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Meeting Minutes

Date: July 6th 2015

Occasion: Board/General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:03 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum present, Community Quorum present

Agenda: Approved as written with addition of Geothermal report under unfinished business and Brian Grenier as person to be heard.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: June 1st, 2015 minutes approved as written.

Assembly Report: None

Officers Reports

Secretary: Reported Mat-Su Borough Emergency Services Director Bill Gamble emailed a Sockeye Fire Report that was available on sign-in table.

Treasurer: Gave written and oral finance report.

Chair:

Vice Chair: Reported on various agencies who have been using the Willow Community Center for Sockeye Fire related activities.

Past Chair: Brought

Committee Reports

1. Carnival: First meeting will be July 20th at 7pm at the community center and will meet every 3rd. There was a reminder of a photo contest, for the Winter Carnival, of pictures around the community of Sandhill Cranes.

2. Trails: Lucky Shot Bridge is almost done and sustained no damage from the fire. Grant cycle is coming up this fall please come to meetings to suggest any trail needs and how to apply for grants.

3. CERT: CERT Received a round of applause for the work they did during the Sockeye Fire and especially the work done by Brenda McCain keeping the community apprised of all the pertinent information distributed by various agencies via the WACO email list. Nine cert members helped with the 4th of July Parade and it was reported that there were issues with the train and the candy being thrown and people knowing when the end of the parade was.

4. Youth Forum: Tree cutting has been taking place this summer along with other improvements including the road into the park. Committee is reaching out to various grant funding sources. There will be a meeting August 5th at the Willow Community Center. The Youth Forum is now a 501 c (4) organization for donation purposes. Linda Oxley also gave a report on the 4th of July Parade and Picnic.

5. Willow Recycling: Willow Recycling gave out Otter Pops at the parade. They also presented a Memorandum of Agreement for Container Refurbishment for Recycling Purposes, Guidelines and Waivers that will be voted on at the next WACO meeting.

Unfinished Business: Geothermal update and report that a contract has been signed and construction will begin soon. It was requested that the plans be upgraded to include A/C. Tom Phillips and Bill Arterburn will be point people to give updates.

New Business: Sockeye Fire report - 72,020 acres, 55 structures, 44 sheds, 377 properties affected. The fire is now classified as a Type 4 fire and infrared will be utilized to find hotspots.

Costs for fighting the fire estimated at 7 million dollars. District Attorney will now allow any information to be shared concerning the cause of the fire pending charges being filed.

Persons to be heard - John Anderson addressed the issue of the email list.

At-Large Representative Reports

Val Schachle - Addressed the purpose of the email list for WACO and that the web page has information regarding usage. She apologized for a couple of inappropriate political messages that were posted and asked that we move on.* She also reported she had been contacted about the signs for the Willow Get Together. 4th of the July Picnic and Parade needs to have a committee formed.

Jamie High - none

Bill Arterburn - none

Carrie Smolden - Has been contacted regarding the Willow Library Project and Resources for Sockeye Fire victims. She has also been contacted about the WACO email list by people concerned about the way the email list is used.*

Local Groups

1. **Chamber of Commerce** - None
2. **Community Enrichment** - Reminder of Movie Night and Tai Kwando classes will be starting up again in the fall.
3. **Dog Musers** - Has \$100,000.00 in funds to distribute for Sockeye Fire Victims and have donated \$10,000.00 to Willow Rebuild Project. Meetings 3rd Wednesdays of the month at Willow Community Center at 7pm.
4. **Emergency Services** - Fire Department. 11 calls -1 building fire, 2 canceled en route, 3 medical assists, 1 authorized burn, 3 unauthorized burns and 1 wild land fire (Sockeye Fire).
5. **Garden Club** - None
6. **Library** - 4th of July Parade - passed out 218 books and "Hot Shot Kids" received free books. There are 52 Kids currently in Summer Reading Program. Feasibility Meeting for June postponed until early August due to Sockeye Fire. There will be drumming classes in September cost will be \$55.00 for four sessions.
7. **PTA** - None
8. **Lions Club** - None
9. **Willow Health Org** - None
10. **Ad Hoc Pipeline Committee** - Possible future meeting at Willow Community Center.

Announcements:

* Phill Rhode gave a history of the email and how the technical aspects work.

Doyle Holmes also commented on access of the list and political comment legality.

Hermann Spegal commented on his experience with email list.

Adjourned: 8:49pm

Next Meeting: August 3rd, 2015 at 7pm

SUBMITTED:

APPROVED:

Shane Starrett, Chair

Date

Debie Bloom, Secretary

Date