

North Kitsap Trails Association

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

November 14, 2019

MINUTES

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Directors in Attendance: Linda Berry-Maraist, Evan Stoll, Duke Bourgeois, Amy Sutton, Don Willott, Patsy Bryan,
Doug Maraist

Directors Absent: Caroline Perisho, Deborah Weinmann, Sandee Watson, John Kuntz, Kaitlan Murray

Recording Member: Doug Maraist

A. BUSINESS

1. Call to Order – Agenda Review

North Kitsap Trails Association Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Evan Stoll at 4:30 PM on Nov. 14, 2019.

2. Consent Agenda – Minutes of October 2019 Meeting

MOTION: Linda moved to approve the Oct. 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Amy.

Approved Unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Cash on hand as of Nov. 14, 2019 is \$36,316.60.

MOTION: Amy moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Patsy.

Approved Unanimously.

Discussion: Refund of \$649.00 has been deposited into NKTA account from our insurance company.

B. REPORTS – Committees/Projects/Updates

1. Special Reports

a) Pope Resources Corporate Press Release – NKTA Board members discussed the corporate press release on the possible acquisition of the timber and real estate company.

b) NKTA Board discussion on STO route priorities as follows:

- Ability to connect the STO route from Port Gamble across the “Divide” properties, thru the NKHP to Kingston;
- Look into possible language for “floating” easements across the “Divide” properties;
- Parking lot easements;
- Temporary road access to Ride Park.

c) Public Facilities District (PFD) Port Gamble Park Funding Proposal by Kitsap County and the Community Foundation – Linda updated the Board on the latest developments. Next PFD board meeting is at Poulsbo City Hall on Monday Dec. 2nd at 5:30 PM. PFD board expected to vote on the Port Gamble Park project funding and a large presence of trail advocates should attend this public meeting. Linda requested we try to get the word out to the community.

d) Rails-to-Trails (RTT) Promotion – Continued discussions on hosting an event in the new year, TBD.

2. Vice President’s Report - STO Update

a) Don is working with the King County Parks Dept. and the Central Puget Sound Regional Trail Coalition (Leaf-line) and has a table reserved for NKTA to display the STO banners/maps during their next Saturday afternoon event at the Renton Community Center on Dec. 7th. He requested some additional help on staffing the table exhibit.

b) Don discussed the Hwy 305/Day Road roundabout has been delayed due to WSDOT’s design for stormwater facilities on adjacent private property easements. COBI may act as a broker to reach a compromise. This will probably move the Day Road interchange upgrades to lower on WSDOT’s priority’s list.

c) Other Hwy 305 Roundabout Update:

- Noll/Jonson Road interchange - Doug is working on updating NKTA’s STO routing map (across county) to align with Poulsbo’s latest non-motorized plan. The Rails-to-Trails GIS interactive map seems to be the most current map available.

d) A meeting with Commissioner Gelder in January is the target for STO discussions on the county-wide remaining issues. This could also include the Regional Trail Coalition discussions.

e) Date for the scouting alternative or an “interim” route across the Divide Property was set on Sunday Dec. 8th, with the goal of scouting new route(s) utilizing existing Orseth road with a concrete bridge avoiding wetlands and reducing cost of building boardwalks.

3. Peninsula Water Trails – No Update

4. Kitsap County Non-Motorized Committee – No Update

5. Communications

Evan is researching types of WIX accounts and will make recommendations to the Board. Website priorities for maps, links, newsletter(s), calendar of events, etc. are the discussed favorites.

6. President's Report

- a) NK Heritage Park (NKHP): Evan discussed the following updates:
 - DCD has objected to the NKHP Master Plan as written and the Park's department has been authorized to revise the plan.
 - Commissioners will review the updates in January.
- b) REI has requested projects for their employees to work on during the upcoming "OPT-OUT" black-Friday event. Evan suggested we get their annual event on our calendar so we can plan a work party for next year.
 - Discussed types of projects to use REI contributions on, like benches, tables, maps (their logo is on the map), etc.
 - Discussed the use of craftsmen at Bainbridge Isl. B.A.R.N. to build benches for us.
 - Duke mentioned that the Back-Country Horsemen may want to contribute to these projects or new hitching post.
 - Discussed creating sign graphics "ALL TRAIL USERS WELCOMED" at all the major trailhead parking lots, similar to Bainbridge's "SHARE THE ROAD" graphics.
- c) Need to remember to invite the new Crossroads Rotary Club to upcoming trail work parties. Tania from CRC attended the last PGFHP Stewards Meeting and they may become a potential partner on future projects.
- d) West Sound Bicycle Club **approached** NKTA to host and handle the funds from a raffle for fundraising.
- e) Continued discussions on updating the NKTA Brochure and the NKTA Operations Manual.
- f) North Kitsap Community Foundation will be hosting a "non-profit" workshop, TBD.

7. Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park (PGFHP)

- a) Linda noted that we are completely out of the new trail maps and updates to the map are required prior to printed new ones.
- b) Linda discussed the latest updates on the Kitsap Community Foundation's PFD Funding Proposal (see above).
- c) The PGFHP ride park group (EMBA) continues to wait for a development permit.
- d) Work Party on Nov. 16 at 9:00 AM to continue re-routing of the Aviary Trail.

C. NEW BUSINESS

The next North Kitsap Trails Association Board of Directors Regular Meeting: **December 19, 2019**
Regular meetings held on Thursday at 4:30 in the OPG conference room (main floor) located at 19950 7th Avenue NE in Poulsbo.

MOTION: Doug moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Amy.
Approved Unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Maraist, NKTA Board Member