

ISSAQUAH ALPS TRAILS CLUB

Board of Directors (and Membership) Meeting, April 11, 1985, Newport Way Library

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harvey Manning, Betty Manning, Dave Kappler, Ralph Owen, Susan Olson, George Jackman, Bill Longwell, Marianne Bagley, Buz Moore

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jack Price, Maryanne Tagny-Jones, Connie Dow, Darla O'Brian

OTHERS PRESENT: Peggy Owen, John Marsh (our new publisher!), Laurene McLane, Betty Culbert, Barb Johnson, Jack Simonson (our resident ranger!), Tom Lucas, Ruth Kees

Meeting called to order 7:38, HM left at 10:22 while a rump meeting continued.

Membership Report (by Florence Boyce, in a memo):

"This is how the membership list works: We lose about 400 members each year from non-renewal, and gain over 400 new members each year, a little over 100 each quarter. About one-fifth or less of the 400 expired will renew their memberships after the "nag" letter is sent early in the year to those that I remove before the mailing for Oct-Nov-Dec. So-----the list stays more or less constant. However, this year has started off with 157 new members for the first quarter, so if this continues through the year, we should end up with more members than ever in the past, possibly over 1500.

There was no renewal reminder in the current Alpiner, so maybe it should be put in the next one. It is still not too late.

As of 4-11-85, there are 67 renewals resulting from the "nag" letter. They come in all through the year so there may be more later."

Return to Newcastle III

Dave Kappler papered the wall with a big work sheet. This wallpaper is an historical document, to be preserved. I can't begin to reproduce in these Minutes the mass of assignments. All I remember is that I have to call Evan about the PA and music, Jack about the wagon and horses, and do the 8½x14 member's mailer that can be used as a poster, calligraphy by Corrine, delivered to Virginia C by May 1 for special mailing. (If I'm responsible for anything else, Dave, let me know.)

Publications

John Marsh was introduced, to wide acclaim. Susan will generally help him through the new Cougar-Squak guide (due out in July), a reprint of the Tiger Guide, also in July. He will then (now, that is,) start working with Ralph's group on the history book.

Financing of the latter? To be discussed. The Bullitt money will go for the Cougar-Squak, but by the time history is ready, will have returned much of the investment. If we run into trouble, can go back to REI for a grant, to Mountaineers for a loan. No sweat, just a matter of good financial forecasting. Leave it to HM, he'll take care of it, the same as Wally Toner will take care of the snow.

Alpiner

Have we officially welcomed Virginia Cuykendall as new Alpiner editor? Mechlers are working with her, and Betty Manning, in the transition.

Special Hikes

Tim O'Brian reports he's getting more business than he can handle; aside from Hikes Committee, let us individually tell Tim we'd be willing to help.

Minutes, April 11, 2.

Surface Water Utility

This is the next big item on County agenda. April 15, Courthouse, HM, Dick Brooks, Barbara Johnson, Bob Copernoll, Ruth Kees. Next night, at Pine Lake Jr. High, Marty Murphy and....

General Development Plan

Buz Moore, take a bow. Friends of Washington done great. In passing the Council 9-0, the Plan drew the shape of the future. (Later, talking to a person in government, I was told that due to the great job our side did, we came up to the brink not merely with the 5-4 vote needed, but probably 6-3 -- upon which the 3 caved in to make it 9-0. You guess who the three wanta-be holdouts were...

Volksmarch

April 20-21. Bill Longwell is on top of it. They don't need us, though some of us will come to watch the Event. Bill has put up signs for Dwight's new Bypass Trail. We may plant some trees at TMT trailhead... Betty Culbert is trying to figure a way to get the garbage CLEANED UP...

Cleanup

April 27. Betty Culbert is seeing what can be done. Gary Dobson of CEI, REcycling Center, is doing something on behalf of disabled adults, but I told him we were overloaded, would participate if we got a volunteer.

Cougar Park

We're in the waiting mode.

Dave Kappler has the lead on Eastern Village, and is talking to AJ, Dwight Hartman, Ava Frisinger. We need someone to follow through on Issaquah City Council. Get in on ground floor. No high density up high, all high density down low. Protect wetlands. When annexation occurs, get King County to write that in to interlocal agreement.

Ralph Owen has the lead on Northern Village, and he marked up a map, but we didn't have time to study it at meeting; next time for sure. We want our trail corridors in early.

Betty Culbert has maps from Daon for the trails down from Hilltop area, etc.

Barbara Johnson will give a slide show at Issaquah Library. Request from Lynnwood Fair fair for a booth -- she'll arrange to send a bundle of our fliers.

Towers

HM sent April 4 letter to County Council, on behalf of Laing's moratorium, and the word is that the idea is flying. -- KONG, however, may be too far along to moratorium. However, the examiner's decision giving approval is so flimsy that Dave Bricklin, attorney for Lennoxes, thinks it can be shot down in court.

Tiger Mountain

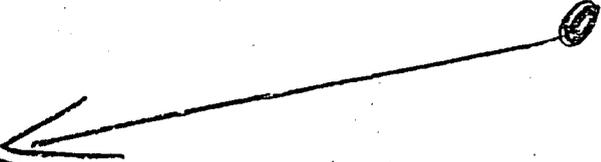
Law enforcement is said to be in progress -- on weekends, at staging area. Doesn't sound like much. Our Watcher and the Eye et al will observe over weeks ahead, to help HM prepare his "Report Card" for J_A in May.

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Estelle Leopold may get a grant from Mountaineers Foundtion for Tiger history, for a student of hers. This could lead into something good.

Tradition Lake being looked at for Woodland Park East...

HM wrote AJ a letter, April 11, commenting on land exchange between City and DNR, suggesting the City might do best to hang onto the lands and eventually sell them out at good profit to some park agency.



May 16

If present plans go through without a hitch, that evening I'll be halfway between Prince Creek and Stehekin, in which case Dave will be in charge of the Board meeting.

Noted for the agenda, other than the obvious, which is, Return III:

Make Will Thompson an Honorary Member of IATC -- because he is a connection to the Ptarmigans (so, too, are the Lebers) -- but mainly because of his incredible heroism in building trails in the Alps and everywhere.

Study Ralph's markup of the Northern Village map.

History and other books

Respectfully and dyslexically,

MM

President's Diary -- 1

March 30: Pine siskins arrive in a gang at feeding window.

Find way through W clearcut to Fuller Mountain Trail, and also to Boyle Lake Trail.

In 4 months Jim Jordan goes fulltime on our non-payroll, suing the bastards.

March 31: Historic event -- first successful Trails Club ascent of Fuller Mountain, 10 of us. Good views of Tiger Mountain and Mt. Selig. General agreement that this hike very well fits in with our business and is an excellent fun trail. Do it regularly.

Hotline report -- the line is hot -- many calls, messages.

David Mozier, group for East Lake Sammamish Trail. Suit has been filed. (public meetings) April 7, Issaquah High School.

April 1: Chris Loutsis wants to buy my maple tree to speed up traffic by my property. Told the fellow to go underground, way underground.

April 2: Dave Kappler setting up arrangement for Providenc~~e~~ Point people to build a better trail around Traditioⁿ Lake. Want a speaker, May 6, 10 am.

Dave learns from AJ that Baker is doing the engineering for the Eastern Village for City of Issaquah! Dave has been telling AJ about the snow and the elevation. Finding out when we get through to Issaquah, via what channels. Will have Hartmans send schedule.

April 3: Toured Pancratz land, on boundary with state and Palmer. No evidence he's getting ready to log, yet. But no word, either.

Josie Lehman of Evergreen Wagnerers says a few RVs will camp overnight at Hing Point on the 19th. I referred her to Mint's Spaceships for facilities.

April 4: 7 years ago, says Fred, they dumped concrete on the Bailey (in dump) and it heated up and burned 22 days, sending smoke from Newcastle to Rainier. Guess I was in Montana.

April 7: Tim reports requests for special hikes are coming in strong. Needs help.

April 8: Estelle Leopold of UW has project of doing forest history of Tiger Mountain. Has request in to Mountain ers Foundation, which I backed. Estelle may be a resource in developing teaching materials on Tiger.

John Marsh is our new book publisher!

Buz calls to report smashing victory! 9-0 win on General Development Plan! The developers in disarray!

April 9: Lentoxes call to report the examiner has OKd KONG-TV on Cougar. So, onward into court...

April 10: Just under 1000 morels so far from the Farm. Crop just coming in great now.

April 11: I'm summoned to a meeting with Joe Nagel, Holly Miller, Harold Robertson on Cougar Mountain Accuisiton...

Betty Culbert is doing article for Signpost on Newc^astaⁿ III etc.

April 12: With Dave Kappler, 1:30-4:00, on a two-car switch, from Radar Park down to Highway 900, to check out portions of the Eastern Village we've not seen. Ambushed by morels... Crossed the broad swale to W Fork Tibbetts Creek. Found what the trees had hidden -- a very distinct low ridge closing the basin all the way to the creek, which notches through. So, there is dry land at lip of the basin. The basin itself, of course, is wet all the way through -- and up on the slopes, as well, of Ralph's trail to the Radar Park road. --In this basin outlet ridge, found a deep, long railroad ~~xxxx~~ cut! Didn't have time to follow it to the creek to see what happens there -- in past I've found RR on south side of the creek, below Clay Pit. Pretty much descended along edge of the big beautiful gorge of the West Fork, which is a marvel, and must be protected in its entirety, with no houses overhanging the edge. Most of it, surprisingly, was not logged in the pulping of 1976 -- I'd supposed it was, and therefore hadn't given it special emphasis, but it's wonderful mixed forest, with some stands of big fir. Also, morels. We crossed small pulping areas, then the Precipice Trail. Just below there went onto an amazing little ridge between West Fork gorge and a lovely gorge just to the north. Game trail led us easily down. Then, came to old unused spring house, and from there were on remnant of old grade. It dropped into valley of West Fork. We didn't turn upvalley to see where it goes. Went down, into a yard, and finished on the Shangri La Road to Highway 900. ~~xxxxxxx~~ For future explorations, need to finish out the way down West Fork to the highway. Also, need to cross over and go down the ridge between West Fork gorge and the adjoining creek on the south. The map suggests this may be a very entertaining ridge. We need to do this exploring, and PUT IN TRAILS RIGHT NOW -- and schedule them by the club!!!! Dave has primary responsibility for putting together our "East Village (Bakersville)" strategy, so will get hot on this. However, I also told Ralph what we found and he'll get hot on trail location. I bet a great trail would be up from Highway 900 on that ridge between W Fork and creek south, then crossing over, near the spring house, to go up the ridge Dave and I came down. Intersect Precipice Trail, continue up to the big swale. --Anyhow, when Baker comes in, we want a use record.

FOW, the chief hero of the Comprehensive Plan, is going to hold strategy sessions to move onward.

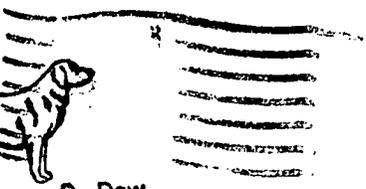
April 13: A bear has freshly signed the trail to the Bears Orchard. 286 morels, getting to be a drag.

April 14: REI having trouble getting people for Longwells Army. We'll have to pitch in and recruit 25 or so ourselves. A DNR flunky is trying to make trouble. Dwight Riggs Trail is done and signed. The hero of this and many other things is Will Thompson -- time to make him IATC Honoary Member. Opened up Dick ~~xxxx~~ Hines Trail mostly. New bridges in the works...

April 15: To County Council at 9:30 to witness signing of Comprehensive Plan. Everybody was there -- joint was jammed. The Trails Club was one of a dozen organizations singled out for praise; on our behalf I accepted a copy of the Plan from Gary and Randy. (Turned over to Dave)

Back to the Court House at 2, for the Surface Water Managemnet Utility hearing. I submitted a statement for Barbara Johanson, unable at last minute to attend. (Gary said, "You're not Barbara," to which I replied, "You notice a lot more than people give you credit for.") Bob Gopernoll spoke on Lake Samm, Ruth Kees on Issaquah Creek etc., me on the whole show (spedifically supporting the superb presentation by Lucy Copass for LWV), Dick Brooks ~~far~~ took on May

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