

Multi Users of Talkeetna Trails (MUTT)
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021 7:00 PM

Action Items

1. Mission Statement

Several key items were mentioned:

Events for multi users, build community

Engage multi user, give multi users a voice

Encourage dog/canine activities

Inform and outreach

(muscle powered sports, silent sports)

→ Iris and Shannon will come up with a proposal reflecting these pillars

2. Values

Values mentioned:

Feel welcome on the trails, make trails accessible for all, clear information, trail etiquettes, behavior around mushers and skijorers, multi use of trail expectations, dogs under control (leash law), working with other organizations, low entrance with short distance option per event

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Which can be summarized to:

3 key values: respect, inclusiveness and cooperation

3. Goals (What do we want to accomplish in 2021?)

a. Set up Organization

To setup the organization in the coming weeks

b. Summer/Fall Event?

To organize 4 events per year to start with (spring, summer, fall, winter). For 2021 to strive for a summer and fall event.

→ Corinne (and Anja) will reach out to BuntoBun and will work on a summer event proposal.

4. 501(c) 3 vs. Club

Decided to start a 501(c)3. This allows us to raise money and reach out beyond the membership base. This also allows us to open a bank account, get permits and insurance.

→ **Shannon and Iris will start the paper work to create the organization**

5. Board Members

a. Discussion of assigned tasks/roles

Each board member should have a task to avoid “warm bodies” on the board. If there are more tasks, board members can be added to the board.

Each board member should be a member of the organization.

b. How many?

3-7

President, Secretary, Treasurer as a minimum.

To start: Trail board member, Events board member.

c. Who?

President: Shannon – 1 year term

Secretary: Iris – 2 year term

Treasurer: Ruth – 1 year term

Trails: Anja – 2 year term

Events: Corinne – 2 year term

d. What constitutes a quorum?

The quorum will be 3 board members.

e. Can the president vote?

Yes, the president is a member of the organization

f. Term Limits?

Each term limit is 2 years. Each board member can have 3 consecutive terms.

After 1 year off, a member can be elected again.

Each officer and board task is assigned for 1 year. There is no term limit on officer and board tasks (this should be written in a policy rather than bylaws).

g. How are they elected?

Board members will be elected during the annual meeting

Officers and board member tasks will be assigned by the board after the annual meeting.

h. Meetings will be run on a consensus bases and will fall back on Robert Rules when needed.

→ **Shannon and Iris will work the bylaws proposal**

6. If 501(c)3 - Motion to open bank account

Shannon moved and Corinne seconded to open a bank account at the MatSu Valley bank. All in favor.

Corinne moved and Anja seconded to have the Treasurer (Ruth Wood) and Secretary (Iris Vandenharm) as signers on the account. All in favor.

Time will be volunteered for now.

When spending money, give receipt to Ruth. With no money as of now, we will strive to pay back people within a year.

➔ **Ruth and Iris will open bank account when EIN number is available.**

7. Membership

a. Who can be a member?

Adults - everybody 16 and older can become a member.

Children can join our events for free when they are in the age group specified for the event.

b. Member levels

i. Price

\$20 per adult

Members get a \$5 discount per event

ii. Who can vote?

All members with their primary address in the Talkeetna, Chase and Sunshine Community Council boundaries

Only board members can make motions

iii. When can they vote?

At all meetings

c. scholarship/workstudy/award

Memberships are available for applied and confirmed low-income members in return for volunteering.

➔ **Corinne will reach out for a logo**

➔ **Iris will start on website**

Information Items

1. URL - talkeetnamutt.org

Event ideas:

Weekly meetings besides events (biking (Ralph), hiking, "adventure" skiing (Laura))

Training clinic before event (skijor clinic before skier race)

Biathlon (bike/packraft or ski/shoot)

Triathlon

Canine Cross

Orienteering

Dog obedience clinic

Dog Vaccine clinic

Relay skier – ski

Winter gathering event with food and dog – ski – bike 3 mile race

Running event (bunny???-Clay)

Other ideas

Online trail map (including outlying trails) downloadable to gaia or other app

Signage on dogs yes/no, groomer

Pick up grooming for Ridge Trail

Think big on sponsorship. Patagonia, REI, Non-stop, Underdog etc. and try to avoid local business (and compete with other local organizations). Check with companies when their budgeting takes place.