

**North Kitsap Trails Association**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting-Minutes**  
**June 26, 2014**

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Directors in Attendance: Linda Berry-Maraist, John Kuntz, Brooke Hammett, Duke Bourgeois, Don Willott, Evan Stoll. (On conference call, Russ Perisho, David Haley)

Directors Absent: Jon Rose, Mark Schorn

Recording Secretary: Brooke Hammett

Guests: None

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**A. Business**

1. Call to Order – Agenda Review

The Board of Directors meeting of the North Kitsap Trails Association was called to order Linda Berry-Maraist at 3:20 pm, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2014.

The agenda was reviewed and no changes made.

2. Consent Agenda/Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION: Duke moved to adopt the minutes (as emailed changes) and approve \$591.87 for brochure printing cost. Dave seconded.

Approved unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report

Evan Stoll, Treasurer, submitted and reviewed the financial report.

MOTION: Brooke made motion to authorize payment of Washington State license renewal and to approve Treasurer's report; Duke seconded.

Approved unanimously

4. President's Report

Linda reported that West Sound Cycling had approached NKTA to possibly provide an aid station table in Port Gamble for the upcoming Tour de Kitsap ride on July 27<sup>th</sup>. (Only Linda is available) She also reported that the Planning Commission for the County approved a new policy for road shoulders that would exempt rural shoulders from full storm water requirements, thus allowing shoulder paving for bicycle safety. This still needs to go to Commissioners.

5. Executive Report

Linda reported on the meeting with the County re: the STO grant application. She was advised that we need to simplify, connect all portions of the project and scale down the 'ask' of land. We agreed to cut out acquisition of ridge behind Millie's trail area as Jon agreed to sell an easement to connect Millie's trail and the STO. The N-S route from Port Gamble is now proposed to be acquisition instead of easements. Those changes reduce

the price several hundred thousand dollars and gives the application a better chance of being granted. She also discussed the need to re-activate the Nominating committee to recruit additional board members. Evan, Duke, Linda and Don will meet to discuss nominations and process.

## **B. Reports - Committees/Projects/Updates**

### **1. Kitsap Forest and Bay Report:**

Evan and Linda reported that GPC is submitting a Community Forest grant Proposal on behalf of the County to acquire the rest of the Divide (400 acres). GPC also applied for a Riparian grant to acquire land north of the Heritage Park entrance on Miller Bay rd.

### **2. Fundraising Report**

Evan reported that the Kitsap Great Give! final amount raised was \$2332.58. NKTA also received a \$4000 check from the Poulsbo Marathon.

### **3. Sound to Olympics Trail Report**

Don reported that two grants have come through on BI to cover the STO trail from the ferry tollbooth all the way to High School road. The third grant is expected to come through. PSRC is considering a "Tiger" grant that would create a program for funding the STO and other trail connections. Don also discussed having a strategic meeting to learn more about grant writing and the grant application process. PSRC is considering having an educational meeting on this as well.

### **4. Water Trails Report**

John K. reported that the Kitsap Water Trails received National Status! The Kitsap water Trail is now one of 15 National Water Trails in the country. An event will be held on Aug. 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and honor those who made it happen with awards. John is asking the County to name August the official "water trails" month.

### **5. Trails Report**

Linda reported on issues regarding parking at Millie's trail. Linda will set up meeting w/ County Parks to discuss several issues: Shoreline park planning, parking, Tom's trail and water trail issues. The REI grant was discussed and the plan for three projects is going forward; water trails signage, the Raab park trail improvement project, and Kingston Village Green trail project. The remainder of the money will be used to purchase tools for trail building and maintenance.

### **6. Communications Report**

a) Dave finished up the new improved brochures and the final product was presented to the board. Linda discussed article ideas and submitted a draft for the July

Newsletter, which will go out immediately. Brooke discussed the pros and cons of using Twitter to increase awareness of NKTA, and what role Facebook and Twitter might play for increasing membership. Linda also discussed repairing or re-doing our trifold presentation boards soon, updating the homepage statement and the band of moving photos on the homepage.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.