



**TALKEETNA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARTY  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Susitna River Lodge

Thursday, Dec. 12th, 2013, 6:30pm Social

**General Meeting Begins:** 8:45pm

- President Beth Valentine

**Members in Attendance:** Jennifer Birdsall, Patti Coleman, Jenny Krepel, Smothers, Kerry Walter, Israel Mahay, Jack Smothers, Darlene Hunter, Cory Kilchrist, Don Dyers.

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Minutes from:** Swiss Alaska Nov. 14th 2013

- Israel Mahay Motioned
- 2nd Israel Stephanie Smothers
- Motion Unanimously Approved

**Treasure Report:**

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

**Persons to be Heard:** None

**Correspondence:**

- Phantom Poodle of Rainy Pass – by author Dan Levinson
  - Wondered if any gift shops would like to sell his book?
- Notice of Utility Tariff Filing MEA

**Committee Reports:**

- *Events* – Patti Coleman
  - Parade of Lights Parade was a huge success – now we are looking for pictures to post.
  - Taste of Talkeetna – tickets still available at Road House, Nagley's & Beth Valentine.
- *Finance Committee* - Beth Valentine
  - Met right before the General Meeting and will have a report next month.

- *Marketing & Tourism* - Beth Valentine
  - Discussed where we did advertise Bearfoot & Milepost
  - There was a low response on the questioner for advertising with KTNA
- *Membership & Community Relations*
  - Discussed the map & plans to print 4000 of them
  - Discussed that we are on our second round of membership drive – making phone calls.

### **Old Business:**

- Discussed the final day for business to be included on the map, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.
  - No funding from the borough for the map.
  - See who wants to help us create the map.
  - Discussed having black and white maps created and printing less colored maps.

### **New Business:**

- Membership & Tourism Relations meeting Monday Jan.6<sup>th</sup> 2014 at the Roadhouse.
- Discussed writing a letter of support for the Alaska State Troopers to keep our Talkeetna Trooper Station open.
  - Will compile facts of support and why we need to keep them here.
- Discussed KTNA's new underwriting
- Computer class will be held Monday Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 2014 @11:00am at the Road House.
  - How to make your business webpage function properly and look good.
- Ask if there are any members who would like to host a General Meeting?
- Discussed the summer bathroom issues.
  - Get donations from all business up town.
  - Talk to TCC
  - Can DAC keep their bathrooms open longer during the day?
  - Get a bathroom trailer
  - Build more outhouses
  - Rent more porta potties
  - Send newsletters to members asking for suggestions & ideas
- Played "Split the Pot" \$86.00 – Israel Mahay won \$43.00 - the other half goes to support the Upper Susitna Food Pantry.

### **Announcements:**

- Taste of Talkeetna, Saturday, Dec. 14th, 4:00-8:00pm
- Art Opening and live music at Flying Squirrel Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Quilt Show Art Opening: reception Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Sheldon Art Hanger
- Hangar 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.

**Meetings:**

- Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am at the Roadhouse.
- Next General Meeting – Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm at the Roadhouse – 6:30pm Social.

**Adjournment: 9:21**

- **Motion Jenny Krepel**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Israel Mahay**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:  
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