



Willow Area Community Organization
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Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2017

Occasion: General Meeting

Called to Order: 7:06 pm

Quorum: Board Quorum and Community Quorum present.

Agenda: Approved adding Kierre Childers from MEA and Patty White as guest speakers.

Minutes: December 9, 2016 minutes approved as written.

Borough Assembly Report: Randall reported there is a new Borough finance manager. WACO will receive \$12,900 in revenue share money this year. Borough Assembly is expected to pass an amendment on the revenue share at their next meeting. He clarified that the gold mine opening in Hatcher Pass will have a reduction plant at mile 76 and not a smelter. Mine representatives will be at the February 13th WACO meeting.

Officer Reports:

1. Secretary: Read a memo from Mat Su Recycling.

2. Treasurer: Sully's is shutting down next week so WACO should be looking for a new location to sell pull tabs.

3. Vice Chair: Kathy thanked those that helped clear out back room in WCC. Several pieces of equipment were sold. She received a new revised Borough WCC management agreement. She also developed a new facility use form for community groups that use WCC. The Borough will install new push button locks on WCC doors in July. In addition, they will fix ceiling tiles and an upstairs water pipe.

4. Chair: Comments page on file. Public access to water will no longer be available at Newman's. Asked if there could be a public water source developed at WCC. Fourteen families responded to the preschool needs assessment survey. Harry appointed the following Nominating Committee for officers for April election: Tam Boeve, Jane Newman and Madeline Gocke.

Guest Speakers:

1. Kierre said MEA is sending final letters and making phone calls to ask permission to clear dead trees outside the MEA right of way.

2. Patty White wants to have Willow Get Together on WCC grounds from Memorial Day to Labor Day every Saturday and Sunday.

Committee Reports:

1. Carnival: Discussed Kick Off Dinner tickets. Asked for help for various Carnival events.

2. Trails: Trails are useable. Mast Su grant cycle begins February 1. Park is open – parking lot plowed. Trails Committee has funding and permits to develop trail from park parking lot to Shirley Creek.

3. Youth Forum: Next meeting is February 2. Plan for park will be revised and costs estimated. New projects to be developed will be sledding hill and dog park. Working on gates for park.

4. CERT: Expressed thanks for year-end funds. Willow CERT will be part of Borough disaster team. There is a free class on Jan 19th on frostbite and heat exhaustion.

5. Willow Recycling: Door prize is reusable grocery bag and produce bags.

6. Fire Service: Eight calls last month. Four-mile structure opens on the 19th. Fire crew is building up ice on school skating rink.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- 1. Library Association would like to use WACO gaming permit for raffle.

MOTION: Allow Library Association to use WACO gaming permit for raffle. Motion seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimous.

At-Large Representative Reports:

- 1. Talon attended several community meetings.
- 2. Carrie had a person ask about gold mine.

Community Groups/Clubs

- 1. **Chamber of Commerce:** Assisted Willow True Value Hardware to put Christmas lights on large tree. Chamber sponsors permit for Carnival lake use. They provide outhouses and patrol lake for hazards in exchange for the permit.
- 2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
- 3. **Library:** Working on speaker list for future library events. Thanked WACO for end of year funds. Mentioned several ways to donate to library: pick – click – give and Fred Meyers Community Awards. Plans are finished for library upgrade; building will be in same location but twice the size. Will submit application for Capitol Improvement projects through legislature.
- 4. **Lion’s Club:** Bloodmobile will be at first Saturday at Winter Carnival. Call Tom for an appointment.
- 5. **Willow Health Organization:** No report.
- 6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Meeting Wednesday the 11th at 7pm in WCC.
- 7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** No report.
- 8. **Garden Club:** No meeting in January.
- 9. **LNG:** Nothing to report for some time so asked to remove from minutes.
- 10. **PTA:** School principal thanked Fire Service for building up the ice rink. School thanks WACO for end of year funds.

Persons to be Heard:

- 1. Jim Huston had some questions about the new Borough WCC management agreement. Harry suggested Jim outline his concerns and give them to him.
- 2. Harry has classes on Monday night in Wasilla and may be late for meetings.

Announcements: Short discussion on possible new vendors for pull tabs. Asked for suggestions from community members.

Adjourned 8:40 pm. Next Meeting February 13th.

SUBMITTED:

Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Harry Banks, Chair

Date