:** Water system shut down, winterization of systems. Final trail registers gathered and tabulated. Commercial use counts, PUC counts, etc added to total visitor counts estimates. Eric goes on seasonal leave end of Oct.. I will be on annual leave all of next week Oct 13-21.--