

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION

Arctic Trails Chapter 71
Executive Board Meeting
February 20, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by the President, Stu Pechek, in Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way, Fairbanks Alaska.

Roll Call: Present were Stu Pechek, Steve Taylor, Charlie Parr SR/WA, Terry Griffin, Tim Sprout SR/WA, and George Stefan.

Approval of the Minutes: Tim moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2019 Executive Board meeting and Steve seconded. The minutes were approved without objection as submitted.

Treasurers Report: Terry reported the checking account balance was \$2,711.35. She had nothing else billed or received to report. Discussion on the Chapter's classroom participation incentive program ensued, and Terry reported we received a \$170 incentive for the October-December 2018 quarter. Stu estimated his costs for the upcoming Spring Forum in Portland at \$800. He said Pat will also attend but her expenses will not be significant since she works in Seattle.

President's Report: None

Committee Reports

Education (Steve Taylor, chair): Steve didn't have anything to report beyond the previous meetings' discussions on planned courses and seminars for 2019, and he'll put together an education committee. Stu reminded the group of Larry's opinion for offering the "Know Your Property" seminar in the spring and C902 in the fall. Charlie introduced discussion on the State's funding and its relation to IRWA education funding. Tim said due to the State's bookkeeping glitch, the State will be hiring out to a third party for budgeting.

Membership (Tim Sprout, chair): Tim wanted to formally accept Dianna Leinberger's membership into the chapter. Tim moved to approve Dianna Leinberger as a Chapter 71 member, Stu seconded, and all approved. Steve mentioned Dian Siegfried as a potential new member since she was looking into credential programs. Tim said we have another new member as of November 2018, Margaret Slife from Kodiak. She previously worked in utilities for ADOT as an engineer.

Professional Development (Pat Thayer, chair): No updates

Program (Vacant): Stu said Karen Tilton is not quite ready to present on her RS 2477 AK Supreme Court case. Stu offered that he has many photos of the Stampede Trail for a possible presentation on trail easements. Tim said John Bennett gave an excellent presentation on Small Tract Easements at the recent surveying and mapping conference. He said the presentation is ready to go for one of our luncheons. Tim said one primary result is that the easements are now considered common law dedications, not created by patent. Discussion ensued with Charlie explaining the question of small tract easement acceptance, such as road construction and sign posting, and that the superior court decision did not determine what constitutes acceptance. Charlie suggested that Bill Butler present on the next phase of the City of North Pole water utility expansion project.

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

Budget: No updates

Other Committees: No updates

New Business: No updates

Old Business: Stu described that discussions at the Spring Forum may get pretty involved in the organization's structure and that the CLIMB certification is still a hot topic. Steve said there has been discussion that headquarters would cover regional secretaries' travel without local chapters' donations. He suggested we could first offer to pledge at the Spring Forum and then see what the outcome is.

Next board meeting: 12:00, March 20, 2019 at Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Minutes Approved 2/25/19 **By:** Stu Pechek Stu Pechek, President