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*Meeting Minutes*

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*Date: April 3, 2017*

*Occasion: Annual Meeting*

*Called to Order: 7:04 pm*

**Quorum:** Board Quorum and Community Quorum present.

**Agenda:** Approved adding Kierre Childers as guest speaker for MEA.

**Minutes:** March 6, 2017 minutes approved as written.

**Borough Assembly Report:** No report.

**Officer Reports:**

**1. Secretary:** No report.

**2. Treasurer:** Vince said current Iditarod WCC rental agreement is up and he wants to renegotiate.

**3. Vice Chair:** Kathy said any group that uses facility for an event should make sure to return anything they use.

**4. Chair:** Lucky Shot Gold Mine is clearing land on their mine-processing site.

**Guest Speaker:**

Kierre Childer said MEA will not be clearing burned dead trees beyond right of way on land from mile 72 – 80 as they did not receive enough responses from land owners.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Carnival:** Held wrap up meeting for this year's carnival. Carnival 2018 planning meetings will start in August.

**2. Trails:** A contract for trail easement was let – Trails are getting soft – be careful.

**3. Youth Forum:** Borough has designated money for a vault type toilet to be installed in the new park but Youth Forum felt it would be too much liability right now. They plan to negotiate with the Borough on this.

**4. CERT:** WACO provided grant for CERT members to participate in a traffic control class. Monday, April 17th CERT will tour the Tsunami Warning center. There will be a Fire Safe Fire Smart event on May 6th in WCC.

**5. Willow Recycling:** Recycling was encouraged as it keeps material out of the landfill. Volunteers are always needed on recycle days.

**6. Fire Service:** There were 17 calls in March. Introduced new fire chief Rick Boothby. He will start April 17th. Rick spoke about his past fire experience.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Plastic Bag Committee request - read a statement about reasons people live in Willow (they like the outdoors) and said support of the plastic bag request would keep Willow clean from plastic bags.

**MOTION:** WACO donate \$200 to Mat Su Plastic Bag Committee for the purpose of advertising.  
Motion seconded. Discussion followed.

**FRIENDLY MOTION:** Add "expressly for advertising program". Friendly seconded.

**VOTE:** Yes 22, No 0 Friendly Motion passed.

Amended Motion: WACO donate \$200 to Mat Su Plastic Bag Committee expressly for their advertising program.

**VOTE** on Amended MOTION: Yes 16, No 4, Abstain 2 Amended Motion Passed

### **New Business**

1. WACO Board election results:  
Vice Chair: Jim Rogers  
Treasurer: Vince Viet  
Representative at Large: Carrie Smolden and Bill Mailer
2. Harry presented retiring Fire Chief Mahlon Green a Certificate of Appreciation from the community.
3. Carnival Theme ideas for 2018:
  1. Rainbow Trout
  2. Porcupine
  3. Ermine
  4. Woodpecker (Downey)
  5. Trumpeter Swan

A vote was taken from community and board and the winner was RAINBOW TROUT

4. A committee to review scholarship applications was formed with the following people: Bill Mailer, Kathy Watkins, Jim Rogers.

### **At-Large Representative Reports:**

1. Talon attended various meetings and will attend the recycling conference. She had questions from one person about the gold mine.
2. Carrie said they have one vendor who is interested in applying for pull-tabs. She will contact others that have applications to see if they will follow through.

### **Community Groups/Clubs**

1. **Chamber of Commerce:** No report.
2. **Community Enrichment:** No report.
3. **Library:** Discussed April activities. Starting to organize summer reading program. Raffle ticket drawing for the print will be in July. Thanks to all who donated to the library via pic/click/give.
4. **Lion's Club:** Raffle drawing to help support 5th grade fieldtrip brought in \$3,000. On April 28 there will be a Willow Leadership Development Program for high school students.
5. **Willow Health Organization:** April 15th is the Willow Health Fair.
6. **Willow Historical Wildlife Foundation:** Meeting April 12 at 7pm. There is a petition in the community requesting the Borough settle on lawsuit.
7. **Willow Dog Musers Association:** No report.
8. **Garden Club:** April 20th meeting at 7 pm in WCC on soil amendments and earthworm composting.
10. **PTA:** Pre K program was awarded a grant this year. There will be standardized tests for students this year. Willow had 40 projects at science fair. Thanks to all who helped at the Extravaganza.

### **Persons to be Heard/Announcements:**

1. Revenue Share this year is \$12,900.00. Application is on WACO web site. Geo Thermal grant came in \$1600 under budget.
2. April 22 is Chief Green retirement party.
3. April 27th Borough Assembly Budget hearing will be in Willow at 6 pm in WCC. If you can donate food contact Tam Boeve.
4. CERT received a \$500 grant.
5. Harry thanked Kathy Watkins for her service as temporary Vice-Chair.
6. Jim Rogers introduced himself.
7. Thanks to everyone who ran for WACO board.

**MOTION:** Destroy ballots if election property recorded. Motion seconded.

**VOTE:** Passed unanimous.

Adjourned 8:24 pm. Next Meeting May 1.

SUBMITTED:

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Secretary Date

APPROVED:

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Harry Banks, Chair Date