

Board + General Meeting Agenda

January 10th, 12:00 noon

The West Rib Pub

**Call to Order:** 12:04

**Administrative Items:**

* Board members in Attendance: Bill Rodwell, Lauren Kane, Casey Ressler, Bryann Hanks (phone), Joe Mathis, Niina Baum
* Others in Attendance: Bill Germaine, Deniwse Richardson, Rick Creamer, Sarah Russell, Ken Shower, Tina Pijuan, Brenda Walsh
* Time Keeper/Minute Taker: Katie Gilligan

**Additions to Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

* December meeting minutes as written: approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* $12,402.05 in Checking (need to pay out Taste of Talkeetna, actual working funds sit at $7,702.05)
* $5,265 in Live at 5
* $8,731.41 in Money Market
* $1,470 in Scholarship
* $200 in Fire Hydrant (old project)
* $27.06 in Savings
* $25 in Gaming Checking and Savings
* $9,396 in accounts receivable

**Persons to be Heard:**

* Rick Creamer
  + Extended an invitation to the Chamber to visit Dallas Seavey’s homestead and go for a dog sled ride.
* Sarah Russell
  + TCCI will be subscribing to the Chamber’s google calendar.
  + Insurance rates for TCCI increased due to Talkeetna Recycling and they will need to raise funds to help cover that.
    - May start a Go Fund Me?
    - Casey will draft a letter for the Chamber to send out to members to raise funds.
    - Checks/donations should be made out to the Chamber and then we’ll disperse to Talkeetna Recycling Works; a subcommittee of the TCCI.
  + Talkeetna Fly In will be 3rd weekend of May.
    - Will the Chamber sponsor this year? Usually we donate $500.
  + Talkeetna Fly In will be offering a $2,500 scholarship next year under the Alaska Airmen’s Association. Preference will be given to Talkeetna Residents.
* Brenda Walsh
  + Heard Taste of Talkeetna participants really loved the local or Alaskan style food as a literal taste of Talkeetna, instead of a representation of the individual businesses.
  + Cardboard recycling will be available to businesses in February.
  + Recycling Committee would like to work more closely with the Chamber, and along that vein potentially come up with a logo and a bag for businesses to sell to help eliminate single use plastic bags in Talkeetna.
  + Would like to add a link or tab to the Chamber website for recycling information.
* Ken Shower with ATV Tours
  + Dropped by to introduce himself and his business.

**Correspondence:**

**Committee Reports: Changes made to committee titles/roles**

* Old committee: Taste of Talkeetna
  + Cut checks for $671.43 and mail to businesses
* Old committee: Visitor’s Guide
  + Casey and Katie will gather information
* Old committee: Scholarship/General Fundraising Committee
  + Need to get the ball rolling on scholarship fundraising and a committee. Ideas?
* Move committee titles/roles to:
  + Membership & Community Relations
    - Joe Mathis and Bill Rodwell would like to chair
  + Marketing & Tourism
    - Casey would like to chair
  + Economic Development.
    - Niina, Rick Creamer, and Bill Germaine would like to chair

**Membership and Community Relations**

* TCCI Report:
  + The borough awarded Talkeetna a $2,941 grant to start a community watch program.
* Talkeetna Water/Sewer Board Report:
  + In negotiations with the borough to change the ordinance for the sewer and water tax to exclude utilities (except MTA as internet is not a “necessity”).

**Old Business:**

* Gaming account- Still need a signature card

**Upcoming Meetings & Announcements: February meeting and location TBD**

Restaurants we haven’t yet visited this term are the Swiss Alaska Inn and the Flying Squirrel.