

INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION
Arctic Trails Chapter 71
Executive Board Meeting
March 20, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m. by the President, Stu Pechek, in Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way, Fairbanks Alaska.

Roll Call: Present were Stu Pechek, Charlie Parr SR/WA, Terry Griffin, Tim Sprout SR/WA, Sharon McLeod-Everette, SR/WA, Kristin Machacek, SR/WA, and George Stefan.

Approval of the Minutes: Sharon moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 Executive Board meeting with an edit to spell Dian Siegfried's name correctly and Kristin seconded. The minutes were approved with the edit. George will correct the minutes and send to Stu for signature approval.

Treasurers Report: Terry reported the checking account balance was \$1,187.11 after reimbursing Stu and Pat for the Portland Spring Forum. Terry said there is no expected money to come in. Terry and Stu reported spam emails they've both received about bogus payment solicitations.

President's Report: Stu reported on the Portland Spring Forum, noting that it was very enjoyable.

- Stu described the Governing Taskforce presentation: it makes recommendations to the International Governing Committee; it requires much effort to manage such a large organization, especially at the International level; and that he is learning the roles of the organization.
- Stu said that two Chapters were remiss on maintaining their IRS status and required forms, and they were admonished for it at the forum. Terry offered that she has submitted the required forms for Chapter 71 and has maintained our required status, including making any necessary IRS Help Center phone calls.
- Stu continued that at the forum there was a review of present courses, including which ones need major updates.
- Stu said that the budget was a big topic at the forum in regards to travel costs and accounting and that transparency was stressed as a very significant issue. One problem was in trying to obtain expenditure records from Fred Massery in California, but the California laws don't allow records disclosure.
- Stu said Judy Jones was running for International Secretary and that she spoke of the budget transparency issue. Jim Washevsky is the current International Secretary and is running for Treasurer.
- Stu nominated Steve for Region 7 Professional of the Year at the forum, and Krista Chambers won that award.

Committee Reports

Education (Steve Taylor, chair): Stu reviewed the chapter's plans for a 2019 Spring Seminar "Know Your Property" and C902 in the fall. The seminar is recommended since it generates more income for the chapter, and none of the registration income goes to headquarters. With courses, the chapter only gets 10% and headquarters gets the majority of the income. Stu said he would contact Steve to set up an education committee for the seminar. Kristin asked when it would be scheduled, and Stu said in May. Charlie mentioned his article in the News-Miner on property and rights-of-way. Stu and Kristin agreed that Charlie would be a great speaker at the seminar. Charlie recommended a seminar coordinator be established to map it out and generate an agenda. He suggested one seminar topic be on how to read a plat, including easements, and how to locate property corners, etc.

Membership (Tim Sprout, chair): Tim reported an email from Pat saying that Chapter 71 has two new members, who really are returning members: Dian Siegfried and Laurie Swartz. Tim made a motion to approve Dian and Laurie as members, and Kristin seconded. All approved. Stu provided a history of both Dian and Laurie, noting their excellent background. Tim offered to help them through the registration process.

Professional Development (Pat Thayer, chair): No updates

Program (Vacant): Charlie reported that all Recorder's Offices outside of Anchorage will be closing and that electronic filing will be available. He suggested Bobbi Hamilton from Yukon Title give a presentation on e-filing at a membership meeting. George offered a summary of what the Borough Platting division has determined in regards to the local Recorder's Office closing. Stu said we have nothing scheduled this month, but we'll try for Bobbi to present next month. Charlie said that IGU

and the City of North Pole are gearing up for the next phase of their utility expansion as possible future presentations.

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

Budget: No updates

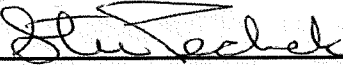
Other Committees: Sharon gave an update on the Elections Committee. She will send out a nominations email tomorrow. Sharon reported that on June 30 the current officers' terms end, so Steve will automatically become President. Kristin and Terry discussed the challenges and complexity of the Treasurer position and how would a new Treasurer be trained if Terry would like someone else to do it. They recommended an overlap of the old and new officer due to the amount of training and work. Kristin said we may need a Bylaw change by a vote of the Members. Kristin and Terry recommended a Treasurer Elect position. Tim said that would be only in the case of a new Treasurer, not if the officer was re-upping. Stu recommended we adjust our Bylaw language to allow for a Treasurer and Treasurer Elect.

New Business: Stu said for the upcoming International Education Conference in Portland that he and Steve are supposed to go as officers. They will determine if they both can make it. Stu said Pat will likely go, and Sharon said that May 1 is the deadline for delegates.

Old Business: Stu reported that at 5:00pm today is the Spring Equinox.

Next board meeting: 12:00, April 17, 2019 at Brewsters Restaurant, Airport Way.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved ²⁰¹⁹ April 18, 2019 By:  Stu Pechek, President