Minutes from August 12, 2015

In attendance: Mark Oldmixon, Kara Axx (Ex-off), David Fee, Dan Callahan, Alan Tonne, Nick Crawford,
Absent: Ken Tape, Martin Klein

Guests: Tom Marsh-DDC, Stan Justice

Minutes approved from April

Mangers Report

Nick is looking for volunteers for Home meets; course direction, timing. Home meets 9/3 & 5.

NCS Memberships being renewed currently.

Jason removed t-field barb-wire. Hauled chips to mud on Skarland. Storage at Eco-dump or equipment. Cut a trail into Skarland for access. Sink hole filling in potato fields, chipping and brush clearing.

Dan commented that the chipping was done pretty aggressively, tough for running.

Public Comment:

Tom Marsh representing DDC. The Miller Hill project is a DOT project on UAF campus.

1. Many committee members were surprised at the project.
2. Trail head Contractor will ramp off transitions to trails, although it wasn’t in the drawings.
3. Project will be completed this year. Roundabout to LARS.
4. Some not paved (old all-weather trail by Smith Lake).
5. Right-of-way preventing a full circle. Plans to widen Yankovich too.
6. There is a grassed ditch between street and path (about 8-feet). Some areas are different.
7. Dan: “My opinion is that this is a wide swath of trees taken for the bike path.”
   a. Planning ahead to widening Miller Hill and Yankovich
8. Tom and DDC is pushing them to fix the driveways and trail connectors.
   a. NCS should put together our concerns through Mary.
   b. Tom wants comments in writing to Mary.
9. Bollards and signs were destroyed.
   a. Tom says they are responsible to replace.
   b. Alan observed very aggressive contractors with debris piles.
10. Marathon trails are an area on concern in 3 separate spots. The commuter trail is another key point that needs attention.
    a. Prefer a 10% grade.
11. The cross walk signs were confusing and contractors were not allowing trail users to access to the trail heads.

New Business:

1. Disc Golf baskets: Bear with FS will be installing canvas covers over the disc golf baskets to minimize labor required to set-up and take-down each season. The committee is okay with this as long as the baskets do not impede Jason’s ability to groom or pose a risk to skiers. The question was asked about the Tee-markers. Those are generally closer to the trail.

2. Mark will be bring three items forward from the Trails Club to give closure (either action or vote against action). This includes:
   a. A walking trail from the Ballaine Lake parking lot
   b. Grooming the Arboretum year-round
   c. The Smith Lake Connector trail