

Kachemak Bay State Parks Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2018

1. Call to Order:
 - a. Roll Call: Board Members; Aron Peterson, Sera Baxter, Carol Harding, Robert Ostrom, Stan Lefton, Mako Haggerty, Beaver Nelson, Glen Green and Nancy Hilstrand. State Park staff – Pam Russell, Jason Okuly, and Brad Garasky.
 - b. Public Members: John Allardice, Robert Archibald, Jessie Nelson, Robert Roth, Randy Weist, Willy Dunn, Morgan McBride and Kevin Walker
2. Minutes: Minutes were approved as written
3. Agenda Changes/Approval: The agenda was approved as written.
4. Public Comment/Presentation: None.
5. Correspondence: None.
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Friend's Report- Mako Haggerty reported to the board the following:
 - The friends meeting was on March 5, and there is approximately \$12,000 dollars in the friends checking account and \$5.00 in the savings accounts.
 - The trail report for Kachemak Bay State Park will be announce on KBBI radio. This will happen once a week. This is a great reminder that there are trails in the State Park.
 - Joy Stuart came to the Friend's meeting to explain to the board about starting a trust fund. There is a \$10,000 minimum to get the fund started and there is a 5% dividend every year.
 - Friends set aside \$300 for the tool loaner program with caveats. This was to leave tools at trailhead for user to use when hiking. Randy Weiss will be trying to get this program started. Jason has had discussion with State Park management and at this time they are unable to sign off and approve this plan. Carol asked if there was a way to get businesses and non-profits to adopt trails, for this would help in maintaining several of the trails that state park staff is unable to maintain.
 - The 50th Anniversary of Kachemak Bay State Park will be in 2020. The friends board would like to form a committee with the advisory board to start developing plans for the celebration.
 - The Friends is trying to put together \$2000.00 dollars to help with the paving of the pavilion down on the Homer Spit. Robert Archibald announce that the City of Homer will be helping with the paving of the pavilion.
 - The next Friend's meeting is April 2nd.
 - A truckload of logs was purchase, cut and split and is currently bundle at the top of boat ramp 2. This is sold for \$5.00 a bundle and the money is donated to the Friend's. Last year they sold every bundle.
 - Shorebird festival is May 10th through the 13th. A fair will be open at the high school commons will be available on Saturday May 12th from 8 am to 6 pm. The Friends would like to have a booth there and looking for volunteers to man the booth.
 - B. Jason Okuly reported to the board the following:

- Friends set aside \$300 for the tool loaner program with caveats. Someone must spearhead to program. Questions were also raised about liability. The state will not allow this to happen. Jason asked several options to see if the project will move forward.
- The Friends may be willing to put effort into improving Diamond Creek trail head. They are looking at possible an outhouse, interpretive sign and picnic area. Ranger Brad Garasky suggested doing this in stages.
- The Friends have serious discussion about an endowment fund.
- There will be a Volunteer Recruitment table at Islands and Ocean on April 21st and 22nd from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.
- Several illegal pots in Tutka Bay left out after the season closed.
- Park inspection of Tutka Bay Units after the windstorm. There were a lot of down trees.
- Logged out trail to China Poot Lake Cabin, Cabin inspection in HCL, Moose Valley, and China Poot Lake.
- Friends have signed a special use permit to adapt Chugachik Island, Kayak Beach , and Cotton Wood Creek..
- Friends are participating in a volunteer recruitment event at I&O
- ETT training
- Coast Guard state boating Law class
- Meeting with Howls new ED talking park projects.
- Aeronautical charts may be updated soon with a caption reading restricted landing in Kachemak Bay contact state park.
- 2, vip's have been hired, staff is currently working on hiring ACCers.
- Fixing boat issues with Electronics, GPS and radar stopped working.
- Working on getting the Naiad in the water
- RTP project 2019 is to build a bridge across halibut creek. The board also talked about what other project should be applied for with RTP grants. The board determined to have some work completed on the Lagoon trail.

Mako Haggerty made a motion to apply for an RTP grant application be submitted to have work be completed on the Lagoon Trail.

Sera Seconds the motion

Passed unanimously

Jack Blackwell reported to the board the following:

- **Merchandise** The director's office is in the process of filling a position that will oversee the merchandise program and once that is filled we can determine how to proceed with K Bay gear.
- **Community Foundation** Director Ethan Tyler is working with the Alaska Community Foundation, which is the umbrella for the community foundations, such as Homer. We can expect to hear more about this as he solidifies things.
- **Diamond Creek** State Parks is considering applying for EVOS funds for habitat restoration and developing trailhead facilities at this site.

7. Old Business – Kachemak Bay Management Plan Update- It has currently been reported that a draft of the Kachemak Bay management plan will be available to the public sometime in mid-April.

8. New Business

- a. Naming the New Tutka Bay Trail-Jack Blackwell reported that Last spring the board forwarded three names to the director. This was during the time the director position was vacant. The three names that were proposed for the trail are the Tutka Backdoor, Tutka Traverse and Tutka-Taylor Trail. Mako Haggerty made the motion to have the three names forwarded to the director for consideration. The motion passed unanimously
- b. Advisory Board Recruitment- There are currently 12 people on the board. Nancy, Mako, and Steve's terms expired January 2018 and we received 6 applications. The board bylaws allow for increasing the size to 15 by a resolution. Mako Haggerty made the motion to expand the advisory board to 15 members all voting members. Aron Peterson second the motion
It passed unanimously
- c. Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan- The plan is currently out for public review and ends March 30, 2018. It was determined that there was no information in the plan about Kachemak Bay State/Wilderness Park. Mako made a motion that the board send a letter to the borough comprehensive management planning team highlighting the importance of the Kachemak Bay State Park is to the borough both economically and recreationally.
Sara Seconds
Passed unanimously
- d. Adopt a stream, Watershed Forum- It is recommended that the board have a presentation by the Watershed Forum Adopt a stream program.
- e. Kachemak Bay State Parks Anniversary celebration 50th Anniversary. It is recommended that a meeting be scheduled with the Friends and CAB to discuss plans for the 50th anniversary of K Bay State Park This would be a brainstorming meeting and is currently scheduled for March 29, at 12pm to 1pm. Jason will work on the availability of the room at Islands and Ocean.
- f. Vessel Mooring guidelines in the Critical Habitat Area-Currently the Critical Management plan has mooring regulations that are conflicting with Alaska State Park regulations. We are currently working with the critical management team to resolve the differences.

9. Comments and Discussion by Visitors

10. Comments and Discussion by Board Members