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**General Meeting Minutes**  
March 10th, 2016 11:45am-1:00pm  
Talkeetna Roadhouse

**Board Meeting Begins: 12:00pm**

1. President Trevor Walter

**Board Members in Attendance:**

1. Dora Miller
2. Stephanie Smothers
3. Patti Coleman

**Others in Attendance:**

Kerry Walter – Administrative Assistant, Ron Quilliam, Mable Quillam, Tina Pijuan, Jenny Krepel, Janet Ehret, Joe McAneney, Anthony Origer, Ember Haynes, Gerri Sumpter, Margaret Sharpe, Jennifer Matthews, Erica Skiff, Haskell Kent, Matthew Herod, & Kierre Childers.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting as Written**

- Motion to accept Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting minutes as written - Patti Coleman
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Quilliam
- Unanimous

**Treasure Report:** Stephanie Smothers – report online.

**Persons to Be Heard:**

1. Joe McAneney
  - a. Shared about their plans to open a cannabis dispensary at the old chocolate store.
  - b. They want to educate and the public.
  - c. Shared their short term and long term plans.
  - d. They want to work with the community, beat the stigma and be professional.
  - e. They want to blend with the community with a discreet wooden sign 400 sq. inches
2. Anthony Origer
  - a. Shared about running for the MEA Board of directors for the Susitna West District.
  - b. Encouraged us to all vote for him on April 25<sup>th</sup> with winners to be announced on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the MEA General Meeting.

3. Gerri Sumpter - With Senator Lisa Murkowski
  - a. Updated us as to what the senator has been working on, Comprehensive Recovery Act & Preventative programs.
  - b. Invited to hear Senator Murkowski speak at the Wasilla/Palmer Chamber Meeting.
  - c. Energy Committee voted Senator Murkowski as the woman of the year.
4. Margaret Sharpe - With Senator Sullivan
  - a. Shared with the members what Senator Sullivan has been Working on.
  - b.
  - c.
5. Kierre Childers - With MEA
  - a. Shared with the members about the upcoming MEA Elections.
  - b. Annual meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. MEA scholarships applications are due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. There are three amounts being awarded (\$7500, \$5000 & \$2500).

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Diane Okonek - Brochure distribution
2. Talkeetna won KTUU's Viewers Choice Award again this Year for "Best Day Trip".
3. Rockin the Rails Event - Alaska Rails Road and Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. Deadline for sign up is April 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. Sunshine Community Health Center - Strengthening Families workshop.
5. Dept. of Natural Resources - gas & oil exploration in the south-central region.
  - a. Talkeetna Community Council wrote a letter to have Talkeetna excluded from the plan.
6. DAC Public Bathrooms - Denali Arts council needs about \$5000 to keep the public bathrooms open 7 days a week.
  - a. Please contact Jenny Krepel or Isreal Mahay if you would like to donate.

#### **Committee Reports:**

1. *Marketing & Events Committee*
  - a. Winterfest - Ron Quilliam & Joe McAneney Will take down the town tree after the last musher crosses the finish line in Nome.
  - b. Taste of Talkeetna Committee – N/A
  - c. Centennial Committee – Kerry Walter
    - i. Centennial Celebration will be July 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. We are hoping to host the following events, dunk tank, paper airplane contest, birthday cake, BBQ, children's fishing pond, moose poop bingo, local music, and of course, The Moose Parade & Auction.
    - iii. We have secured NSI for the location of our Bingo Game.
  - d. Visitor Guide Committee – Trevor Walter
    - i. Due date to get all ad to the chamber is March 15<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Payments for ads are due March 15<sup>th</sup>
    - iii. Working on the wireframe of the guide.
    - iv. Sold \$27,850 worth of ads.

- v. Received enough to cover the guide.
- vi. We will have the guides at the Anchorage Airport and we are working on getting some down on the Kenai and up in Fairbanks.
- vii. Added all chamber business to the back page with numbers that are associated with the Talkeetna Town & Trail map.
- e. Website Committee – Trevor Walter - N/A
- f. Beautify Talkeetna Committee – Trevor Walter
- g. Map Committee – Trevor Walter
  - i. Trevor Walter will start working on this soon.
- h. Live at Five - Trevor Walter
  - i. Need volunteers to be on the committee.
  - ii. Need sponsorship.
- i. Moose on Parade - Trevor Walter
  - i. Need volunteers to be on committee.
  - ii. Trevor will talk to DOT about traffic.
  - iii. Casey Ressler will be the auctioneer.
- j. MSCVB - N/A
- 2. *Membership & Community Relations – Kerry Walter*
  - a. *Membership* - 174 members and counting!
  - b. *TCC – Jenny Krepel*
    - i. Terry Dolan say that FEMA is moving forward with the following projects Talkeetna Dike, Yoder Bridge & dike.
    - ii. Recycling of Cardboard at Moores Hardware is being discussed.
    - iii. A speed limit change for the library turnoff was rejected by DOT.
      - 1. TCC will write another letter of support asking DOT to reconsider.
      - 2. Ask other businesses to write letters of support like Princess.
      - 3. Jenny Krepel asked the board to write a letter of support also.
      - 4. Contact your Representatives Mike Dunleavy & Wes Keller.
      - 5. Trevor will write the letter of support and send to board for a vote.
    - iv. Important to maintain the integrity of the historical guide lines for downtown Talkeetna. Invite Sue Deyoe to come and talk with us.
    - v. The Transfer station will open up for another day starting May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 3. *Scholarship – Kerry Walter*
  - a. Up to \$3000.00 can be given away in scholarship money.
  - b. Deadline to turn in application is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.
  - c. New Essay question – What does, Life Liberty and The Pursuit of Happiness mean to you?
- 4. *By-Laws Committee – Shawn Standley*
  - a. We will be sending revised By-Laws to the members soon.

**Old Business:**

## **New Business:**

1. Welcome new businesses
  - a. Senator Dan Sullivan - honorary member
  - b. Alpine Ascents International
  - c. Silverbear Sundries
  - d. The Grove
2. Sportsman Shows
  - a. Mat-Su Sportsman Show Mar. 18-20<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Anchorage Sportsman Show Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. Fairbanks Outdoor Show April 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>
3. Advertising with Bearfoots & Alaska Chamber was tabled at the April 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
4. General Luncheon Meetings in April & May.
  - a. Decided the chamber would supply appetizers for the April Non- profit meeting at NSI.
  - b. Denali Brewpub will also donate some appetizers
  - c. Kerry Walter will ask the Upper Susitna Senior Center if they can make us a lunch we can purchase.

## **Upcoming Meetings & Announcements**

- Mar. - 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Mat-Su Sportsman Show.
- Mar. – 31<sup>st</sup>- Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anchorage Sportsman Show.
- Apr. – 12<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting at Talkeetna Roadhouse at 10:00am
- Apr. – 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at NSI (Non-Profit Round Up) 11:45pm-1:00pm.
- Apr. – 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Fairbanks Outdoor Show.
- May – 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Latitude 62' at 10:00am
- May – 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting at Upper Susitna Senior Center - 1 Minute Sound Off! 11:45pm-1:00pm.

**Adjournment:** 12:53pm (March, 10th 2016)

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:*

*Kerry Walter*

*Administrative Assistance*

*Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce*