

***North Kitsap Trail Association  
User Group Meeting  
Hoofs, Heels, Wheels, and Paddles  
February 15, 2008***

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**Attendees:**

John Hawkins, User Group Leader  
John Kuntz, owner Olympic Outdoor Center  
Al Whitworth, Backcountry Horseman  
Joan Whitworth, Backcountry Horseman  
Ben Elmer, Biker  
Andrew MacMillan, Trail Builder  
Kerry Chamberlin, Founder of Dirty Dozen Mountain Bike Races  
Hope Chamberlin, Mountain Bicyclist  
John Willett, NK Trail Association Board of Directors  
Katherine Morgan, Developer  
Linda Mendoza, Olympic Property Group

**Agenda:**

- Introductions
- Discuss appropriate types of trail users and types of trails
- Discuss potential sources of funding
- Begin a trail/trailhead and waterway/put-in take-out inventory
- Open discussion

**Updates:**

- Paddle Kitsap-John Kuntz
  - August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Website [www.paddlekitsap.com](http://www.paddlekitsap.com)
  - Part of the funds will be donated to the NK trail association to establish more water trails
  - It will be 36 nautical miles from Port Gamble to Poulsbo
    - Starts at 7:30am everyone in the water by 10:00am
    - 3-4 hours to get to Kingston; 6 hours for beginners must be off the water by 7pm
  - Fully supported
    - Community supported-Chamber of Commerce, Port of Kingston, Port of Poulsbo
    - Working with KCVB for hotels and motels
  - The event is being held on a Friday and Saturday to accommodate people who are traveling, it is better to come in on a Thursday night and leave on a Saturday night, also to coordinate with ferry schedules.
  - Estimated cost is \$75 per person/per day, this will include meals, but not overnight accommodations. Still working on the price.

- RWIP-John Willett
  - Monday February 11, 2008 Hearing with the Commissioners
  - Ordinance approved with a moratorium.

**Trail Users:**

- Identified As- Non-motorized trail users
  - Hikers
  - Bikers-mountain bikers and casual
  - Walkers
  - Horseback riders
  - Dog walkers
  - Other potential users include: Horse and cart
  - Recommended non-users: any motorized user, Hunting would not be a compatible recreation activity

**Funding:**

- Purpose?
  - For the maintenance of the trails
- Ideas:
  - Overnight Hikes
  - Hikers Huts
  - Relay Team with the user group
  - Mountain Bike Races-Kerry Chamberlin has information
  - Walkathon
  - Horse riding event
  - Piggy Back on other events to promote the trails

**Trail Inventory:**

- Trail Finder's Survey-Land Route Handout
  - Request to submit online

**Open Discussion:**

- Should there be a land based trail event the same time as Paddle Kitsap?
  - Issues with parking/accommodations
  - Where would people hike or horse ride
  - Other events happening in Port Gamble
  - Need sponsors
  - Need facilities
    - Determined that a multi-sport "Super Event" at this time would water down available resources. Best to focus on this event as John K. has outlined.
    - Consider doing a "super event" in future years
    - Trail User Committee is considering a land based multi-user event possibly in coordination with Gamble Days in September.
- Rights of trail users
  - Educate the public/community
  - Establish trail surface standards

- Establish Trail etiquette standards
- Establish users rights
- Understand trail easements
- Issues with water trails
  - Can a kayaker pull in on someone's beach?
  - Need to find county regulations on beach access.
  - If easement is needed contact pearl representative of the area
- Paddle Kitsap
  - Need more activities
  - How can each individual user group participate in the event?
  - Is there tribal involvement
    - John Hawkins will call contact canoe club to see if they are interested in participating
  - Al Whitworth offers his Chuck Wagon
- Land Based Trail User Event
  - Consideration toward a land based multi user event, ie adventure triathlon to include trail runners, mountain bikers and horseback riders in coordination with Gamble Days was brought forward.
  - John H. will contact Port Gamble to discuss possible dates and town support and logistics.
  - John H. will work with other trail user groups to determine an event format
  - Al Whitworth will look at potential horse routes
  - Kerry Chamberlin will look at potential mountain bike routes
  - This event group will coordinate via e-mail and phone to come up with a proposal by the next User Group meeting to be scheduled in March.

**What's next?**

- Leader's meeting is on February 27, 2008
- Next user group meeting to be one month after Leaders meeting.

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Respectfully Submitted:  
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