



Louise/Susitna/ Tyone Community Association



Spring 2020 Newsletter

A Letter From The President

LSTCA IS AT A CROSSROAD

The Lake Louise Community Nonprofit Corporation was established in 1995 to “promote and administer programs regarding the economics, communication, health and social needs of the Lake Louise Community”. The name of the corporation was changed to the Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association (LSTCA) in 2015 to better reflect the entire lake community encompassing the three lakes and surrounding areas.

LSTCA is treated by the MatSu Borough as a community council and has had some fairly significant clout in the borough. The LSTCA has accomplished numerous projects since its inception and has the potential to do more to further the needs of the lake community. A few of the more notable accomplishments are:

- the Fire Suppression Caches spread around the lakes for use by community members when needed;
- the purchase of large chemical fire extinguishers placed at the lodges to aid in suppressing vehicle or boat fires;
- the permit from the State of Alaska that allows the placement of the buoys at the channel;
- the purchase of liability insurance that covers activities at the channel;
- the purchase of Directors and Officers insurance that protects the board of directors;
- purchase of the warning signs placed at the channel and boat ramps;

Joke of the day:

A friend of mine used to live on a lake with lots of ducks. He moved because of all the bills.

- the purchase of the buoys for use at the channel and potentially in Cameron Cove;
- the purchase of a groomer that the Wolfpack snow machine club uses to groom the trails on the lake system in the winter;
- the improvements at the causeway boat ramp which improved the boat launch and parking area.

There are many more examples of projects that have been accomplished by the LSTCA over the years all to improve the “economics, communication, health, and social needs of the Lake Louise Community”.

The reason that the LSTCA is at a crossroad is because of the lack of interest and participation in the activities of the association. At the last annual meeting of the LSTCA in July of 2019, there was not a quorum of members nor a quorum of board members to have a legal meeting. Because of the lack of attendance, new board directors could not be elected. This critical action was postponed until the annual meeting which will be held on July 18, 2020 at 11am. The meeting will be at Lake Louise Lodge. The lakes community needs to get involved and attend this meeting and elect new director. Also, persons interested in being on the board need to come forward to so the vacant director seats can be filled.



Channel Report



We are proud to announce as of June 1st the water level is up and passage through the channel should be better this year. We are hoping for a wetter year than 2019. Boaters using the Channel during the 2019 boating season were faced with very low water conditions. Numerous long-time users of the Channel experienced the dubious honor of getting high-centered on the sand bars located on both sides of the Channel as well as inside the Channel. Boats stuck in the Channel passage caused some potentially dangerous conditions. Utilizing the North on the hour and South on the half hour for safe passage system was critical in reducing the hazards for all boaters. Unfortunately, there are still boaters, property owners and visitors, who do not follow the North – South Channel Passage system. This is very dangerous and it is a matter of time until there is a serious collision in the Channel. All it takes is a little bit of planning to ensure that you go through the Channel at the appropriate time. Let's all work to educate all boaters to help reduce the potential for a serious boat collision.

Numerous volunteers showed up for a work day at the Channel on August 10th. New high-visibility signs were erected on both ends of the Channel, the brush was cut on the Lake Louise side to improve visibility and trash was collected. Some buoys were repositioned in hopes of finding deeper water but unfortunately, there was no deeper water to be found. Here is hoping for better water levels in 2020.

A 6' by 10' storage shed has been purchased by the LSTCA to house the DR mower and other equipment at the channel. The DR mower has been stored outside the last several years and a storage shed was needed to house the mover and protect it from the elements. The Wolfpack helped haul the shed across the lake and position it. Thanks to the Wolfpack

Meeting

Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual meeting will be at Lake Louise Lodge on July 18th at 11am. Your attendance is requested. The 2019 LSTCA annual meeting was held at the Point Lodge on July 21st. The main purpose of the annual meeting is to elect new board members. There were three board seats up for election but unfortunately, there was not a quorum of directors' present and there were not enough members present for a quorum. So, it was not an official meeting of the LSTCA and therefore no official business could be conducted. It was determined the best course of action would be to leave the seats vacant until the 2020 annual meeting where new board members could be elected. Many thanks to the Point Lodge for hosting the meeting and providing the delicious lunch.



Bylaws Review and Revision

A committee was appointed by the board of directors at the September board meeting held at the Lake Louise Lodge. The committee members are Yvette Delaquito, Tree Farmer, and Joe Stam. The objective of the committee is to review the current bylaws and update as necessary.



We would like to thank everyone who helped remove the abandoned ice shack in Larsen bay. Thank you, Delaquito family, George Matulich , Chris Bahneman, Tanner Miller, Brunner family and everyone else who took time out of your day to help keep Lake Louise looking its best.



Lake Louise Road is a big issue. Let your voice be heard. Contact John.hoffman@alaska.gov and Timhaledistrict1@gmail.com to tell them the importance of fixing our road. We all deserve a safe road.



Your membership is the only way we can work together to make our community better. Our combined voice can work to improve our visibility and importance at the Borough and State level. This is how we can get road improvements, fire improvements, safety improvements and other items necessary for our community to thrive.

Only paid members can vote at meetings. Visit <http://www.lakelouisecommunity.info/join-us> to join us.



We have several board members who are leaving us this year. We would like to thank Dustin Overturf, Yvette Delaquito and Dalton Clark for there hard work and passion for our community. Last year we lost Ted Kinney and Kerin Fassler. This means we have 5 positions to fill. If you are interested in making a difference in our community and joining the Lake Louise Susitna Tyone Community Association please contact any board member.



Be safe this Summer: Remember to use VHF channel 11 for channel traffic. All traffic should move north at the top of the hour and south at the bottom of the hour. Please no fishing in the channel. Thank you!



The Copper River Wrestling Booster Club performed a cleanup between Wolverine and Evergreen Lodges May 30th. They partnered with Ken Soldin at 3 Lakes Rental for the equipment. Thank you all for the work!



The Fire Department led by John Hicks has been working hard to put out satellite phones and maintaining the fire boxes. All three lakes have satellite phones and fire boxes in the event you need to use them. All phones are located in boxes like the one pictured above. We are working on a map of locations of the phones and fire boxes that can be distributed to everyone.



We all know emergencies happen. In the case you are needing help please call 911. If you need immediate help please call the local lodges. Several of the lodges carry medical kits that can be used to stabilize someone until help can arrive.

Because everyone needs to laugh.



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