

MUTT meeting

11.19.22

7pm

Meeting called by: Iris Vandenharn

Type of meeting: MUTT Board meeting

Facilitator: Iris

Note taker: Bobbie Jo

Timekeeper:

Attendees: Ruth Wood, Corinne Marzullo, Iris Vandenharn, Laura Wright, Anja Radano, Bobbie Jo Van Sickle

Minutes

Agenda item: Turkey Trot /Turkey Day Motivator

Presenter: Bobbie Jo

Discussion:

Brian Robison reports that the conditions are not ideal for grooming the lake, as requested on permit - he is monitoring for changes.

Thanksgiving Day – meet at 11am at the Talkeetna Lakes Parking lot.

Low-key, friendly gathering

Mutt members to lead groups in either, walk, bike, or ski.

No need to mark trails, no timing, just a casual event.

Dogs not required, but always encouraged.

Event to take place on the hiking trail and lakes.

No refreshments necessary.

Dog treats and MUTT member info for recruitment.

Brian needs to be updated on MUTT's plan B.

Conclusions:

The event will be called the Turkey Day Motivator and will take place on Thanksgiving Day at 11am. MUTT members (Laura, Corinne, Bobbie Jo) will facilitate groups depending on what they want to do, ski, bike or walk. The event will take place on the hiking (red) trail and on the lakes. This is a low key, friendly, non-timed tour. It will be advertised on social media, printed flyers, and radio announcement.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Call Brian Robison with update	Bobbie Jo	11.20.22
✓ Post event details on Social Media (FB, IG)	Jimmy Van Sickle	11.20.22
✓ Event flier created and sent via e-mail to be printed.		
✓ Fliers printed	Laura/Corinne	
✓ Event advertised on Radio	Iris	
✓ Doggy biscuit treat bags w/MUTT membership info	Laura	11.24.22

Agenda item: G Trail Proposal

Presenter: Ruth & Iris

Discussion:

Farthest East portion of the Talkeetna Lakes Park.

Project is being proposed by the Denali Ski Club.

The loop will be groomed and exclusively for skiing in the winter and non-motorized multi-use in the summer.

The proposal is from the Spencer plan of 2010. The trail is to be 12 ft. wide.

The plan has not been presented for community input/consensus.

When the plan was developed in 2010, it did not reflect user groups that now exist (fat tire biking, kick sleds, etc.)

Issues to be decided upon: width, user groups, set tracks or no.

So much of the multi-user trails are on lakes, not a lot of overland access for recreating with dogs during winter.

Letter of support with conditions that the trail be non-motorized multi-user year-round.

Mailchimp to MUTT members.

Draft a letter, send to BOD for review, and to members.

TPAC first – then on to Community Council.

TPAC meeting, must be at one meeting prior to be able to vote. MUTT members to attend the next meeting 12.13.22.

Conclusions:

MUTT supports the trail in the park, but with the condition that it be multi-use year-round. There are concerns about the width of the trail and if there are to be set tracks. The proposal is going to be discussed at the next TPAC meeting on 12.13.22. MUTT members should attend the meeting to be able to vote when the proposal is ready to be voted on at TPAC. Prior to the TPAC meeting, there will be a letter drafted with MUTT's position on the trail. The letter will be sent to BOD members and then forwarded on to MUTT members and finally sent to TPAC.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Draft letter and send to BOD, members and TPAC.	Iris	Prior to 12.13.22
✓ Attend TPAC meeting	MUTT BOD	12.23.22
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Agenda item: Talkeetna Ice Festival

Presenter: Iris

Discussion:

2.02.23 – 2.04.23

MUTT was approached to host a canine keg-pull.

What day?

Would DBC supply kegs?

Prizes?

Location/set-up, what would that look like?

Who from MUTT will be available to help?

Is there other equipment that will be needed (harnesses, etc.)? Who is expected to provide these?

Interested, but need more details.

Conclusions:

BOD would be interested but need more details before a decision can be made.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Get additional logistical information	Iris	

Agenda item: Fundraising

Presenter: Laura

Discussion:

Bachelor Society Grant - \$2000

Jessica Stevens funding

Conclusions:

The amount requested from the Bachelor's society is \$2000. Laura already applied. Jessica Stevens fund would be a potential source for grant money.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Monitor progress on grant application and update BOD	Laura	

Other/future topics

Mushing/skijor trails off lakes (overland) planning/advocacy

Mat-Su Trail Foundation needs a Board Member