

ALASKA EXTREME 4x4 MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2004
7:00PM @ MULDOON PIZZA

OFFICER'S IN ATTENDANCE: Dan Lance-President, Kurt Hala- Vice President, Scott Hala-Treasurer/Membership Coordinator, Carrie Lance-Secretary, Corey Menzel-Seargent At Arms

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Nate Berger, Gary Ehrheart, Al Hofler & Stacey Hofler, Stephanie Jasper, Jeremy Lavendar

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Theron Peplow, Charlie Neff, Ray and Michelle Odell, Rick Jonas, Rick Dembroski, Jeff McAllister, Emmanuel Smith, Phillip Hemphill, Andrew Kahler, Grant Oney, Steph ?(with Nate B.), James, Talena, Bruce Paulson
If you did not sign in at the meeting, your name will not appear here

Meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm

Dan Lance asked for introductions of any new faces. Only a few-James, Talena, Phil, Bruce.

Dan Lance asked if anyone had read the minutes from the September 2 meeting, that had just been sent out the day before. Some people had copies were available for people to look over and many did opt to. It was decided that the only correction needed was to change the date of the Church road cleanup from the listed date of September 19 to the correct date of September 18. Following this change, September 2, 2004 meeting minutes were accepted into record by the club members.

Scott Hala did a treasury/membership report. There is currently \$1181.38 in the account, adding in some that hasn't been deposited there would be \$1256.38. There are currently 28 full members and 9 associate members, with one of the m pending payment.

Dan Lance asked if anyone is now eligible for membership. Charlie Neff was eligible and received the necessary 3 nominations. Jeff McAllister was also eligible for membership and received the necessary 3 nominations. Charlie and Jeff were asked to leave the room and the club took time to discuss their potential membership and the feelings of those who have wheeled with them. A vote was done and Charlie Neff and Jeff McAllister were voted in as members.

Dan asked if there was anyone interested in becoming an associate member. Emmanuel Smith expressed an interest. A vote was made and Emmanuel was voted in as an associate member. He will pay his dues to Scott and become an associate member.

Dan Lance asked if there was interest in a GPS class, multiple people raised there hands. The class would be a minimum of 2 hours and be taught by a woman who works for Northern Lights Avionics. She is trained in both Magelan and Garmin brand GPS's. It would cost a total of \$150.00, so all participants would be asked to donate \$10.00. Scott suggested we send around a sign up sheet for people to commit to coming, so we could

get a head count idea. A sign up sheet was passed around and the following people signed up; Kurt Hala, Jeff McAllister, Nate Berger, Rick Dembroski, Theron Peplow, and Dan Lance. Please let Dan know if you are interested.

Dan Lance asked if there was a report to be given by the Meet and Greet Committee. They reported that the next meeting is on Sunday, October 10, 2004 @ 5:00pm at the New China Restaurant in Eagle River. The tentative dates for the 2005 Meet and Greet are Father's Day weekend, June 17-20, 2005. Anyone that would like to hear what is going on, may come to the meeting.

Scott Hala had did some updates on information about trails and usage. He presented alot of information. For more detailed information, contact Scott Hala.

ESKA: Scott sent in a comment on behalf of the club on motorized use and received a response/administrative decision. The response contained this info.- 27 members of the public sent in comments expressing their concern about motorized use. Alaska Extreme wants to represent the side of supporting motorized use, the Sutton Trails Committee wants to close this trail to motorized use. It is felt that the club needs to follow up on this. The Trails Committee has expressed interest in closing down the portion of the trail that crosses the alpine tundra. Gary Ehrheart commented that he feels Eska is a good trail, but it is going to need continual maintenance, yearly. He doesn't think our trail maintenance should be a one time thing. Dan Lance said this is what the overall opinion of people he has talked to is as well.

RIPPIE TRAIL: There has been no new development. Scott was not at the last Butte Community Council meeting, but got word back that nothing was even brought up concerning this trail. Dick Coutes, who supports motorized use has ended up on the community council in Butte. Scott still has the petition in support of keeping the trail open. See him if you are interested in signing it. The Butte land management plan has a comment deadline of October 22, 2004. This contains information on planning strategies for the Knik area. See Scott if you have any questions.

Dan Lance announced that the final fall brushing party will take place on October 2 and 3 at Permanente. Bring chainsaws, gloves and all safety equipment. Some people are interested in running up the wash on Sunday.

There was a discussion on the Wishbone Bridge Project. Al and Stacey Hofler, Scott Hala, and Noah Miller have put together some ideas and taken pictures. Scott said that there is a lot of labor necessary. He said that a lot of the wood currently there is uneven and mismatched and the base wood under it is rotten. Scott said that the bridge is actually 2 sections butted up against each other. He suggests that it is necessary to redeck the bridge one side(section) at a time. The issue came up of how to dispose of the old lumber. Someone suggested a large bonfire, but it was said that the majority of the wood is creasote which it is not healthy to breathe the burning fumes of. The group has figured that the lumber we will need will be pretty spendy, but they are working on drawing up a color proposal (hope to have a draft by the end of this month) that can be given out to potential donors of supplies.

Scott Hala gave information on various grants he has received information about. A grant for capital improvements up to \$10,000-we are not eligible for this. A Mat-Su Borough grant for tourism infrastructure (bed tax) projects (\$ from motels and hotels that is to be rolled back into tourism-received in small amounts such as a couple thousand) May be possible for the club to qualify for. Scott will research and hopes to fill out the application for trail clearing equipment.

Scott got word about a proposal from Alaska State Parks. They want to create a board to administer funds that have been sitting for some time in limbo and aren't being used because there is no one to administer them (3.4 million dollars) Alaska State Parks sent a proposed administrative order to the governor and he just needs to sign it. This is money from the Land and Water Conservation Funds that Murkowski made an effort to keep it flowing and now it is not being used in Alaska. Scott proposed that he work with Rob Corbisier and write and send a letter in support of this order. The club made a motion and passed it, for Scott and Rob to do so.

This Saturday, September 18 is the Church road junk vehicle removal. Dan has 8 tires and wheels to bring-just bring any spare lug nuts you may have, as well as pull pals. The club will tow the vehicles out and DNR will arrange to have them picked up from there. There are 3 to tow out and if time permits, we may check out the full size Bronco. The more hands there are the better, so show up at 10:00am at the Carrs in Wasilla. Theron is looking for an open seat. Gary Schemper said he has an open seat.

Al Hofler did a quick update on the KB29 memorial plaque. As far as approval goes, he can't get any further right now. The plaque is not in yet, but has been shipped. It is looking like it may be next year that we go in to place the plaque at the crash site.

Scott Hala announced that he has CD's with pictures of the destinations of the 2005 out of state trip. See him if you would like to view them.

Someone asked if we had a current raffle going. Dan said no, if we get our hands on a decent first aid kit, we will do another.

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Lance at 7:48pm.

Next Meeting: September 30, 2004 @ 7:00pm @ La Cabana on 4th Avenue in Anchorage.

Minutes by Carrie L. Lance

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