

Tsalteshi Trails Association Board notes*
October 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Kenai River Center — Funny River Road

1. Members present: John P., Mike Crawford, Scott Downing, Jenny Neyman, Bill Holt. Absent: John M., Lynn Dusek, Josh Overturf.
2. Guests: Nic and Natalie Larson, Adam and Carly Reimer

***No quorum.** The following general discussion ensued:

- Nic and Natalie Larson came to discuss single track. They would like to rent a mini excavator for two days for work on the lower section to the base of the red hill. John wants to hold off on any major decisions/expenditures until the new board is seated and up to speed. Bill recommends writing a RTP grant for continuing the single-track trail and getting Ed Kessler with Ptarmigan P-trails to help plan the rest of the trail.
 - Spook Night update (Carly/Jenny): Carly has wristbands to mark kids who have paid. Not doing posters/other printing to advertise. Will rent an outhouse for the day of the event. Trail station sponsors are coming in but we could use more. Volunteers will be needed.
 - Membership (Scott): Three new in September and more not yet counted in October. Will look into NSAA system for coordinating with memberships.
 - Events (Mike): Cyclocross is going great, with Beemun's doing most the work. Backcountry Film Fest is Nov. 6 (volunteers needed). Polar Vortex scheduled for Nov. 7, unless there's snow. Need more people to get trained to do events, as Mike is off the board after December. T200 is no longer doing Turkey Trot (day after Thanksgiving), does TTA want to do it themselves (and keep all the \$\$)?
 - Biathlon: Bill wonders about the biathlon structures sitting in the trees at the bottom of Beaver. Could we repurpose them before they rot? Bill will investigate.
 - School Liaison (JP): School ski meets are scheduled for November and December, pending snow. Only two before Christmas break.
 - Trail Development (Bill): New signs are going up (no maps yet, and Bill will get a map w/ Disc Golf to Soldotna Chamber for their visitors guide). The brush cutter is in the shop (exhaust is messed up), there will be a cost for repairs. Lots of brush still needs to be cut and removed along the sides of the trails (Dan Skipwith is working on it with his chainsaw.) Outhouse area is scraped down to sand, met with Peninsula Pumping on the design so it will be as inexpensive as possible to service (\$500 per pumping), also meeting with city engineers on cement work (cement not covered by grant but Rotary can kick in for it). Finished drainage project at base of Wolverine return. Next will head up top to splice wires for lighting.
 - Other business (Mike): Suggests maintaining a board calendar of important recurring dates so important things aren't missed (like filing board docs with the state), and put in a plug for hiring a development director. Would like to discuss a policy for hosting fundraiser events. (Other organizations using the trails to hold a run or whatever — what's Tsalteshi's take, especially if they don't use our website for registrations?). Requests a decision on end-of-year awards in time to get plaques.
3. Next Meeting Date – 6 p.m. Nov. 10, Kenai River Center. (**UPDATE:** Meeting changed to 6 p.m. Nov. 17 at Skyview Middle School Library).
 4. Adjournment – 8:11 p.m.