



# Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc. CLCC

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## Minutes for Cooper Landing Community Club, INC September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 7:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Mitch Dickinson.

Board Member Martha Story was excused.

A quorum was established with 19 members.

24 people were in attendance.

Guests Present: Lori Tyler, Jessica Roper, Megan Lyher, Danel Converse, and Scott Walden- Office of Emergency Management.

### 1. Approval of Agenda:

There was one addition to the agenda under new business to discuss a fall cleanup for the hall. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Laura Johnson, seconded by Dan Michels, motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016 were reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda was made by vice president Carrie Williams, seconded by Shirley Wilmoth, and motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report

The current financial report was presented by Treasurer, Cheryle James. The current amount in checking and savings is \$84,212.05. To date there is \$20,003.07 in gaming income. The year to date income is \$27,683.90. The cell tower has generated a raise as there are new owners operating the tower. It generates \$569 a month now. Phil Weber motioned to approve the financial report as presented. Shirley Wilmoth seconded. All in favor.

### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Youth Group:** Kristine (Krissy) Route gave an update on the Cooper Landing Youth Group. Currently, there are three members who attend weekly. Two members moved out of state. The kids are working on solving their second mystery series that brings together science, history, problem solving, and team building skills. The curriculum is designed for ten year olds and up.

- b. Walkables:** Deb Carlson gave an update on the Snug Harbor Project. Paving is set to begin on the separated bike path and so far everything has gone smoothly. The full details can be found on the community Crier.
- c. Library:** Katie Green gave updates on the library and reminded everyone about the library sweepstakes event. The library is applying for a Rasmussen Grant and is required to have matching funds in order to qualify. They have also been working on replacing the retaining wall around the library building as it was beginning to deteriorate. The project is costing around \$15,000. A new wall will be built in its place and will be made out of landscaping blocks.
- d. Cooper Landing Emergency Services:** Dan Michels explained that CLES is running out of volunteers for the ambulance. There is no one in town who is a certified EMT anymore; leaving Cooper Landing wide open if there were to be an accident. EMTs from outside of the community have been making runs throughout the summer. These volunteers stay in the ambulance hall while they are volunteering. They are looking into hiring someone as an independent contractor to cover EMS calls during the week to lighten the load volunteers would have to commit to.
- e. Construction Updates:** Vice President, Carrie Williams gave updates on the community hall construction. The construction process has taken a little longer than anticipated due to unforeseen circumstances. \$25,905.10 has been spent on the construction so far. New flooring will be put in within the week and once completed the supplies will be brought back into the hall. The Conex that was rented will be returning to Anchorage. It is in the works to get satellite phones that will be stationed in the hall. Chugach Electric came and fixed all the outdoor lights on the grounds. Dan updated that the volleyball court should be ready to go by spring. The sand has been purchased, just need to put it down. Mitch gave updates on the bypass project. He was unable to reach anyone by phone, but an article in the Peninsula Clarion said that they are still six months out. The Kenaitze tribe is looking to do a land trade which would give DOT more options. Once Environmental Impact Statement is submitted it will probably come back in the spring.

## 5. Presentations

### **a. Human Waste Issues on Kenai Lake; Thesis Results- Kristine Route:**

Kristine completed her master's thesis in April 2016 through Alaska Pacific University. She recently presented her results internationally at the Sustainable Summits Conference held in New Zealand. Her thesis project was conducted at the Snail-a-thon site on Snug Harbor Road; popularly known as Waikiki Beach. Here she studied the effects of human feces on recreational behavior. It was a two part study testing people's attitudes and behaviors toward human waste. The first part of the study was to count all the waste piles on the five acre site every other week. The second part was to survey user groups about what they knew about human waste practices and how they perceived them. Her educational poster about proper human waste disposal methods, *THE POOSTER*, was also tested during this study. In total 700 piles of feces were counted on the site throughout the summer of 2015. User groups had a better sense of the consequences of unburied feces after viewing the

*POOSTER* in the second half of the study. However, user group did not feel responsible for the waste. A regulation would need to be implemented to help people take responsibility. The simple solution would be to install a toilet at the sight. A complete copy of Kristine's study can be found at: <http://gradworks.umi.com/10/10/10101088.html>  
The *POOSTER* can be found at: [www.thepooster.com](http://www.thepooster.com)

Comments were made about the community concern with the issue and how it could negatively impact the aesthetic aspects of the community. Mitch suggested that Kristine speak for the community and further this project with the community club support. Shirley made a motion to appoint Kristine to write a letter stating the community's concern with this issue. The letter shall be sent to governing agencies who manage the Kenai River. Katie seconded the motion, all in favor.

## 6. Old Business

### a. None

## 7. New Business

### a. *Revenue Sharing from Capital Grant Requests:*

The meeting for Revenue Sharing from Capital Grant Requests is Saturday at 7 pm. Funding is down from last year. A discussion was prompted to grant CLES \$5,000 of revenue sharing money to help pay for a contractual EMT five days a week. The thought is that revenue sharing brings in state money and would; therefore, be utilizing funds that were paid for by everyone using the roads not just Cooper Landing residents. It is not a sustainable solution in the long run as over time it will cost a significant amount to host and pay for a paid EMT, but will give us time to maintain an EMT in Cooper Landing while a better solution is looked for. Another solution was discussed about taking the \$4,000 out of the gaming account and donating it to CLES. Since the pull tabs are hosted in Anchorage, it is also taking money that is raised from outside of the community.

Other community organizations requested:

• Cooper Landing Emergency Services	\$1,000.00
• Trails Committee (Grooming)	\$600.00
• Youth Group Committee	\$500.00
• Cooper Landing Seniors	\$1,500.00
• Cooper Landing School	\$1,000.00
• Cooper Landing Chamber	\$2,000.00
• Cooper Landing Library	\$1,000.00
• Cooper Landing Gun Club	\$2,000.00
• CL Community Schools	\$900.00
• CL Historical Society	\$1500.00
• Cooper Landing Community Club	\$647.00
• <b>Gross Amount</b>	<b>\$12,647.00</b>

Laura made a motion to take the \$4,000 out of the gaming account and leave the revenue requests as is. Phil seconded. All in favor.

**b. Community Requests for State Capital Project Priorities:**

Although, the odds are low to receive funding it was discussed to put in a request for a housing unit to be placed at CLES to host EMTs. Russel Stuart said he would figure out a ball park figure to present at the meeting on Saturday.

**c. Meeting Time for CLCC:**

A proposal was brought up to change the meeting time of the Community Club from 7 pm to 6 pm. The thought is that it will be easier for out of town speakers to attend and parents with small children. Katie made a motion to change the meeting time to 6pm. Laura seconded, all in favor. The new meeting time will begin next month.

**d. Deep Cleaning of Hall:**

It was suggested that someone should be hired after the construction is complete to deep clean the community hall. Volunteers work hard to clean the hall every spring, but seeing how most rentals are from out of town and with construction dust it is concerned that volunteers will get burned out. Deb suggested paying \$300 for a person to clean for two days. Katie added that perhaps \$500 would be better since it is a large building. Phil made a motion to hire a contractor for \$500 or less. Dan seconded, all in favor.

## 8. Announcements

**a. Dan Michels Community Service:**

Mitch spoke on behalf of the board and the community to say thank you to the Dan for all of his work in the Community and with the Annual Softball Tournament. Dan was honored with a plaque that will be hung in hall for his work and a gift of \$500.

**b. Introduction of Out of Town Volunteer EMT's:**

Laurie Tyler is involved with Central Emergency Services and is the training officer. She has been helping with CLES since January. She came as a result from meeting Sue Sloan at a car accident. She and three others have been working to help the community by volunteering on weekends throughout the summer. They have put many hours in as volunteers to help keep CLES running even though they don't live here. They are looking for recruits to the EMTs and are willing to train them. They are looking for ways to bridge the community residents with people who just spend time here. Megan Layhe is one of the volunteers and is the potential applicant to be the Monday through Friday contract employee for the next few months.

## 9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Tommy Gossard and seconded by Dan. All in favor.

*Minutes completed by secretary: Kristine Route*

**Next Meeting: November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016 at 6pm**