



## Cooper Landing Trails Committee Meeting

### MINUTES

7:00 PM August 24, 2023

Cooper Landing Community Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05
2. ROLL CALL: D Story, Chair, J Cadieux, Secretary, M Story, B Romig
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES:
  - a. Last meeting was Sep. 16, 2021
  - b. New business was prepping for RTP proposal
  - c. Grant apps
  - d. Grooming and trail work
4. TREASURERS REPORT
  - a. We need a Treasurer: This individual needs to track incoming donations and grants as well as expenditures and keep them squared with the CLCC Treasurer's reckoning of funds in our committee accounts. CLCC had some difficulty with a software change-over and are reconciling amounts for each committee's funds at this time.
  - b. 2023 Revenue Sharing received: \$1250 (in hand now, majority spent on website, logo redesign and stickers, groomers, stamps)
  - c. Concessions received from 2023 Softball Tournament: \$750
  - d. 2023 KMTA grant award (matching) \$2233. Majority for match received from T Lexmond and J Cadieux. Funds must be spent out of account and are reimbursed by KMTA. Reimbursement anticipated May 2024. Intended use is for ski grooming equipment that is targeted for Devil's Creek Ski Trail area but may be utilized elsewhere as needed. \$3971 for groomer (4' Tidd Tech Trail Tenderizer with accessory Super Flaps) and shipping to WA. Additional shipping expected to be ~ \$450.
5. CORRESPONDENCE – none
6. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Update on projects
    - i. Logo:
      1. Design finalized and it is now in use, see in header of minutes and agenda.
      2. D Story will work on updating the website this winter
    - ii. AK Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant
      1. DOT did not reach out to us after we were identified as a worthy project

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2. D Story pursued it but we were left out of awards even after we submitted
  3. At the end of the application process we requested feedback on how we could submit a stronger application but have not received any.
  4. We have repeatedly been advised by DOT to seek other grants or funding. This time it was Safe Streets for All.
- iii. Safe Streets for All
1. KPB was given a multimillion-dollar award
  2. Both P Miccichi, Mayor KPB, and R Ruffner, Director of Planning, have assured CLT officers that CLT will be included in planning funding.
  3. We should hear from KPB on this in August or September
- iv. KMTA Grant for Groomer: See Treasurer's Report section of these minutes

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Trail Maintenance on Safety Path
  1. Needs brushing before freeze-up this fall
  2. It's degraded since equipment used it in 2022 while doing Spruce Bark Beetle mitigation/tree removal
  3. AWA employees will address the western end from AWA east to main business district
  4. Emphasis for this fall is between MP 45-47 to remove larger branches left behind by tree work and do some brushing. We will have to replace the beams on the bridges that are now broken.
- ii. Devil's Site Prep
  1. DATE: After September 25<sup>th</sup> to avoid hunting season. Exact date should occur soon after, TBD
  2. We'll need many folks
  3. Lou will use the DR brusher and do a first pass on at least the main loop and possibly the two other sections that have consistently been groomed.
  4. The "Through Loop", and the most northly "Out and Back" segment may be included but emphasis will be on "Main Loop" given time and manpower limitations.
  5. Power trimmers will be needed in wet sections
  6. Brush can be left in the path since it will be covered in snow
- iii. AK Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant
  1. Administered by the State of AK with federal funds
  2. Public notice due date Sep 30
  3. Package due Oct 31<sup>st</sup>
  4. Reimbursement-style awards so we must pay the whole amount ahead and they will pay us back
  5. We would like to replace our aging snow machine and add to our grooming equipment so that we'll have two groomers (one for Russian Campground [we have this already] and one for Quartz

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Creek). We have rollers and are obtaining a drag-style groomer (see above KMTA grant) for Devil's Creek.

iv. Volunteers Needed

1. Trail Maintenance
  - a. Pathway
  - b. Ski areas
2. Snow Grooming and Equipment Maintenance
  - a. J Cadieux to ask a friend for assistance with equipment repair that requires welding
  - b. We need others who can help with equipment movement
  - c. E Route typically maintains the snow machine
3. Treasurer is needed
4. One of the CLT officers will speak at the CLCC September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to request help and then we'll have a follow-up meeting in October.
5. We will try to bring a map (created by D Story) to the CLCC meeting identifying all of the places on the pathway that need work but additionally identifying all that CLT encompasses (Recommended by B Romig)
6. Parks RCTA group is advising our group and we have another meeting anticipated with them this year. We will try to meet with them after we know what KPB will be helping us with from the Safe Streets for All grant.
7. STIP comments request: See information in the Crier
  - a. We might suggest comments that are important for the community including those for the existing highway maintenance that is needed and pathway planning in the Monday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> Crier edition.

8. INFORMATION and ANNOUNCEMENTS none

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS none

10. SELECT NEW MEETING DATE

- a. We will try to have it at the Brewery to encourage attendance and in future we will have "attendance encouragement" treats at regular meetings.
- b. Next meeting tentatively: October 5th

11. ADJOURNMENT: 8:25 p.m.

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