

**TALKEETNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Denali Overlook Inn  
Thursday, Feb. 13th, 2014, 6:30pm Social

**General Meeting Begins: 7:00pm**

- President Beth Valentine

**Members in Attendance:** Patti Coleman, Kerry Walter, Geri Denkwalter, Israel Mahay, Ron Quilliam, Mable Quilliam, Kim Schlosser, Denise Richardson, Matt Herod, Casey Ressler

**Additions to Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes from:** Roadhouse, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

- Geri Denkwalter Motioned
- Israel Mahay 2nd
- All unanimous

**Treasure Report: Beth Valentine & Kathy Stoltz**

- A. See Report

**Persons to be Heard:** Israel Mahay

- A. Israel Mahay went to Juneau to discuss the Susitna River Coalition
  1. He met with an Aid of Gov. Parnell
  2. Will be returning in March to share with the Energy Committee – Why the Dam should not be built.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Visit Anchorage – Renew membership
- B. An Introduction Letter from Kimberly Schlosser - The New Transit Manager
- C. Life With Pets Magazine – Wants to share the story of Stubbs.
- D. Alaska Pridefest 2014 Announcement – Looking for participation, support & donations.
- E. Cici Schoenberger – Thank you letter
- F. Alaska Procurement Technical Assistance Center – Hosting a Statewide Government Contracting Conf. Feb. 18-19th, 2014
- G. Discovery Studios – Looking to cast Alaskan families in their new show.
- H. Prosperity Alaska – information about our Legislators
- I. The Tripod – Newsletter
- J. The Susitna River Coalition & Northern Susitna Institute – sent a flyer about the up coming Susitna River Watershed Meetings.

- K.** Live @5 letter – announcing it's return and how you can sponsor the event.
- L.** MEA announces that they have promoted Matthew J. Reisterer to
- M.** Chief Financial Officer.
- N.** MEA newsletter – 2014 Annual Meeting will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Raven Hall on the Alaska State Fairgrounds in Palmer.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Events – Beth Valentine**
  - 1. Live @5 – Tennale starting to get sponsors.
  - 2. The question was asked, “What type of music will be played?”
  - 3. Committee meeting on Monday Feb.17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am at the McKinley View Real Estate.
- B. Finance Committee - Beth Valentine & Kathy Stoltz**
  - 1. Scholarship paperwork will be available at the high school & the post office.
- C. Marketing & Tourism - Beth Valentine**
  - 1. Guest Speaker Casey Ressler from Mat-Su CVB
- D. Membership & Community Relations – Beth Valentine**
  - 1. Discussed the Feb.28th 2014 deadline for business who would like to be on the map.
  - 2. We have contacted everyone that has ever been a member. Waiting for responses.

**Old Business:**

- A.** Discussed the Great Alaskan Sportsman Show & the Outdoorsman Show.
  - 1. We decided to offer one Talkeetna Ultimate Getaway Package per show.
  - 2. Need business to get their \$25.00 fee to participate & give 50-75 brochures to Patti Coleman.
- B.** Discussed the Feb.28th 2014 deadline for business to pay their membership fees to be on the map.

**New Business:**

- A.** Voted in new business members - Talkeetna Bear Den, Gold Dreams & DeVores Talkeetna Alaska Tours. – All unanimous.
- B.** Formed a committee for Moose on Parade
  - 1. Geri Denewalter is chair with Patti Coleman & Beth Valentine also joining the committee.
  - 2. Asked for other volunteers – Kim Schlosser & Sharon Mahay
  - 3. Auction will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014
  - 4. Announced that the board majority voted that business members are allowed one webpage per business.
- C.** Discussed the Christmas Tree
  - 1. We vote to purchase a timer for the tree.
    - Motion by Patti Coleman

- Geri Denkewalter 2<sup>nd</sup>
- All unanimous

**Announcements:**

**Meetings:**

- Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00am at the Flying Squirrel
- Next General Meeting – Thursday, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge – 6:30pm Social.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> General meeting at Upper Susitna Senior Center (Non-Profit Roundup)
- May 8<sup>th</sup> General meeting at Flying Squirrel (1 Min. Blast off)
- Live @5 meeting Feb.17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am at McKinley View Real Estate
- NSI strategic meeting Feb.21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-4pm
- NSI will be hosting the “Our Changing Alaska” Exhibit, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3pm.
- Sky lantern will be held on Feb.21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm on the River Front
- Library Birthday Party will be held on Mar.19<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 3-5pm
- NSI will be hosting an exhibit from The Smithsonian called “Key Ingredients”, for 6 weeks starting Aug.1st, 2014.

**Adjournment: 7:38**

- Motion Beth Valentine
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Coleman

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
Kerry Walter  
Administrative Assistant  
Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes Approved*