



# Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc. CLCC

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## **Minutes Cooper Landing Community Club, INC March 24, 2016 7:00 pm**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Thomas Gossard.

A quorum was established with 27 members.  
33 people were in attendance.

**Guests Present:** None

### **1. Approval of agenda**

A motion was made to add Cooper Landing Emergency Services (CLES) to Presentations, Cooper Landing Chamber under New Business, and Walkable Communities under Committee Reports. Mitch Dickenson approved and Carrie Williams seconded. All were in favor.

### **2. Approval of minutes**

Carrie moved to approve, Laura seconded, all in favor.

### **3. Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Tommy reported on behalf of Cheryle James as she was absent. The bank balances as of the end of February were as follows:

Checking: \$ 18,329.65  
Gaming; \$ 29,963.64  
Savings: \$ 53,838.25

Cheryle filed the annual gaming report and the fee of \$298.00 online. She is touching base with in Lambe Tuter & Wagner company in regards to them doing the tax return and filling an extension. Carrie has been paying bills in Cheryle's absence.

Laura Johnson asked if gaming is really pulling in that much money. Mitch explained that another group at the Sea Galley didn't claim their profits, so it was giving to us. Carrie made the motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Laura seconded the motion, all in favor.

## 4. Committee Reports

### a. Walkable Committee

Sandra Holsten gave Tommy a gift for his last meeting and updated everyone on the Snug Harbor project. She gave a brief history of the Walkable Committee who is a sub-committee under the Community Club. The Walkables group started in 1970 with Mona Painter. In 2000 Deb Carlson revitalized the group. At that time they started working on the creation of the Walkable Plan that stated the community priority for projects. Number one priority was to get a walk way on the Sterling Highway. Number 2 priority was to establish walking paths along neighborhood roads. In 2013 the Walkable Plan and priorities list was added to the Borough Plan. In 2009 the group received letters of support, presented at community meetings, and in 2010 they submitted the project plans under the Community Club. Now in 2016 the project has started on Snug Harbor Road. Tree cutting will begin in April. The trees will be available for community. The project has been redesigned, so that trees don't have to be cut along the curve where residents didn't want trees cut in right of way. Division of Transportation (DOT) cannot put bike path signs on the section that is widened, but they will be on section where the path is separated. There isn't enough funding to stabilize the three banks approaching the seniors. Some residents are concerned about Shackledfur Creek, but DOT said nothing will impact the creek.

## 5. Presentations

### a. AmeriCorps

Tommy gave an announcement thanking Kristine Route (Krissy) for her time spent as an AmeriCorps member in the community. He said that a number of people had emailed him wanting to thank Krissy for the many projects she orchestrated over the past four years. Tommy listed some of the events and activities the community enjoyed that were hosted by her.

### b. Gun Club

Laura spoke on behalf of the Gun Club's progress working with the Borough to acquire new land for the future location of the shooting range. The location they are looking at is still Federal Land, so it needs to be transfer to Borough before we can use it. The borough has management authority, so the borough could allow us to start something much sooner.

With the help of Chris Degernes they are working to get funding for about \$300,000 to move the gun club. One of the ways they are trying to get funding is through community fundraising events. The first they are hosting is a banquet event at Sunrise. You can purchase raffle tickets through the National Rifle Association online or you can write a check out to the gun club at PO box 710. Tickets are also available at Sunrise and Wildman's. There will be a live auction with a guest Auctioneer from Idaho to host action. If you want to see the gun club relocated, purchase tickets. There will be an open house on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Banquet will be on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **c. Walkable Community Trail Run**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trail run is in the works, but no current updates. Carrie reminded us that the run uses liability insurance from Community Club.

### **d. CLES**

Mary Louise Molenda and Theo Leximond presented on behalf of the issues facing CLES.

Currently CLES is down to two EMTs who live in town. Sometimes folks from Anchorage, Soldotna, or Kenai come on weekends to help out. They stay at the hall or with residents. At their next meeting a vote will be held to decide if we reduce the area we respond to. If we do go to a smaller area, it will strictly cover Cooper Landing. So if there is a crash at Dave's Creek or at the Y, then there wouldn't be an ambulance service able to respond. They are still in contact with Borough Mayor trying to come up with options. They are also trying to do something to come up with volunteers. They have asked John James to put together a pricing package to look at the possibility of putting in gravel pads for a couple of RV sites or a bunk house next to the CLES building in order to have a place for volunteers to stay if needed. They have approval from Borough to bring in gravel. They are looking into bringing in a portable Conex.

Carrie asked if there has been a discussion with state highways. Dan Michels said he just saw the meeting today.

Sandra asked if there was the option to bring in people who are in training and may need volunteer hours. Dan said there is a program in Kenai for EMT trainings, so that's one of the reasoning for the bunk house.

Sandra asked about paying people. Dan said you can't tax Cooper Landing to provide emergency services to the entire peninsula and expect us to pay for the whole EMS services. It has to be a borough based expense. If you did prescriber services it would be hard to deal with. Money isn't an issue at this point, but lack of volunteers. But they are looking at giving some moneys to volunteers who do runs over a certain amount of hours.

Dan said one the of the challenges in that the road classified as an Interstate Highway, but the interstate highways department won't give anything in support, so it put the pressure on the Borough.

## **6. Old Business**

### **a. CLCC Board Seat Elections**

Tommy will be leaving the board and we thank him for his time as president. Mitch has been selected as the new president, Carrie will remain vice president, Cheryle will remain treasurer,

Krissy will remain secretary. Martha Story is the newly elected member and will be in charge of public relations. Tommy will continue to work on the Cemetery.

#### **b. Logo Design**

The thought for a logo is to have mountains, a river and a log cabin for the design. Krissy will make unless someone else wants to.

#### **c. Softball**

Arden Rankin will again head up the split the pot tickets. CLES will be in charge of concessions except for the one night that the Chamber will host dinner in connection to the Regatta. Ann Hanson will be in charge of the announcer's booth. Laura and Jon James will take care of the score board.

#### **d. Hall Rental Fee Schedule**

Jessica Larsen said the fees are all updated and published on the website. A rate for Non-local is \$500/ day and for Cooper Landing Residents who are registered to vote the rate is \$100/day. However, if you own property in Cooper Landing, but are not registered to vote then the rate is \$300/day. Government meetings are \$250/day, a memorial is \$75, but for a Cooper Landing Resident Memorial the fee is waived. Annual User groups pay \$200 a year and can use it as much as they like.

#### **e. 2016 Budget Approval**

No updates

#### **f. Renovation of Hall**

Carrie provided an updated on the bid for expansion. The bid from Rob Bear has been accepted at \$37,000. Construction will begin after softball tournament has ended. The backside of the building will be off limits. The generator should arrive in a couple weeks and will be temporary positioned until construction is done. The generator will be large enough to also power the library. Construction will cover the building of an office for an emergency communication center and a location to house permanent CLCC records. Date of completion should be four to six weeks. Construction should not interfere will any bookings. Parking will be limited from wood shed to diesel tank. Roof line on back porch will be extended over back porch. Addition will not impact carrying capacity of building. The building will be built on a standard concrete foundation and will look like the existing extension. The Fire Marshall will be coming soon to update building capacity.

## **7. Presentations**

### **a. RV Rental**

The hosts for the summer will again be Tom and Christy. They signed a contract and will be required to do landscaping and ground maintenance as well as closing the gate each night. There is a size requirement for their tent space.

### **b. 2015 Tax return**

Because of gaming amount received we would like to send the taxes to a professional. Also would like to look into providing a paid position to keep track of books.

Carrie suggested that we go out and get applications for companies.

Tommy said for 2015 taxes we will send the information to the company Cheryle already uses for Wildman's. But in the future we will put it out to bid.

Laura made a motion to approve the professional tax preparation, Carrie seconded, all in favor.

### **c. Chamber Regatta Beer Garden**

A Beer Garden would need have a fenced off area , licensing, and servers need a tam card. Children would not be allowed in fenced area and there needs to be someone checking ID's for age. Carrie expressed her concern that it indemnifies the Community Club due to liability. Dan said it cost \$75 dollars for the special permit and that the Regatta is the Chamber's money maker for the year. Laura added that it is a good move on the Chamber.

Mitch motioned to allow the Chamber to host a beer garden if they follow all stipulations, Carrie seconded, all in favor.

## **8. Announcements**

Laura reminded everyone that the Easter Egg hunt is this Saturday. They are still looking for volunteers to help stuff and hide 1,000 eggs.

Tommy said thank you to Mitch and Martha for stepping up. He passed the mallet to Mitch.

## **9. Adjourn**

Tommy motioned, Carrie seconded at 8:04 pm.

**Next meeting: September 22, 2016**