



**TALKEETNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Flying Squirrel
Thursday, Sept. 11th, 2014, 6:30pm Social

General Meeting Begins: 7:05pm

- President Beth Valentine

Members in Attendance: See Attachment

Additions to Agenda:

Approval of Minutes from: Flying Squirrel, May 8th, 2014

- Motion to approve minutes Patti Coleman
- 2nd Stephanie Smothers
- Unanimous

Treasure Report: Ron Quilliam

- Motion to approve report Patti Coleman
- 2nd Stephanie Smothers
- Unanimous

Persons to be Heard: John Knutson & Zanlan Williams

- A. John Knutson with Health Quest Physical Therapy addressed the members about their opening an office at the Sunshine Clinic.
 1. The hours will be Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-5pm.
 2. They accept most insurance and self-pay.
- B. Zanlan Williams owner of the Sheep Creek Lodge addressed the members about their grand opening sometime at the first of Oct.

Correspondence:

- A. MEA Rate Increase 15-20 %
- B. Job fair for Military
- C. MSB Long Range Transportation Plan
- D. Denali Military Appreciation Day
- E. Contact Kerry Walter or Beth Valentine for a detailed list of other correspondence.

Committee Reports:

- A. Events – Beth Valentine & Geri Denekwalter**
 - 1. Live @5 – The names of the contributors was read and publicly thanked.
 - a. Board will send Thank you notes to the contributors.
 - 2. Moose On Parade Report
- B. Scholarship – Geri Denekwalter**
 - 1. We awarded 4 scholarships to graduating seniors.
 - a. 3 for \$500 and 1 for \$300
 - 2. Encouraged members to donate to Scholarship.
- C. Membership & Community Relations – Beth Valentine**
 - 1. Announced that it is membership drive time!
 - 2. Announce the plans to accept online payments.
 - 3. Report on the Kelly Cup coming to Talkeetna.
 - a. Thank you to Mt. High Pizza Pie who hosted lunch. Send them a note.
 - b. Patti Coleman introduced the coaches and The Kelly Cup all around town to the local businesses.
 - c. The public could take pictures with the Kelly Cup.
 - 4. Report on Frontline
 - 5. Discussed Beautifying Talkeetna
 - a. Get some new benches, picnic table and possibly a new sign.
- D. Marketing & Tourism – Beth Valentine & Stephanie Smothers**
 - 1. Announced that we will advertise in the MSCVB Visitors Guide, Bearfoot and The Milepost 2015.
 - 2. Announced that we would be attending The Great Alaska Sportsman Show and the Fairbanks Outdoorsman Show in 2015.
 - a. Suggested we give away free ice cream coupons to Fairbanks Outdoorsmen Show attendees.
 - b. These coupons can only be redeemed in Talkeetna.
 - 3. Hudson Fly-In Report
 - a. The Silent Auction brought in \$3500.00 for Build-A-Plane.
 - b. Considering possibly changing the silent auction proceeds to go towards a Aviation Scholarship.
 - c. They received recognition in a National Magazine.
 - 4. Discussed ATIA Conference in Fairbanks Oct. 6th-10th
 - a. Registration is now open
 - b. Discounts at Pikes
 - c. Event to be held at Westmark

Old Business:

- A.** Discussed that maps are available at the Beadberry Patch.
 - 1. Come get your first 25 free! Each map after that is 25 cents.
- B.** Public Bathroom report - N/A
- C.** Village Park update
 - 1. Hydro –seeding has been done
 - 2. Signs in place to “Keep Off”.
 - 3. Help keep everyone off the grass until first Live@5 in 2015.

New Business:

- A.** Welcomed new business members – Sheep Creek Lodge, Alaska Bus Guy, American Lung Association in Alaska, Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, Shirley's Burger Barn, Stylin Talkeetna, & David J. Parks.
- B.** Announced the winner of the Passport Drawing from Princess – Jenny Krepel.
- C.** Discussed that membership fees are due.
- D.** Discussed that the board is in need of some new members.
 - 1. Please contact if you are interested in being on the board.
 - 2. Nominations will be open on the floor at next general meeting.
- F.** Announced that we need members to host both General and board meetings.
- G.** Announced that the Annual Fall Banquet will be held on Oct. 17th.
 - 1. Invitations and bids packets will be sent out soon.
 - 2. Be thinking about what to put in your old bags for the auction.
 - 3. Jenny Krepel will order mini moose.
 - 4. We asked for any volunteers to be on the Fall Banquet Committee.
 - a. Volunteers were Nancy Cheslock & Geri Denekwalter
- H.** Discussed Art in the Park
 - 1. Nothing was decided
- I.** Discussed the Beautify Talkeetna Project
 - 1. Asked for volunteers to be on a committee.
 - a. Formed a committee with the following volunteers - Beth Valentine, Patti Coleman, Kelly Barker, Mable Quilliam & Ron Quilliam.
 - 2. Ask Talkeetna Community Council to help us get a grant?
 - 3. Ask borough to sweep once a month & paint lines
 - 4. Work with what we have and see what happens.
 - Motion to contact and work with The Talkeetna Community Council, Mat-Su Borough and Parks & Recreation on The Beautifying Talkeetna Project Patti Coleman
 - 2nd Ron Quilliam
 - Unanimous

Upcoming Meetings & Announcements

- Oct. 4th - Taking Back Talkeetna
- Oct. 7th – Chamber Board Meeting at 9:00am at The Roadhouse.
- Oct. 13th – Bun to Bun Run
- Oct. 13th - Fundraiser for Tabitha & Trigger (\$10.00 donation suggested).
- Oct. 17th – Annual Fall Banquet – (TBA)

Adjournment: 7:58pm

- Motion Patti Coleman
- 2nd Nancy Cheslock

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