

**LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LSTCA)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Jul 10, 2021, The Point Lodge**

The LSTCA Board Meeting was called to order at 11:03 by Joe Stam, President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Stam, President  
JoAnn Hobbs  
Kerin Fassler, Secretary  
Jake Anders, Acting Treasurer  
Wendy Simpson, Member  
Kristina Murray, Member  
Vacant Position

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

None

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Jenny Moser, Copper River Area Division of Forestry  
George Rauscher, State of Alaska  
Trooper Justin McGinnis, State of Alaska, Dep't of Public Safety, Alaska Wildlife Troopers

**COMMUNITY ATTENDEES**

Diane Stam  
Mike Fassler  
Susan Heubes  
Lonnie & Cindy Kaler  
Ken Hobbs, The Point Lodge  
Karol LaWalter  
Kelley Riley  
Ann Otte  
Robert Averett  
John Hicks  
Phil Tideman  
Tami Huntsbury  
Elizabeth Samuel  
Julian Serazin  
Harry & Jean Holt  
Dennis & Linda Fairbanks  
Pete & Eileen Probasco

**QUORUM:**

A quorum of board members was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Stam.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Minutes of the Mar 2021 board meeting were read. Motion made by Wendy Simpson to approve minutes, was seconded by Kristina Murray and MOTION PASSED.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The treasurer's report was presented by Jake Anders. Total funds available as of June 30, 2021 were \$82,040.94. \$79,703.34 is in Money Market Account, Share Draft has \$2,310.19 and Primary Share has \$27.41. We have currently used all of our remaining FY 2018 funding. A projected budget for the next fiscal year shows anticipated expenses of \$12,652.08 (plus an additional \$1,000.00 for the next annual meeting which was

inadvertently missed) and anticipated revenue of \$16,789.00 showing a net gain of \$4,136.92. Question on the DNR expense was raised and it was explained that this is the fee we pay for the shed at the channel used to store buoys and safety equipment. Also was mentioned was the Director's Insurance by Joe Stam. Motion made by Kerin Fassler to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by Wendy Simpson. MOTION PASSED.

#### **REPORT BY MR. RAUSCHER:**

Mr. Rauscher explained that the government is out of session until August but will reconvene in a special session to resolve budget issues not finalized during the past session. The PFD is one of the items to be discussed including the formula for discerning how much the amount of the PFD should be. The redo of Lake Louise Road from mile 9 to 19 will start this year with culvert updates. The "porpoising effect" of the road will not be completed until next year when funding will hopefully be received by the Feds who are holding it up. He also indicated that an addition \$20 billion had been added to the PFD fund this past year – but the PFD may or may not be increased – even though it should. Also, revenue sharing within the borough is not guaranteed in the future. We need to plan for it in case we no longer receive yearly funding from the MSB. At the end of his informative session Jean Holt suggested we all contact our representatives about the PFD and how we deserve to get what is due us.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Sue Rodman was unable to be here to discuss the Fish and Game Prescribed Fire as planned. Unfortunately, they were not able to get the permit for the fire due to a Bald Eagle Habitat issue. They will try again next summer.
- By-Laws update was presented by Jake Anders. Using a Community Handbook template, the by-laws were rewritten to update the format and include a few minor changes. A duty for membership was added to the Vice-President position, clarification of terms of 3 years was made, and a map was added. Also an increase to raising the dues from \$5-10 for single membership and \$10-\$20 was made. An addition to President duties include also making that position the Registered Agent. Originally suggested that we download and review by the community, Joe Stam indicated that the changes were so minor that it would be a good idea if we voted on the changes now instead of letting it drag on another couple of years. All agreed. Member Pete Probasco motioned to approve and Wendy Simpson seconded. MOTION PASSED.
- Kerin Fassler gave an update on the Community Directory. Input from all concerned needs to be sent to Kerin by Aug 1, so that the Directory will be available at the next meeting if not sooner. Each family is to be given one free directory and additional copies will be available for a fee to be determined later.
- DNR Firewise Update was provided by Jenny Moser. She detailed the expansiveness of the plan and requested input from the community by going to their website and submitting comments. They are soliciting input on proposed boundaries and any other information regarding the threat of fire. She provided informational handouts on fire-wising your property.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trooper Justin McGinnis of the Alaska Wildlife Troopers out of Glenallen listened to our concerns regarding the caribou hunters and the problems encountered this past winter. Proposals made by the community included hunters requiring taking a safety course prior to getting a license, a road corridor, more presence by more troopers.
- Trooper McGinnis explained that they are currently short staffed and the process for hiring will take several months so the ability to provide more troopers at this time is extremely remote. He did suggest writing the Fish and Wildlife Commission is one avenue to take forward our concerns.
- Another issue raised was the usage of drones invading personal spaces.
- In both cases, drones and hunting violations, he suggested calling dispatch to report a violation, take pictures if you can of activity and license plates of offenders. Timely reporting has in the past afforded the troopers the ability to catch violators in the process of committing a crime. But we need to call in a timely manner so they can use the helicopter and troopers on the ground to coordinate a faster response. Be a good witness.
- John Hicks provided an update on fire boxes and indicated if there is a fire, it is advisable to go by one of the boxes and pick up the equipment on your way to the fire. He also indicated that laminated instructions would be made and put into the boxes as it is very difficult to get people to come to classes.
- Eileen Probasco brought up the Wolf Pack Snowmachine Club effort to raise funds for a new groomer. A grant writer has been hired to submit for available grant funds. She also suggested we write letters to people for sponsors, write a personal check, a Go Fund Me account is in the process of being set up, and a raffle is in the works. Raffle tickets are available and are \$100 each. The drawing will be November 13 at the Palmer Moose Lodge.
- The Life Med Helicopter and Team (Brett, Gerry, and Brian) visited and explained the role of Life Med in providing life-saving support for our community. They are a 365 days a year 24/7 critical care ambulance that operates in the air. A nurse, paramedic, and pilot are on board. King Air can also respond if weather is poor and can land on our airstrip. It was mentioned that we should always call 911 for help as if the helicopter cannot fly, then substitute transportation will already be process for evacuation. It costs \$49/year and is



very affordable. They request an 80' x 80' spot on which to land the helicopter. They have a cabin registration program that can provide them with exact locations in case of an emergency. To sign up, call Life Med at 1-855-907-LIFE (5433).

- Election of Board members. Due to only 2 positions being available and there are only 2 persons on the ballot and no write-ins from the floor, a motion was made by Kerin Fassler to accept the 2 persons on the ballot as duly elected members of the board. Motion was seconded by Jake Anders, voted on by the community. MOTION PASSED. Wendy Simpson and James Hastings are duly elected for a 3-year term effective July 10, 2021.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

A short Executive Board Meeting will follow after adjournment to determine Board Member positions for the coming year. Join us for a community picnic today after meeting.

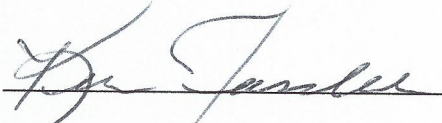
**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular board meeting will be on Oct 2 at 11:00 location to be determined. Kerin Fassler motioned to adjourn, Jake Anders seconded. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The following Board Members had agreed to take on the roles of the Board as follows:

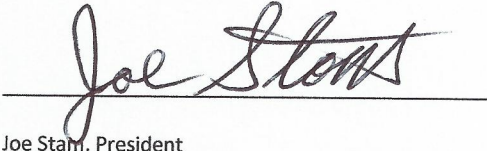
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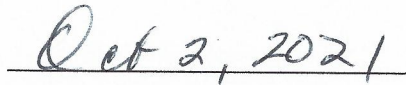
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Date



Joe Stam, President



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