



Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc. CLCC

Minutes for the CLCC January 25th, 2018 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Kristine Route at 6:04pm

A quorum was established with 20 members

Guests: Jeff Boushor, John Winters, Trevor Dobell

Announcements of New Officers:

Kristine Route- President

Carrie Williams- Vice President

Cheryle James- Treasurer

Martha Story- Secretary

Amy Anderson- Member at Large

1. Approval of Agenda: Two letters of Correspondence were added by Cheryle James--one from Peter Micciche (2018-01-25 Micciche Letter.pdf) and one from Walkables (2018-12-17 Walkable letter.pdf).

Laura Johnson motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Cheryle James seconded. All in favor. None opposed

2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Cheryle James corrected a typo.

Courtney Larsen disagreed with the statement "Best Route Productions was the only application that offered to provide a customized web design". The paragraph regarding web design as a whole was reread and he dropped his disagreement. No more comments were made.

Cheryle James motioned to approve the minutes. Courtney Larsen seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$36,657.97. We have \$1,141.29 in Checking, \$25,870.40 in Savings, and \$16,676.45 in Gaming. The budget estimate for 2018 is \$18,816.89. Our 2017 loss was \$4,165.44 and our current assets are \$36,989.68. There are no grant applications are out at this time. There are no borough grants available this year.

Gary Galbraith asked what the Community Club will do with the money. The Community Club voted to have logs sanded and redone using said funds. He wondered if a minimum balance needed to be kept in the account. Cheryle James agreed to look it up.

Phil Weber motioned to approve the treasurer's report. John Williams seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

4. Correspondence:

a. Cook inlet Keeper Electronic Recycle Event. A member from the Cook Inlet Keeper contacted the Community Club to provide an electronic recycling event this spring. They currently host one in Seldovia, Homer, and Soldotna. This event would be for Cooper Landing and Moose Pass residents only. The group would take care of everything--supplies, backhaul, etc. They are looking for a volunteer from Cooper Landing who could help coordinate the event with recruiting volunteers, securing a location, and getting the word out. Event is proposed for May 5th. John Williams volunteered to be the point of contact. Dan Michels agreed assist John. The Community Club grounds can be used for the location.

b. Peter Micciche responded to the letter written by the community club concerning the change in tourism beverage dispensary licenses. The change could potentially affect the liquor license at Sunrise. Micciche responded that he does not have anything to do with the decision but his bill SB76 may help provide a permanent solution.

c. Walkables letter (see Walkables below)

5. Committee Reports:

a. Youth Group- Kristine (Krissy) Route. Still active in their mystery Kristine Route contacted Chamber and Walkables to see if they wanted to be involved in Geocaching event. Geocaching is where boxes are hidden containing small items, a notebook, trinkets, etc. People use GPS to find these boxes and they often write their name in a book saying they found it. They often will take an item and leave an item (things like stickers, flashlights, etc.). Kristine is wondering if we should set up a geocache city tour which could be a tourist alternative to fishing. Youth group would hide geocaches and maintain them. The idea would be to get tourist visiting places in town with low impact. At this point it is a preliminary idea, just wondering if the Community Club would support pursuing the project. Kristine will follow up with more information.

Cheryle James motioned to approve the youth group looking into the geocaching city tour. Laura Johnson seconds. All in favor. None opposed

b. Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project- Martha Story presented on behalf of Walkables.. A letter was sent to all property owners along Bean Creek Road updating them on the status of the Bean Creek Trail.

Gary Galbraith asked if the trails are cataloged along with their uses and history. He was referred to talk with Walkables about it. Tommy Gossard said there should be a trail map available at the Chamber. Courtney Larsen asked if there would be signs to point to the Bean Creek Trail. Not at this time.

c. Gun Club- Laura James and Chris Degernes. This past Monday the KPB Planning Commission addressed three issues for the CL Gun Club:

1. Classification of the 66.5 acres of land proposed for the new gun range as "Recreational"
2. Changes to the 1992/1996 Cooper Landing Land Use Plan to remove the recommendation to expand the existing range by 10 acres (never done) and to allow for the new proposed gun range
3. Permit the Borough to sign a lease with the CL Gun Club to allow the new range to be constructed. The lease will be for 20 years with a 20 year extension, at less than fair market value of \$1/year.

The Planning Commission approved all three requests unanimously. Next the proposals will go before the KPB Assembly on Feb. 20. Need visible support from the community, either by attending the Assembly meeting or writing a letter. Will put info into the Crier so folks can send letters of support.

Other next steps: Laura Johnson has been working on fundraising with Friends of NRA. Applied for a grant to locate and survey a road across State lands between the proposed gun range parcel and the Sterling Highway at MP 40, hire a landscape architect to help design the new range so that it fits the land and maybe a bit to start clearing. Applying for grant for up to \$132,000; decision will be made on the President's Day weekend.

Laura encourages attendance at the next Friends of NRA banquet at Summit Lake Lodge, May 5 at 5:30 pm.

Dan Michels said the old gun range site would be a great opportunity for community to build something cool like a park, softball fields, etc. once it's no longer needed for the gun range and is cleaned up. The title for the land stipulates that it needs to be used for recreation.

Courtney asked what the best case/worse case scenarios are, if the Assembly does not act. Worst case - no change, status quo and range remains where it is at the present time; Best- new spot for multiple communities to use that is located away from the center of town.

Chris: needed is a letter of support for KPB Ordinances 2018-06 (Classification) and 2018-07 (gun club lease).

Gary Galbraith motioned to approve letter of support. Cheryle James seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

6. Presentations:

a. AK Firewise Program

John Winters- Homer- Stewardship Forester

Worked since 1990 in Forestry.

Private landowners can request Firewise consultation for their homes / properties where they come out and identify how to protect their home from fire and create defensible space around their home.

Vegetation or fuel mitigation grants are available to homeowners.

Cohesive Strategy Project-with National forest, state DNR, Borough

Trying to make a community better suited for fire with vegetation management and fuel breaks. Working with different agencies to accomplish this. Has to look at each neighborhood individually as they all have different needs. Fuel breaks are not stand alone. Need some other help. Looking at fires history and history of weather in these communities. Need to get permits to start. There are many ways to create a fuel break. There are shaded fuel breaks (remove dead and limb trees to 8 feet). Done by hand crews and communities like them more but they are more expensive (up to \$12,000/acre). Already have some natural breaks (lake, river, highway, etc.) A lot of people have concerns with it opening up new trails for ATVs. There can be a set back so it is not visible from roads and power lines, etc.

The next steps are working on public education, Firewise assessments, financial assistance (WUI- Wildland Urban Interface grants), stewardship plans, awareness of operations on public land.

Bark beetle is making a comeback on the peninsula- One thing that can help is not to cut live trees in May through July

Gary Galbraith asked how to prioritize on government land. Risk and then access. Hasn't yet prioritized areas in Cooper Landing.

Jeff Boushor- US forest Service- wants to be supportive and help out however he can.

Carrie Williams would like to see a mass mailing to get people involved. They agreed that they would do this. Chris Degernes suggested to put it on the Crier.

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

a. Introduction of New Hall Coordinator and Maintenance

Samantha Butler- Hall Coordinator- Has lived in Alaska for 8 years. Has worked for Alaska horseman. Has a two-year-old year daughter and son on the way.

Andrew Kloppe- Maintenance- from Michigan, has been a carpenter for many years, 3rd year in Cooper Landing.

b. Changes to Rental Agreements- updated for both annual users and one-time users. New maps and more details on rules. Also includes an inventory, new projector and locked cabinets with linens etc.

Courtney Larsen suggested adding electrical lines to map. (will be added)

He also said that there should be a checklist of items in the Community Club (it is already included in new rental agreement).

c. Softball Tournament Concessions – Community Club heads it up and then shares with non-profits. Dan Michels says we should ask for donations from the local restaurants. Groups need to have one person attend a pre-meeting and be lined out on tasks and then must also be present the night that they do the concessions. CLES will still do the silent auction. Tournament is May 31- June 9th

9. Announcements:

a. KMTA- Martha Story. In 2009 Obama signed into law a bill that designated Kenai Mountain Turnagain Arm as a National Heritage Area (a bill that was supported by both Murkowski and Young). It was designated by Congress and administered by the National Park Service.

NHA's are places where natural, cultural, historic, and scenic resources combine to form a cohesive, nationally important landscape. They support community-centered initiatives that enhance and preserve local historic, scenic, and outdoor recreational resources.

The communities include Cooper Landing, Moose Pass, Seward, Hope, Sunrise, Girdwood, Indian, Bird Creek, Whittier, and Portage.

They have supported trail projects (Walkables got their grant for the design of Snug Harbor path features from KMTA – benches, signage etc. not pathway design itself.), educational projects (including historic videos of Moose Pass and Seward, curriculum (which may be found on their webpage [<http://www.kmtacorridor.org>]), repairs on historic buildings, financial help for museums, etc. Grants are given out and group must provide a matching donation, which, may be money or labor. They have also funded historic books about Hope and Sunrise and the KMTA corridor as a whole.

b. Item donations

We have been inventorying items in the Community Hall. If you wish to donate something please let one of the board members know, so that the item can be inventoried.

c. Chamber announcements for Gem are due on Monday

10. Adjourn: Cheryle James moved to adjourn the meeting. Amy Anderson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Notice of Next Meeting CLCC: March 29th 6 pm

Minutes completed by Secretary Martha Story