



TALKEETNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Swiss Alaska

Thursday, Nov. 14th, 2013, 6:30pm Social

General Meeting Begins: 7:11pm

- President Beth Valentine

Members in Attendance: Jennifer Birdsall, Patti Coleman, Jane Steere, Alyssa Lee, Corry Kilchrist, Mark Forrester, Denise Richardson, Jenny Krepel, Vern Rauchenstein, Mabel Quilliam, Ron Quilliam, Stephane Smothers, Kerry Walter, Israel Mahay.

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes from: Sept. 12th 2013

- Jenny Krepel Motioned
- 2nd Israel Mahay
- Motion Unanimously Approved

Approval of Minutes from: Fall Banquet Oct. 17th 2013

- Patti Coleman Motioned
- 2nd Israel Mahay
- Motion Unanimously Approved

Treasure Report:

- Kathy Stoltz is working on them and we will have a report next month.

Persons to be Heard: Kerry Walter

- Filling the Gap - Feeding Children over the long holiday break.
- Beth Valentine challenged all the business present to match her \$25.00 donation.
 - Motion was made by Patti Coleman for Chamber to also donate \$25.00
 - Israel Mahay 2nd
 - Unanimously Approved

Correspondence:

- Alaska Railroad will be signing posters at NSI Dec. 5th from 10am - 4pm
 - The Hurricane Train will be operating Dec. 5th as well.
- The Mat-Su Sportsman Show is being held at The Menard Sports Center Mar. 21st- 23rd.

Committee Reports:

- *Marketing & Tourism* - Beth Valentine
 - Discussed where we should advertise
 - Decided to meet at McKinley View Real Estate Office on Nov. 15th, 1:00pm
 - Membership & Community Relationships - Beth Valentine

New Business:

- *Parade of Lights* - Patti Coleman
 - Name of Parade is "Reality Talkeetna"
 - Many of the reality shows will be in attendance or participate in the parade.
 - Vern Halter will be our Grand Marshal
 - KTNA will provide Christmas Music
- *Taste of Talkeetna* - Beth Valentine
 - Tickets will go on sale Dec. 18th at Nagleys & Roadhouse for \$30.00 each.
 - 7 restaurants will be participating
- *Report from Fall Banquet on money raised:*
 - 50/50 = \$127.00
 - Old Bag = \$1695.00
 - Mini Moose = \$415.00
 - Total Raised after expenses = \$2130.00
- Send a gift certificate to Mark of the Wild for one of our local restaurants.
- XY Lake Fees are going to be increasing to maintain the trail system.
- Alaska Railroad is looking for Artists to submit their work by Feb. 21st 2014.
- Handed out a survey asking for members input as to where they think we should advertise.
- We are holding a website class in Jan. the exact date will be announced when we know.
- Tree Lighting - Ron and Israel will cut and put up the tree for the Girl Scouts.

Old Business:

- Water and Sewer Meeting update:
- Discussed "The Map"
 - We need to set up a work day.
 - The last day members can submit is Dec. 31st 2013
 - We will have 5000 of them printed.
 - Discussed the possibility of receiving Revenue Sharing from the borough and utilizing the money for the maps.
- Winterfest Events are well under way.
 - Look at the Announcements for a full list of events.
- Members Christmas Party will be held at The Susitna River Lodge Dec. 12th 2013.
 - Bring White Elephant Gifts & Desserts & Drinks

Announcements:

- Alaska Railroad Poster Signing Dec. 5th 10:30-2:30 at NSI & Hurricane Turn around train.
- Motorized Parade of Lights "Reality Talkeetna", Friday, Dec. 6th, 6:30pm, Meet all the bachelors that go up for auction after the parade at the VFW.
- Bazaar at the Talkeetna Elementary School Dec. 7th, 10:00am, K-Bay Auction.
- Wilderness Woman Contest, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 1:00pm
- Bachelors Auction and Ball, Saturday, Dec. 7th, Doors open at 6:00pm "DAC".
- Live Music at the Fairview Dec. 7th
- All night breakfast at The Roadhouse starting at Midnight, Dec. 8th 12:00am.
- Gingerbread House workshop at Flying Squirrel, Dec.8th
- Taste of Talkeetna, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 4:00-8:00pm
- Art Opening and live music at Flying Squirrel Dec. 14th
- Quilt Show Art Opening: reception Dec. 14th at 6:30pm, Sheldon Art Hanger
- Hanger Cinema hosts "Polar Express" Dec. 14th at 7:30pm
- Kids Cookie Decorating at The Roadhouse, Dec. 15th from 1:00pm-4:00pm
- Gingerbread House workshop at Flying Squirrel, Dec.15th
- Festival of Lights Dec. 15th at 6:00pm, Sheldon Arts Hanger
- Great Bake-N-Take Cookie Exchange, Dec. 17th, The Roadhouse 3:00pm - please bring\$10 to participate.
- Denali Drama presents a Holiday performance, Dec. 20th-22nd at 7:30pm.
- Christmas Eve Services at local churches.

Adjournment: 8:17

- **Motion Stephanie Smothers**
- **2nd Israel Mahay**

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