

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Arctic Trails Chapter 71
Executive Board Meeting
November 21, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m. by the President, Stu Pechek, in the Ester Room of the Juanita Helms Administrative Center, 907 Terminal Street, Fairbanks Alaska.

Roll Call: Present were Steve Taylor, Stu Pechek, Sharon McLeod-Everette, SR/WA, Kristin Machacek, SR/WA, Larry King SR/WA, Terry Griffin and George Stefan.

Approval of the Minutes: Stu moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2018 Executive Board meeting and Steve seconded. The minutes were approved without objection as submitted.

Treasurers Report: Checking account balance **\$3,833.59** as of 11/20/2018. Terry reported she had caught up on the books and distributed the reconciliation reports. Stu submitted his receipts from the Fall Forum, and Steve submitted his receipts for course reimbursement. Terry gave George a PO Box key and asked him to check it once a week.

President's Report: Stu reported on roundtable discussions from the Spokane Fall Forum regarding the CLIMB Certification – specifically that there are only two instructors from Alaska. Is it realistic or favorable for a certification that costs \$2000 and requires two days of time down in the lower '48? The general response was no: Larry said it's not feasible, that Pat and Steve Schmidt are the two instructors, and that Dan is moving to Arizona. Sharon added that we have a small chapter so it's difficult.

Committee Reports

Education (Steve Taylor, chair): Steve said over the next couple weeks we should get an Education committee together to plan Spring course offerings and asked if anyone was interested; Kristin expressed interest in joining. Steve said DOT may have additional funds so they could help fill a class. Terry asked why there weren't more title company people interested in courses, and Steve said that Yukon Title has their own in-house training. Steve referred to the Chapter 71 Education Plan Proposal handout: 1) FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) Training—Steve worried there wouldn't be enough local interest. Larry added the electric power project to Livengood may require FERC process. 2) C215, Right of Way Acquisition for Pipeline ROW with instructor Clyde Johnson.

Membership (Tim Sprout, chair): Terry asked if anyone had followed up on Maddie Boyd's possible new membership. Steve said he reached out and will continue trying to get ahold of her but that she's very busy with Fidelity Title. Larry offered that Dianna Leinberger has considered joining. Steve said the Chapter Incentive Program is still available until the end of this year, which requires a membership growth of 5% but no less than three new members. The award for 5% growth is three free memberships and one conference registration. The award for 10% growth is three free memberships, one conference registration, and \$500 for conference travel. Steve reported that Mel Reisman may be interested, a former FNSB appraiser and now private appraiser that runs Arctic Appraisers. There may also be one new membership from a Kodiak resident.

Professional Development (Pat Thayer, chair): No updates

Program (Vacant): Stu reported that Randy Goodwin from BLM will be presenting at our next luncheon. Stu described Randy as the recreation trail planner who is very knowledgeable in the area of trail management. He'll be presenting on the 20 year plan for the White Mountains recreation area and Steese conservation area. Also he'll present on the DNR asserted RS-2477 in the Portage Creek area. The luncheon will be next week Wednesday at Miguel's restaurant. Stu offered to contact Bill Butler on the North Pole water expansion and Karen Tilton, based on Charlie Parr's recommendation, for her recent RS-2477 case. Steve proposed contacting Mel Reisman on appraisals of large tracts of land.

Web & Blog (Charlie Parr, chair): No updates


Budget: No updates

Other Committees: Sharon will send out an email later today calling for nominations. She said we've never listed why the person was nominated on the ballot. We should list what are the positive reasons for their nomination, even if it's just a few words.

New Business: None

Old Business: Christmas Party at Larry's. It was determined from the poll that most people want it Saturday, December 15 at 6:00pm. Larry described the status of his home improvements including basic electricity and that it should work for the party just fine. It's estimated 25 people will attend. Larry's address is 2000 King Rd, and he gave directions for how to get there. Larry will follow up with an email providing those directions. Steve offered to drop off plates, utensils, etc. The set-up committee will show up at 5:00. It's a potluck celebration and BYOB.

Next board meeting: 12:00, December 12, 2018 at Juanita Helms Administrative Center on Terminal Street.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Minutes Approved 12/12/18 By:  Stu Pechek, President