

LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LSTCA)

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2016, Lake Louise Lodge

The LSTCA Board Meeting was called to order by Sharon Clark, sitting in for Jeff Urbanus, at 11:04.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Urbanus, President (via teleconference)	Wendy Simpson, Member
Kerin Fassler, Secretary	Robert Rolley, Member
Yvette Delaquito – Treasurer	Sharon Clark, Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Aaron Bunker, Vice-President

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joe Stam	Barry Simpson
Kay Coatry	John Mills
Margit Detrick	Jonathan Delaquito
John Hicks	Ted and Rayda Kinney
Jim Sykes – District 1 Assemblyman	Dan and Patti Billman
Steve Shiell	Kaitlin Chisum
Ann Otte	Dennis and Linda Fairbanks
John Delaquito	Tom and Pinky Lohman
Tom Corkran	

Sharon Clark led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was established by the board and Ms Clark introduced the Board members to the assembly.

GUESTS:

Introduction of guests included:

- Sara Jensen, MatSu Borough
- John Hicks, Chief, LSTVFD
- Joe Stam
- Jim Sykes, District 1 – MatSu Assembly

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Kerin Fassler read the minutes of the June 11, 2016 meeting and indicated there was an error in the report – the \$250 for ball caps for EMS personnel in the June Minutes read \$200 and that it needed to be corrected. Motion made and seconded to approve the change to \$250 and have the minutes reflect the correct amount.
MOTION PASSED

Ms Fassler also reported that there were 45 memberships in June including family and individual members. Today we have a total of 88 voting members some of which are family memberships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2016 Lake Louise Road Repairs – repairs have been started but all of the severest problems were not fixed. Patti Billman reported that according to one of the workers, they have finished are don't plan on coming back to repair areas missed. Jim Sykes to check to see if they will return. Wendy Simpson said she heard on the radio that we have the worst road in Alaska. Discussion ensued and a suggestion was made we write a letter to DOT to request assistance on road repairs.
- Joe Stam reported that the buoys have been placed and that we need to continue to promote the north / south traffic rules we have established. The sign still needs updating and more buoys put out but the channel is better this year. Also, the water level is coming up.
- Jim Sykes reported that the causeway is in the FY17 budget. We might have a chance to get it done this summer but the causeway repair is on the list for a freeze on the budget. Joe Stam and Jim Sykes to talk to projects manager to see if we can get it done. We have an opportunity to avoid the frozen money because it is a health and safety issue. Mr. Sykes is cautiously optimistic it can pass and thinks it might not happen until spring of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sara Jensen reported on our Comprehensive Plan – It is finished! A project that was first started four years ago. She was very pleased to have worked with us on completing the plan and thanked numerous community members for their participation. Patti Billman thanked Sara for her remarkable job. Mr. Sykes went to some of the meetings and said Sara did a wonderful job and the community provided substantial support for the plan. Even though there were differences on the planning ~~tem~~ they came together to come up with a good plan which was unanimously approved. The plan will be put on the website. It will be sent to Jeff Urbanus to post.
- There were no updates to be read by the Secretary
- Treasurer Yvette Delaquito reported that due to family emergency an updated Treasurer's report is forthcoming. However she did indicate that there was very little change from the previous report with the exception of payment of a couple of utility bills. A copy of the June Treasurer's Report is attached.
- Bookkeeper update – the bookkeeper that was working at the snowmachine club is no longer working for them. Tom Corkran to follow up and contact her.
- Fire Department Update – no new news. All of the fire boxes have been checked. The adapters that were ordered never showed up so Mr. Hicks had to reorder from Amazon and they should show up soon. He needs a quote on the 2 new fire boxes prior to purchase. Also, he reiterated the boat sign up with the Department of Forestry. Go to Alaska.gov and look for the link for DOF. Mr. Hicks noted that when going to a fire, get a pump on your way out. The website has a map of the box sites so you will know where they are.
- Kerin Fassler gave the EMS update as to who and where the emergency services personnel are located. A suggestion to put the names on the website was made. This information will be put on the website.
- Nominations for Board Elections – Three seats need to be filled. Kerin Fassler is the only person currently on the ballot and nominations for board members was put to the floor. Ted Kinney and Kaitlyn Chisum were both nominated and agreed to accept if elected. As there were only three names on the ballot and three seats were being selected, a motion was made to accept by

acclimation the three people to the new board. Seconded and MOTION PASSED. Congratulations to new board members.

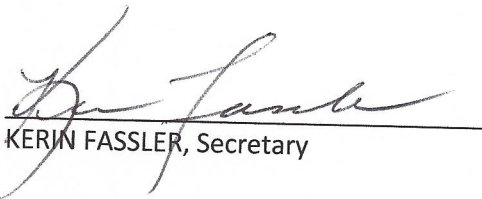
PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- Jim Sykes gave an update on the radio base station. It will be installed this Thursday in the Matthews Public Safety Building and the installers will be here all day. Also, the ambulance funding is together and potentially we could have a new ambulance in six months. He is checking into revenue sharing for potential cuts to funding to see if it will affect us. AND, we are still the only community with "free" trash. There are no plans to change that right now either. Mr. Sykes will be around for at least 2 ½ more months and appreciates all our support in the past. Hopefully, he will be with us for the next term.
- Ann Otte noted that the website is very much appreciated.
- John Delaquito reminded everyone to put trash into the dumpsters correctly and not leave it on the ground. We still have the issue of out of the area people putting their trash in our dumpsters.
- Patti Billman thanked Sharon Clark for all of her years of service to the community.
- A drawing for an Apollo membership was made and Yvette Delaquito won.

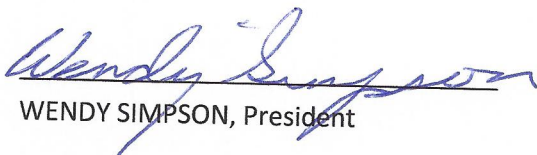
Several persons motioned to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded also by many. MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 and members stayed around to enjoy the summer picnic.

Respectfully submitted,


KERIN FASSLER, Secretary

9/24/2016
Date


WENDY SIMPSON, President

9/24/2016
Date

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Attendee List
- Meeting Notice
- Ballot for Board Members
- June 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Membership Report
- Treasurer's Report (June report as noted in minutes above)
- Fire / Rescue Boat Transfer – 2016 (Handout)

Louise Susitna Tyone Community Association

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Annual Membership Meeting, July 16, 2016 – Lake Louise Lodge

11:00 am – Call to Order

Agenda

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Introduction of Board Members

Establish Quorum

Introduction of Guests:

- Sara Jensen, MatSu Borough
- John Hicks, Chief, LSTVFD
- Joe Stam
- Jim Sykes, MatSu Assembly

Adoption of Meeting Minutes – 06/11/2016 Board Meeting

Unfinished Business

- 2016 Lake Louise Road Repairs
- Update – Channel Passage
- Update – Causeway Project

New Business:

- Louise Susitna Tyone Lakes Comprehensive Plan
- Secretary's Update
- Treasurer's Update
- Fire Department Update
- EMS Update
- Nominations for board elections – 3 Board Seats

Persons to be Heard

Board Elections by LSTCA Membership

Adjourn Annual Meeting: Annual Membership Picnic to follow

--New Board to reconvene briefly to determine Board Officers based on Election --

“Serving the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Lakes Community.”

LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

July 16, 2016

As of July 15, 2016, there are 86 current members. With the new website portal it is very easy to renew online using a credit card. For those wishing to vote at the Annual meeting payment must be made prior to any voting. Membership may also be renewed or initiated at the annual meeting **prior** to the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kerin Fassler".

Kerin Fassler, Membership

June 11, 2016
Treasurer Report

Account balances verified through Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union on 6/8/2016
Share Draft Account – 77

Check #	Date	Payee	Purpose	Amount
422	01/11/16	James Carson	MSB – Snow Removal	\$100.00
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Fire/Rescue Boat Transfer - 2016.

This past May, the Fire/Rescue Boat was transferred to the Matanuska Susitna Borough. It goes without saying that issues concerning the boat have a history of creating strong, sometimes polarizing, opinions in the Louise Susitna Tyone Community. This notice is intended to help answer any questions that might exist about the transfer and provide some information about why the LSTCA Board felt that this was the best option available in a less than ideal situation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Board Member.

Overtime, it became apparent that the Fire/Rescue Boat was not a suitable tool for emergency services, at the lakes, as originally envisioned. While this sentiment is certainly not unanimous, it does represent the majority viewpoint in the community. With this in mind, the LSTCA Board has been researching options for the boat for over a year. This spring we were faced with the following options for the boat:

- Keep the boat and pay \$3000 plus for annual insurance, plus upkeep expenses for a boat that was not being used
- Sell the boat which would entail hiring a boat broker, going through the effort of selling it, then giving the money back to the state (per the conditions of the original State Grant)
- Transfer the boat to the MatSu Borough for possible future considerations at no cost.

For what we feel were obvious reasons, the Board elected to pursue the third option. We certainly would have preferred to have received another boat in trade, or at least money that could have been repurposed for other emergency service needs. Unfortunately, this was not the situation we found ourselves in.

Attached to this notice are copies of the Board's letter to the Matanuska Susitna Borough, offering transfer of the boat and the Borough's response letter to the Board. Since the transfer, the Borough has provided a small measure of compensation to the LSTCA community, in the form of installation of a radio antenna and other equipment at the Public Safety Building. This will improve the ability of the Public Safety Building to serve as a command center, in the event of an emergency. The Borough has also agreed to pay for service for one of the Fire Department Satellite phones.

More than anything else, we hope that the transfer of the boat provides closure on a **divisive** issue in the community.

Ken Barkley
Deputy Director, Emergency Services
Matanuska Susitna Borough
350 E Dahlia Avenue
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Dear Mr. Barkley:

The Lake Louise Community Non-Profit Corporation (now the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association –LSTCA) obtained a legislative grant to procure a fire rescue boat for our community. Grant #13-DC-118 was awarded in 2012 and the boat was purchased and delivered in the spring of 2013. The LSTCA has spent the last several years attempting to utilize the boat. Ultimately, we have come to the conclusion that it is not a good fit for our lake system. We believe it would be better utilized in another fire department within the Matanuska Susitna Borough (MSB).

Therefore, the LSTCA would like to transfer the boat to the MSB Department of Emergency Services with the following considerations:

- The MSB agrees to follow the stipulations in the original grant from the State of Alaska,
- The boat is to be utilized for "public purposes" for its useful life,
- The MSB will provide proof of insurance prior to moving the boat from Lake Louise,
- Should the MSB decide the boat was no longer of use to them they would follow the stipulations of the State of Alaska for its transfer or disposal.
- As the MSB currently has no watercraft to "trade" for this boat, the LSTCA will be afforded the courtesy of first right of refusal on any watercraft that becomes available in the future.

The boat (HIN AHQ10035B313) is a 2013 Thunder Jet and with trailer (VIN 1G9BB2924DL401175) is valued at approximately \$100,000.00. Please let us know at your earliest convenience when you want to meet to transfer trailer title and boat ownership to the MSB.

Thank you and we look forward to working with the Matanuska Susitna Borough in the future.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Urbanus, President LSTCA

Cc: LSTCA Board of Directors
Kimberly Philips, State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Attachment: Alaska State Legislative Grant #13-DC-118



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

Department of Emergency Services

680 North Seward Meridian Parkway, Wasilla Alaska 99654
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June 10, 2016

Jeff Urbanus
President, LSTCA
HC 01 Box 1684B
Glennallen, AK 99588

Dear Mr. Urbanus,

I want to thank the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association (LSTCA) for the generosity of donating their "Thunder Jet" Emergency Response Boat and trailer to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB), Department of Emergency Services (DES).

I know this could not have been an easy decision. I have personally inspected the boat and found it to be in excellent condition. It is easy to see the pride and elbow grease that has gone into the care and maintenance of this water craft.

The boat will be placed in service on Big Lake, one of the busiest recreational lakes in the State of Alaska, under the careful leadership of Chief John Fairchild and his staff at the West Lakes Fire Department (WLFD). The WLFD has more than adequate funding to maintain and operate the boat with the same attention to pride and detail that the LSTCA did previously.

As per your stipulations the MSB DES will:

1. The MSB will follow the State of Alaska stipulations set forth in the original grant.
2. The "Thunder Jet" Emergency Response Boat will be used for public purposes exclusively for the remainder of its useful life.
3. The MSB *did* already provide proof of insurance prior to assuming ownership and moving the boat.
4. Should the MSB decide the boat is no longer of use to us we will transfer ownership or dispose of the boat as per the stipulations set forth in the original grant document.
5. Unfortunately, I do not have the authority to grant first right of refusal for surplus vehicles, boats, heavy equipment or equipment that may become available in the future. I will however, promise to do everything in my power to help the LSTCA secure vehicles, boats, heavy equipment or equipment that may become available in the future to the best of my ability. Should something become available that the community has identified that it wants please contact me immediately and I will communicate with the appropriate staff and management to do everything I can to ensure that LSTCA needs are met.

Once again, please accept my deepest appreciation for the enormous donation of the "Thunder Jet" Emergency Response Boat. I look forward to working together with the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association in the future to improve emergency services, or any service that I can help with for that matter.

If you have any questions or need assistance with anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



William F. Gamble

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