



## Cooper Landing Community Club, Inc. CLCC

PO Box 508  
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### Minutes for the CLCC March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Kristine Route at 6:04pm  
A quorum was established with 16 members  
Carrie Williams is sick  
Guests: Lee Halvorson

#### 1. Approval of Agenda:

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

#### 2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed.

Laura Johnson motioned to approve the minutes. Jerry Neis seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

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

The treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$54,464.30. We have \$17,578.37 in Checking, \$19,670.40 in Savings, and \$16,845.66 in Gaming.

Gary Galbraith would like the community assets explained. Cheryle James is going to talk to accountant about some of the numbers. Most importantly why are many of the community club owned properties only listed at \$800. Cheryle will ask.

Cheryle James motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Laura Johnson seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

#### 4. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from the State of Alaska requesting public comment, in regards to the sale of Betty Fuller's land (at mile 53.8) to Mary Dreifuerst.

Jerry Neis motioned to write a letter in support of the sale.

Laura Johnson seconded.

All in favor. None opposed

- b. Letter from the Kenai Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center regarding the Women in Business Summit held at the Kenai Visitor and Cultural Center. It is from 8:30- 5:00 on April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Letter from Vertical Bridge Holdings LLC stating that they are now Vertical Bridge S3 Assets LLC after a corporate restructuring.
- d. Atlas Tower contacted the community club about putting a cell tower on the gun club property. Cheryle told them there was already a tower there. They are no longer interested.

## **5. Committee Reports:**

- a. Youth Group- Kristine (Krissy) Route.
  - 1. Kristine is a member of the National Association of Interpretation and is approved for a grant to go to a workshop in Anchorage in April.
  - 2. Geocache Tour. Kristine contacted coordinator of geocaching tour program. (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. A person can post that they hid or found a cache online where there are maps of the caches They often will take an item and leave an item (things like stickers, flashlights, etc.). There is a company that can help a town set up their own tour (there are currently none in Alaska). The town would be responsible for the caches. The company provides a brochure/ map/ checklist about the caches that also may have advertising on them. They also list the tour on their geocaching website. It can be linked with business that you can visit as well to get a point. There are prizes for people finishing the tour (getting all the points). Their cost is \$2,500 a year.

Some geocaching stats from geocaching.com:

Over 15 million people play

83 billion caches have been found

43% are traveling 155 miles to find these geocaches

Most people are 35 and up

70% have kids.

Other comments: Kristine said that 315 people have found the cache on the overlook. Laura Johnson stated that she uses geocaches to get Olive to hike further. Janette Cadieux states that they started on mountain tops and have moved to more accessible places thus providing geocaches for a wide range of abilities.

Jerry Neis asked if it would be feasible to get it done by June. Answer: maybe a small one

Shirley Wilmoth likes the idea of the passport to bring people in. Gary Galbraith is concerned about the relationship between geocaching and the community club. Answer: Kristine will present to Chamber of Commerce when they have their meeting

Cheryle James motions to allow youth group to put a geocache on community club property (not on river).

Shirley Wilmoth seconds

All in favor. None opposed.

Phil Weber wants to go on record stating that he is not comfortable with \$2,500 being spent on the geocaching tour.

b. Cooper Landing Walkable Community Project- Janette Cadieux

1. Snug Harbor Trail-The bench by Cheryle 's house will be put in this summer. The project is complete except for drainage and slope issues that the contractor needs to correct.
2. Bypass
  - a. DOT meeting- Janette got letter as Advisory Planning Commission chair from Air B&B owners along the Safety Path. The letter stated their concern for the future of the Safety Path with the future bypass project as their guests use the Safety Path to get to Wildman's for showers and to Sunrise for dinners. The family uses it to access Quartz Creek campground and beach, Post Office, etc.
  - b. Please, when you submit comments to DOT regarding the Bypass, show your support for the Safety Path so that they understand how important it is to our community.

- c. Janette spoke with Jim McPherson about concerns that the Bypass will cross the Safety Path where it splits from the existing roadway. He said that the Safety Path could possibly be moved to the old road bed from mile 45-46 and then have a crossing over the old road as opposed to the crossing being over the new Bypass. That is not an official commitment but something that can be discussed as they reconsider the Safety Path. They had not considered the Safety Path up to this point.
  - d. It was suggested that work should be done on the existing road to make it safer as trucks will still be traveling on it. We are hopeful that the Walkable Project could be built if this were the case but J. McPherson indicated that the Walkable Project will not be built as a part of the Bypass project. Should our community accept this answer? Our recent past Borough Mayor thought the Walkable Project should be built as mitigation for the Bypass. It is not known whether or not the current Mayor supports this as well.
  - e. Even though it is outside of the affected area, the Forest Service recommended a Snow River pedestrian bridge as mitigation for the MP 45-60 project instead of supporting a walkable path in Cooper Landing connecting USFS trails to trails and campgrounds to campgrounds. The bypass section will have 8-foot shoulders in lieu of a separated bike/ped path.
- c. Gun Club- Laura James and Chris Degernes.
- 1. The 66.5 acres of land for the gun club move was acquired via a 20-year lease.
  - 2. You can support this move by going to the Friends of NRA banquet at Summit Lake Lodge, May 5 at 5:30 pm (Laura has tickets) or by donating directly to the gun club.
  - 3. Old range will remain open while move is happening.

**6. Presentations:** None

**7. Old Business:**

- a. Groups need to sign-up for concessions for softball. John Williams asked if it was for non-profits only. Answer: Yes He then asked if a for-profit business could sign-up for a night and donate the profits. Answer: Yes  
Tournament is May 31- June 9<sup>th</sup>

## **8. New Business:**

- a. Minimum saving balance  
Gary Galbraith had asked at the last meeting if it was required to have a minimum balance in the community club account. Cheryle said that the bylaws do not state that a minimum balance is required but that the bylaws could be amended. Gary suggested 2 years of operating costs. Cheryle said that operating costs are about \$12,000/year and that gaming earning need to be spent in the 12 months after they are earned unless we submit a request to the state.

Motion was made by Laura Johnson to keep a minimum balance of 1-year operating expenses in savings account (operating expenses will be an average of the previous 5 years). Jerry Neis seconded

## **9. Announcements:**

- a. Electronics Back-haul event- Is on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Have everything ready to go. People can drop of items early. Need volunteers to help on May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- b. RV Host for hall- Are in the process of finding a host. Gary Galbraith asked if there was a task list and how people are hired for that spot. Martha Story said that she is working on the contract/task list and that the board does the hiring of that position.
- c. Refinish exterior of Community Club main structure call for bids- A call for bids will soon be made to get the exterior logs cleaned and re-finished.
- d. Introduction of Lee Halvorson- Lee is new GM for Princess. He has worked for Holland America for 30 years and most recently was at the Denali Wilderness Lodge. He has also worked in Fairbanks among other places. Lee grew up in Saskatchewan.
- e. Egg hunt at Community Hall on Saturday at 11:00
- f. APC meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> about geotechnical data on the Sunrise area

**10. Adjourn:** John Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Laura Johnson seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm. Minutes completed by Secretary Martha Story