



## **SnowTRAC** **Advisory Board Meeting**

January 8th, 2005  
Atwood Building  
550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 602  
Anchorage, Alaska

Chair Marianne Beckham called meeting to order at 9:15a.m. Saturday, January 08, 2005. Quorum present.

### **Board Members Present:**

- ◆ Greg Barclay –Soldotna
- ◆ Marianne Beckham –Anchorage
- ◆ Matt Divens –Fairbanks
- ◆ Bruce Friend –Anchorage
- ◆ Mark Wilke –Juneau
- ◆ Frank Woods –Dillingham

### **Board Members Absent:**

- ◆ Kenton Bloom –Homer
- ◆ Craig Seibert –Trapper Creek

### **Staff Present:**

- ◆ Margaret Brodie –Chief, Admin. & Grants
- ◆ Samantha Carroll –Trails Coordinator
- ◆ Karen Husa –Acct. Tech. I
- ◆ Michaela Phillips –Admin. Clerk II

### **Public Present:**

- ◆ Mike Buck –Valdez Snow Machine Club
- ◆ Jack Mosby –Alaska Trails

### **Welcome**

Chair welcomes all board members and staff to this meeting and thanks all who could attend.

### **Minutes**

Minutes reviewed by board for approval.

Matt **MOVES** to “approve minutes of November 5-6 meeting as presented to the board.”

Greg **SECONDS** the motion.

No objections

Motion passed @ 9:30a.m.

Greg would like an update on ORTAB and SnowTRAC Member and Board information. Will address this issue at 3:45p.m. Staff will prepare and address.

Chair asks for any “conflicts of interest” changes since November meeting. Bruce elected to ORTAB. No “conflicts” at this time.

### **Grant Addendums**

Grant addendums (previously missing information) for grant applications have been provided to the board for review separate from those originally submitted. Staff, while reviewing grants, found a lot of missing information that needed to be included in the grant for adequate consideration by the board. Board members will take time to review these supplements to ensure accurate scoring of all grant applications.

### Electronic & Unsigned Letters of Support

Suggestion that applicants must provide **signed** letters of support. Federal law allows electronic signatures.

### Steps for Motions

1. Motion to "APPROVE Grant"
2. Discussion
3. Vote (no abstaining from vote unless conflict is present). Motion PASSES or FAILS

### Funding

Discussion concerning funding what grants with what \$ (Federal funds, SnowTRAC funds, ORTAB funds, etc.)

Mark questions if they applied to ORTAB?

Margaret states no "double-dipping". Samantha will ensure.

[200K available for SnowTRAC grants.](#)

Frank would like to see access of federal funds before utilizing funds from the state.

Margaret says we need to know what SnowTRAC would like to fund and what ORTAB wants to fund, Federal Gov. may not fund some things, which will fall back to SnowTRAC.

Bruce says we need to be a "safety net".

Margaret reminds the board that the State needs recommendations for approval from the board as we do not know where the Federal Government is with recreational trail funding, and how much the State will receive for Recreational Trail grants.

Mark wants to see all SnowTRAC \$ going to **ONLY** snowmobile grants.

Frank suggests we support what the State wants the Federal Gov. to fund, then if not funded through Federal programs SnowTRAC can support.

Margaret -SnowTRAC approves. ORTAB approves. Director chooses from the approved grant applications and utilizes appropriate funds; all funds will be utilized.

Mark doesn't want to see SnowTRAC grants sent to ORTAB. Basically, some grant applicants are getting a second chance.

Bruce reminds board that a major concern is public image. Show registered users where their money is going, what is being accomplished.

### Conflicts of Interest and Lobbying

Board members with "conflicts of interest" are not allowed to lobby, however they may answer direct questions from voting members.

### Grant Scoring

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#### [Grant Application #1](#)

Grant Name: 2005 Grooming Season

Grant Applicant: Anchorage Snowmobile Club

Grant Amount: \$10,775.00

Final Score: 77.40

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 10:43a.m.

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Mike Buck with the Valdez Snowmachine Club arrived @ 10:40a.m. to lobby for Grant Application #11.

Bruce **MOVES** to "score grant application #11 out of order to facilitate the committee's understanding with the assistance of the public."

Matt **SECONDS** the motion.

No objections.

Motion passed @ 10:48 a.m.

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#### [Grant Application #11](#)

Grant Name: Northwest Alaska Circumnavigation Expedition

Grant Applicant: Valdez Snow Machine Club

Grant Amount: \$15,000.00

Final Score: 88.42  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 11:06 a.m.

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Break @ 11:07 a.m.  
Return @ 11:22 a.m.

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**Grant Application #2**

Grant Name: Willow Safe Crossing  
Grant Applicant: Willow Trail Committee  
Grant Amount: \$6,350.00  
Final Score: 82.67  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 11:46a.m.

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**Grant Application #3**

Grant Name: Alaska Railroad Snowmobile "Stay Off the Tracks" Safety Campaign  
Grant Applicant: Alaska Railroad Corporation  
Grant Amount: \$14,646.00  
Final Score: 65.83  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **FAILED** at 12:06 p.m.

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Adjourn for lunch @ 12:07 p.m.  
Return @ 1:26 p.m.

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**Grant Application #4**

Grant Name: Big Lake Area Safer Trails Project  
Grant Applicant: Big Lake Chamber of Commerce  
Grant Amount: \$7,300.00  
Final Score: 78.33  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 1:51 p.m.

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**Grant Application #5**

Grant Name: Be Snow Smart  
Grant Applicant: North American Outdoor Institute  
Grant Amount: \$15,000.00  
Final Score: 75.83  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **FAILED** @ 2:07 p.m.

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**Grant Application #6**

Grant Name: Purchase of Utility Snowmobile & Hauling Trailer for Trail Grooming & Maintenance, Park Patrols, Search & Rescue  
Grant Applicant: Chugach State Park  
Grant Amount: \$9,240.00  
Final Score: 75.50  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director to be forwarded to the ORTAB for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 2:19p.m.

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**Grant Application #7**

Grant Name: Winter Access Road at Big Lake  
Grant Applicant: South Port Marina Co., Inc.  
Grant Amount: \$5,500.00  
Final Score: 59.00  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **FAILED** @ 2:30 p.m.

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**Grant Application #8**

Grant Name: Winter Recreation Safety  
Grant Applicant: South Port Marina Co., Inc.  
Grant Amount: \$11,223.60  
Final Score: 43.20  
Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **FAILED** @ 2:33 p.m.

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#### Grant Application #9

Grant Name: Southfork Montana Creek Snowmachine Trail Grooming  
Grant Applicant: Montana Creek Motor Musers  
Grant Amount: \$15,000.00  
Final Score: 69.00

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **FAILED** @ 2:43 p.m.

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#### Grant Application #10

Grant Name: Lake Louise Recreational Trails 2004-2005 Seasonal Maintenance & Grooming, with Completion of Mendeltna Trail  
Grant Amount: \$10,658.00  
Final Score: 80.00

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **FAILED** at 2:54 p.m.

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#### Grant Application #12

Grant Name: Northwest Arctic Borough Shelter Cabin Construction  
Grant Applicant: Northwest Arctic Borough  
Grant Amount: \$16,778.26  
Final Score: 88.83

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 3:01p.m.

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#### Grant Application #13

Grant Name: Alaska Trails Champion Pilot Training Program  
Grant Applicant: Alaska Trails  
Grant Amount: \$14,900.00  
Final Score: 68.80

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director to be forwarded to the ORTAB for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 3:11p.m.

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#### Grant Application #14

Grant Name: Turnagain Snow Trails  
Grant Applicant: Alaska Snow Safaris, Inc.  
Grant Amount: \$15,000.00  
Final Score: 87.67

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 3:21 p.m.

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#### Grant Application #15

Grant Name: On Track for Life  
Grant Applicant: City of McGrath  
Grant Amount: \$9,832.00  
Final Score: 90.33

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 3:38p.m.

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#### Grant Application #16

Grant Name: Rescue Deployment Vehicle  
Grant Applicant: Dillingham Snowmobile Association  
Grant Amount: \$7,500.00  
Final Score: 84.80

Motion to "recommend this grant to the Director for funding." Motion **PASSED** @ 3:43p.m.

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#### **Grooming Pool Mat-Su Pilot Project Update**

- Big Lake Chamber of Commerce operating in Big Lake requested \$20,000/received \$18,000. Mcghan Construction is contracted to complete the grooming.
- Willow Trails Committee operating in Willow requested \$3,760/received \$3,000. Members use their own snowmobile to tow grooming equipment (purchase with previous grant funds). Grooming funds are used to reimburse members for materials, gas, oil, etc.
- Curry Ridge Riders operating in Petersville requested \$30,000/received \$18,000. Hiring a local snowcat owner to tow a groomer.

- Friends of State Parks/Mat-Su operating in Hatcher Pass requested \$25,000/received \$17,100. Hired DavDor, a small Palmer business owning two snowcats.
- Lake Louise Snowmobile Club operating in Lake Louise requested \$3,900/received \$3,900. Hired a local snowcat owner to do initial grooming of the season to set a good base. Club members will use their own sleds to tow groomers throughout the rest of the season.

### **Board Business & Updates**

Opening new 2006 grant cycle –going to hold till March 1<sup>st</sup> to open, will notify the board.

Introduction of the SCORP.

Mark **MOVES** to “amend the minutes of November 5-6, 2004 meeting to accept a correction to the grooming pool criteria – grant applicants having received funding from the Grooming Pool are not eligible to receive SnowTRAC funding for grooming projects.

Matt **SECONDS** the motion.

Open to discussion.

Motion **WITHDRAWN**.

No amendment of minutes.

Board membership issues including renewal of membership.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:22p.m.