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**General Meeting Minutes**  
May 12th, 2016 11:45am-1:00pm  
Upper Susitna Senior Center

**Board Meeting Begins: 12:10pm**

1. President Trevor Walter

**Board Members in Attendance:**

1. Patti Coleman
2. Casey Ressler

**Others in Attendance: Ron Quilliam, Margaret Sharpe, Gerri Sumpter, Matt Herod, Holly Stinson, Francine Curran, Kierre Childers, & Janet Erhet**

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

- Motion to accept April 14th 2016 meeting minutes as written - Jenny Krepel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patti Coleman
- Unanimous

**Treasure Report:** Trevor Walter – report online.

**Persons to Be Heard: N/A**

1. Katie Writer - N/A
2. Larry Dearman - Perks for volunteers
3. Kierre Childers - (MEA)
  - a. Grants - 10k for recycling Cardboard & 2k for the Upper Susitna Food Pantry.
  - b. New board member was voted in to represent the upper valley.
  - c. Emergency Preparedness Fair
4. Herman Thompson - checking in to sponsoring the Moose Poop Bingo at NSI.

**Correspondence:**

1. Denali National Park Newsletters
2. Rotary Club Service Project - May 13<sup>th</sup> 22 foreign exchange students will help for 1hr. on a community project in Talkeetna.
3. Society - is wanting to hold a blues event in the shoulder season in Talkeetna.

## **Committee Reports:**

1. *Marketing & Events Committee*
  - a. Winterfest - N/A
  - b. Taste of Talkeetna Committee – N/A
  - c. Centennial Committee – Trevor Walter
    - i. Patti Coleman will be in charge of the dunk tank.
    - ii. MVFCU is giving 6 prizes for the Moose Poop Bingo
    - iii. Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge is sponsoring the prizes and games for the children.
    - iv. Discussed a BBQ sponsor.
    - v. Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge will sponsor the cake.
    - vi. Live music
    - vii. Moose poop toss on Sunday afternoon.
  - d. Visitor Guide Committee – Trevor Walter
    - i. The first ever Talkeetna Visitor Guide is available
    - ii. Only area of concern was with the map in the middle.
    - iii. We made enough to go ahead with the new website.
    - iv. Next year the goal is to get the Town & Trail map into the guide.
  - e. Website Committee – N/A
  - f. Beautify Talkeetna Committee – Trevor Walter
    - i. Sign out at the “Y” similar to the Willow sign.
    - ii. Most of the construction of the sign will be donated.
    - iii. Talk to Beth Valentine if you would like more details.
  - g. Map Committee – Trevor Walter
    - i. Everyone gets 25 free maps
    - ii. All additional maps cost \$0.25
  - h. Live at Five - Trevor Walter
    - i. We raised \$9750.00
    - ii. \$7500.00 goes right to DAC to pay for the bands & advertising.
    - iii. The remainder we keep in an account just for Live @ 5.
  - i. Moose on Parade - Trevor Walter
    - i. Need volunteers.
    - ii. Casey Ressler will be the auctioneer.
    - iii. If you want to buy the Big Moose you get those from the Historical Society (Sue Deyoe’s husband, Jeff.)
    - iv. Mini Moose you can get from Jenny Krepel at Talkeetna Gifts and Collectables.
    - v. Leave the info about your moose with Sue Deyoe at the Historical Society.
    - vi. Clarify your moose you are decorating (give it a fun name).
  - j. MSCVB - Update Letter on the progress of the new visitor center seeking other funding.
2. *Membership & Community Relations – N/A*
  - a. *Membership - N/A*
  - b. *TCC – Patti Coleman forgot her note.*
    - i. *Discussed Water and Sewer issues.*
    - ii. *Trails committee grants.*

- iii. New Downtown (Main St.) Spud committee Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. Awards - N/A
- 4. *Scholarship – Kerry Walter*
  - a. \$3250.00 was given away in scholarship money.
  - b. \$1000.00 was awarded to Henrique Miller, \$750.00 to Brandon Smothers, \$500.00 to Paxson Matthews, Robin Spaulding & Tawny Ernest.
  - c. Anonymous donor awarded \$500.00 to Reece Williams.
- 5. By-Laws Committee – Trevor Walter
  - a. Voting on the revisions to the By-Laws are being put off until next fall when we will have both the current and new version available for our members to see and compare.

**Old Business:**

- 1. DAC Public restrooms
  - a. Still looking for donations almost there.
  - b. Open from 10am-6pm.
  - c. Donations will help keep the bathrooms clean and supplied as well as help with the cost of the metered water.
- 2. Kiosk
  - a. Has been cleaned up and resealed.
  - b. Please put your rack cards in one available space only as we do not have room for everyone to use more than one space.
- 3. River Front Clean Up
  - a. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to keep the river front cleaned up.
- 4. Fairbanks Outdoorsman Show
  - a. Was awesome and we handed out 500 ice cream coupons.
  - b. Nagley's and Shirley's Burger Barn are accepting the ice cream coupons.

**New Business:**

- 1. Welcome new businesses - N/A
- 2. Build -A Plane Donation -
  - a. Chamber will donate 1/8 page ad in the 2017 Visitor Guide worth \$325.00 for silent auction.
- 3. Annual Banquet -
  - a. Letter will be sent out at the beginning of Sept. to give business more time to prepare a bid.
  - b. Last year we had 75 come to the 2015 banquet
- 4. DAC Equipment -
  - a. We will discuss this with them further.
- 5. Borough Park Meeting -
  - a. Mark from the borough met with Harold and Ed from the community council, Renamary, Beth Valentine and Shawn Standly.
  - b. Discussed putting in crab apple trees
  - c. Lilacs and flowering plants

- d. A rail wooden fence
- e. Bolt down the picnic tables
- f. The borough has around \$200k to spend on the park.

**Upcoming Meetings & Announcements**

- May 11-15<sup>th</sup> - Rotarian Conference
- July 4<sup>th</sup> - Moose on Parade & Centennial Celebration

**Adjournment:** 12:40pm (May, 12th 2016)

*Minutes respectfully submitted by:*

*Kerry Walter*

*Administrative Assistance*

*Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce*