

Lake Louise Community Non-Profit Corporation Annual Meeting July 17, 2010

Minutes

President Bev Matthews called the LLCNPC annual meeting to order at 1:00pm at the Lake Louise Lodge.

Introduction of guests and announcements:

Bev introduced Lynne Wood, Assembly Member, District 1, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Bev invited everyone to attend the picnic following the meeting.

Minutes:

The 2009 minutes were printed and available for the members at the beginning of the meeting. They are also available on the website at

<http://www.lakelouisecommunity.info/>

Treasurer's Report:

Judy Bertuca handed out a detailed report of the monies available at the Matanuska Valley FCU as of July 14, 2010 and a breakdown of the budget into estimated Revenue and the Operating expenses for 2010. Judy prepared a report on the LLCNPC special project funds that included a breakdown of the capital improvements that the 2009 MSB Grants provided and the requested items for the pending 2010 MSB Grant.

Tom Main moved that we accept the budget as proposed, Jim Rosin second. The motion passed.

Old Business:

- Membership report – There are 119 paid up members as of July 17, 2010.
- Gravel Permit – The permit has expired. The public can purchase gravel for \$3.00 a yard.
- Fire Equipment Grant - The \$14,000.00 has been spent on 10 remote fire storage units and supporting equipment. A handout/map showing the location of the fire equipment and EMS Responders were available at the meeting.
- Website Report –Bev introduced Bill Fair our new webmaster. Bill asked that we email him any suggestions for the kinds of information members would like to see on the site billfairak@gmail.com He will post the By-Laws, meeting dates, and minutes as requested by the members. He will investigate the possibility of a feedback loop where members can ask questions and leave comments. There is a Wi-Fi connection available for the community at Lake Louise Lodge. Bill will simplify the password. An Internet connection is available at Wolverine Lodge provided by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

- Emergency Responders - The community needs more ETTs and Bev requested that anyone interested please contact her. At present, we have 1 EMT II, 6 ETTs, and one certified ambulance driver. Four of the ETTs are fulltime community residents, two are summertime residents, and one is a weekender. Cory Matthews explained that 40-hours of training are required to be certified and classes will be offered in the spring of 2011. . If five or more people request training, Matanuska-Susitna Borough will come to the lake to provide training. You can also receive training at various locations around the Matanuska - Susitna Borough. The training schedule is posted on the Borough's website – <http://www.matsugov.us/> under Calendar of Events. You can take the main course anywhere within the State to become certified, however, it is easiest to obtain training through the MSB since they require certain portions to be done through their own organization before accepting full responsibility for a volunteer.
- The Volunteer Fire Department – Corky announced that fire training would be conducted after the Community Bldg is completed. The training will be posted on the Wolf Pack Snowmachine Club and Lake Louise Community websites. www.lakelouisesnowmachineclub.com . Corky also stated that the six-wheeler would be stored at the bldg. He commented that in the future a “fireboat” that would accommodate the six-wheeler maybe purchased, as there is a launching site connected to the building site.

New Business:

- Crossroads Medical Center – Yvette Delaquito is a board member of the Crossroads Medical Center. Yvette spoke about the services provided. Several members have used the facility and have been pleased with the care they received. Yvette said the community might request a Mobile Unit to come to the lakes. Please contact her if they feel such a service is needed.
- Public Boat Launch – There is a large hole at the end of the boat launch pad. Public works has been notified and is aware of the situation. The LLCNPC may have to pay to have it filled but Bev will pursue obtaining funds from the Matanuska -Susitna Borough.
- Water Level Report – Tom Main presented 27 years of recorded data. He measures the water level from a benchmark so that the year-to-year reports can be compared. On May 8, the water level was a minus 8 inches. The lake has gradually risen until today it is minus 1.5 inches. The lake is 25.5 inches below the level before the channel to Susitna was opened. That was in late 1950's or early 1960's and caused the lake to drop 12 inches. On 14 August 1984, the lake was at plus 24 inches, but usual levels rarely get above plus 15 inches. 2010 is unusual in that the lake is continuing to rise when it usually has peaked in mid-July and then starts dropping. Judy Bertuca presented graphs that she prepared from the data. A handout was available for the members. The graphs showed high, low, and medium water levels

over the years. From 1984 to 2010, there have been 15 high years, 4 medium years, and 8 low years.

- Channel Safety Report – Wayne Simmons gave a detailed report on the concerns and safety of the channel. He enumerated the various ways in which these concerns have been met and the problems concerning them. If buoys are used, they must be Coast Guard approved. DNR needs to issue a permit for cutting brush along side the channel. He stated emphatically that the safety issue is a concern, which will only get worse. As a resident near the channel, he sees the problem first hand. Wayne has recorded injuries and near misses in the channel and on the approaches from both the Lake Louise and Lake Susitna side. Wayne and Joyce Simmons and others instituted a North/South Bound solution. Boats going north do so on the hour and boats going south on the half hour. Awareness of this program is announced periodically over the radio, flyers have been distributed to all the lodges, and a notice posted on the website. 70 to 80% of boats are following this procedure and 75% of the boaters announce their entrance and leaving on the radio. This greatly reduces the possibility of an accident. Wayne contacted Linda Landers of the Alaska Traffic Signal Supply, Inc that specializes in rural traffic solutions. Linda submitted a schematic drawing showing a visual signal system. The system would consist of two large lights on either end of the channel. Going north the light would turn green on the hour and remain green for 25 minutes then blink for five minutes before turning red. For the boats going south, the opposite would occur. These lights would be powered by battery packs. Volunteers with electrical knowledge have indicated they would volunteer to install the system. It was emphasized that this is only a visual aid.

Wayne moved that the board of the LLCNPC address the channel safety issue by pursuing the “red light / green light concept, to include all items of interest and concerns relating to the installation of the “red light / green light” warning system at the Louise / Susitna Channel. Tom Lohman second.

A discussion followed that questioned the cost. Wayne said the estimate would be around nine to ten thousand dollars. The question of liability and insurance was raised. A suggestion was made that a committee be formed to investigate this and other issues. Judy Bertuca asked what happened to the lighting system proposed several years ago. Lynne Wood said that Mat-Su did not have the legal authority over the State’s waterways and could not approve the project. Joe Stam talked to DNR about this visual aid system and they indicated that they would sign a letter giving the LLCNPC permission to install. The possibility of funding this project by a grant was discussed. A member asked how long it would take to install this system if approved. Wayne indicated a six-week lead-time from approval to installation.

There was a call for the question; Wayne asked the President that it be by a show of hands. The motion passed.

Corky Matthews moved that the board appoint a committee ASAP made up of both board members and non-board members to pursue the red light / green light warning system. Patty Billman second. The motion passed.

Bev asked that anyone who would like to serve on this committee please let her know.

The board will ask DNR to write a letter of non-objection for the brush cutting.

- Water Quality Report – Corky Matthews reported that water samples are taken in 12 different places twice a year on the three lakes. Harry and Jean Holt volunteer their services for this effort. The results are compiled by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Lake Volunteering Monitoring staff. There are nine pages for each lake and if you wish a copy of the report please leave your name and email address with Corky and he will have Lisa Borowsky email you a copy. The report indicated a spike in the phosphorus levels. Information on the monitoring program can be found on www.matsugov.us/lakemonitoring
- Public Safety Building report, Name for building, Ribbon cutting - Corky gave a progress report on what is being done. The completion of the project is ten days ahead of schedule and occupancy is anticipated by mid-August. Ribbon cutting will occur in late August or early September. The Borough has the responsibility and is the final authority on the name for the building but they will consider suggestions. Bev asked that if you wish to suggest a name write it on the back of your voting card. **Patty Billman moved that the Public Safety Building be named the Matthews Bldg. Second ?.** Patty spoke to her motion stating that the Matthews have contributed so much to the community that their services should be recognized. **The motion passed.** Lynne Woods will give the suggestion to the Borough.
- Airport Construction Report – L&N Construction is building an extension. The driving habits of the trucks drivers have given some residents concerns. A request was made that the gravel trucks stay on their side of the road. This will be mentioned to the contractor. Judy addressed the criticism that this airport is not necessary and a lot of money is being spent for little use. Judy stated that the EMS group will find it a real benefit and it will save lives.
- Road Report and DOT update – The road is in poor shape but DOT says there is no money for repairs. They will place

cones where the most damage occurs. Bev encouraged everyone to contact his or her legislator on this issue.

- Lynne Wood's term is up and she cannot run again. She thanked everyone for the privilege of working with this community and enjoyed helping us meet our needs. Bev and the LLCNPC thanked her for her service and gave her a round of applause.
- **Bill Fair moved that the LLCNPC and the Wolf Pack Snowmachine Club jointly purchase a sound system for meetings. Debbie Kalakis second. The motion passed.**

Firewise Presentation:

The Firewise program was postponed due to the length of the meeting. Joe Stam gave a short overview of the purpose of the program and its advantages. There will be a presentation on July 31. There needs to be a core team of 8-10 people to help write a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (WPP). It possibly could be presented to the community in the fall. See the Newsletter for more information.

Election of Officers:

Bev Matthews, Joe Stam, and Sharon Clark indicated they would serve again. Bev asked for nominations from the floor. **Corky moved to renew the slate of officers. Larry Harper second. The motion passed.**

Door Prize:

Leona Dawson drew out the winning ticket – **Walt Arthur won** the burning barrel.

Adjournment:

Joe Stam moved that the meeting be adjourned. Larry Harper second. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Miller
Secretary

