

North Kitsap Trails Association
Board of Directors Special Meeting
October 7, 2014

Directors in Attendance: Linda Berry-Maraist, Mark Schorn, Dave Haley, Don Willott, John Kuntz, Duke Bourgeois

Directors Absent: Jon Rose, Evan Stoll, Brooke Hammett, Russ Perisho

Guests: Brian Kilpatrick

Recording Secretary: Jayne Larson

A. Business

1. Call to Order – Agenda Review

The Board of Directors meeting of the North Kitsap Trails Association was called to order by Mark Schorn, vice president at 2:45 P.M. on October 7, 2014. The minutes from the September 25, 2014 meeting will be approved at the next regular meeting.

This meeting was called to review and discuss the Committees and Project reports which were not covered in the previous meeting due to lack of time.

B. Reports-Committees/Projects/Updates

1. President's Report

a. KFBC

Linda reviewed the discussion with Commissioner Gelder on September 26, 2014. Linda, Don, Evan, Brooke, Russ, Dave, Mark and Carolina attended. Discussions focused on Port Gamble land. PG block has the highest priority for Commissioner Gelder, his hope is for the majority of the PG Block to be owned by Kitsap County. The county is in negotiations with OPG. The county is still working on the NKHP Expansion land and expects to complete that transfer by the end of 2014. A possibility was raised that NKTA funds currently earmarked for trail corridor acquisition could be used for PG fundraising efforts if the property were to be acquired by other means.

b. KFBC/GPC/County/Forterra

Linda attended a meeting on October 2, 2014 to discuss the commitment, direction and fundraising solutions for both the Divide and the Port Gamble block. Discussion was very positive and coordination between these groups will be important moving forward as a team. Linda committed NKTA's support to the Divide fundraising and GPC committed to ongoing participation in solutions for the Port Gamble land acquisition.

c. Linda and Jon Rose met with Jeff Ozimek of BI Parks and Rec to discuss BI programs' use of OPG land. Jeff is interested in NKTA and getting involved.

2. Fundraising

a. REI-GPC have scheduled a workday event on Nov. 1, 2014, for the Shoreline block. They will be planting trees and have asked for NKTA to help promote

and support this event. Mark will talk to EMBA to gather support for tree planting and we will add the event in the newsletter.

Mark and Duke discussed getting signage for the beaver pond bridge which would warn that the bridge is not suitable for horses.

3. Membership
 - a. Brooke has flyers ready for distribution and Brooke and Mark will distribute during the next weekend
 - b. Darren Gray volunteered to send out email reminders for membership renewals and help manage the email list. Linda and Duke suggest that NKTA asks for members' mailing addresses in case NKTA decides to send out stickers/decals in the future.
4. Water Trails
 - a. John met with Kitsap County to determine trail dedication as a national trail. The dedication will probably be 2015. Eric is the contact at the county now.
 - b. John will attend a planning meeting with Evan, Linda, National Parks, and Eric to prepare for the November 6, 2014 Alliance meeting. We need Alliance approval on signage and to show progress on this signage project by December 10th for REI.
5. Trails
 - a. NKTA/EMBA long-term planning meeting – Mark will check with EMBA next Monday.
 - b. Trails Conference – Linda, Don, Mark and Evan will work on the conference presentation.
 - c. Reimbursement for REI funded trail projects
MOTION: Linda moved that the board approved funds for the following projects from the REI grant funds received:
Kingston Village Green, November 1 workday, up to \$800.00 for materials
Poulsbo Raab Park, by end October, up to \$3000.00 to reimburse for materials or pay supplier directly
Trail tools, up to \$200.00, to reimburse EMBA purchases.
Duke seconded.
Approved unanimously.
Mark noted that he has offered to set up a tool library in an area in his barn.
6. Communications
 - a. Linda reviewed the newsletter. Newsletter will include many activities: Kingston Green - November 1, Raab Park - TBD/October, Shoreline REI/GPC workday, November 1, Poulsbo Marathon – October 12, Slippery Pig – November 15, Haunted Walk.
 - b. Due to the timing of the meetings, the November newsletter will go out without board approval.
 - c. NKTA presentation boards
Linda reviewed the boards. John suggested that wildlife pictures would be a good addition.
 - d. Power Point presentation the Trails Conference
Linda and Don are working on their presentations. The presentation is 40 minutes long with 20 minutes of Q&A. The theme of the presentation is “Port

Gamble Trails to Transform North Kitsap”. The board’s consensus was positive on the outline of the presentation.

7. North Kitsap Heritage Park
 - a. Dave read Carolina’s report to the board: KC funded more gravel for the parking lot and volunteers laid the new gravel last week. Next Saturday, October 11th is the regular volunteer workday and more trail work on the Boundary trail is planned.
 - b. Annual meeting for NKTA is going to be 1st or 2nd week of November.
 - c. Brian joined the meeting briefly and brought the new NKHP map to show the board.
8. Sound to Olympics Committee Report
 - a. Don reports that BI Council voted to add additional funds to the 1st Phase grant.
 - b. The decision was made to prioritize the left turn onto Winslow Way to address the concerns of local commuters which does not help the flow onto the STO.
 - c. Phase 2 will have 4 options presented on October 29. The final meeting is November 12th
 - d. October 29th is tentatively set for walking the Phase 2 STO in Bainbridge Island.

C. Next meeting, Regular Meeting, November 20, 2014 3:00 – 5:00 PM

MOTION: Mark moved to adjourn the meeting.

Dave Seconded.

Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Larson, secretary

**North Kitsap Trails Association
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Tuesday 10/7/14 3-5pm**

A. Business

1. Call to Order – Agenda Review
Consent Agenda/Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Treasurer's Report Evan (see Treasurer report) 5 min

B. Reports - Committees/Projects/Updates

1. Trails Power Point presentation for Oct 18 Washington Trails Conference
10 min

2. KFBC- meeting Linda 5 min

3. Fundraising

a. REI – Nov 1 Shoreline Block event 5 min

b. Possibility of Speed moneys to go toward fundraising Linda 5 min

4. Membership -

a. Putting out flyers

b. Darren Gray volunteered to send out email reminders for renewals 5 min

5. Water Trails- John update 5 min

6. Communications Committee

a. Combined EMBA/NKTA mtg to initiate Long term planning – Mark 5 min

b. August newsletter -

7. North Kitsap Heritage Park Report Dave- 5 min

8. Sound to Olympics Committee Report -
BI and Kingston segments 5 min

C. Old Business

D. New Business

E. Other

The next NKTA regular board mtg November 20, 2014