**LOUISE / SUSITNA / TYONE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LSTCA)**

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Mar 20, 2021, The Point Lodge**

The LSTCA Board Meeting was called to order at 11:19 by Joe Stam, President.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Stam, President

Kerin Fassler, Secretary

Jake Anders, Acting Treasurer

JoAnn Hobbs, Member (via Zoom)

Kristina Murray (via Zoom)

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Wendy Simpson

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Tim Hale, MSB District Representative

Jenny Moser, Division of Forestry

**COMMUNITY ATTENDEES**

Ken Hobbs, The Point Lodge

Ken Soldin, Three Lakes Rentals

**QUORUM:**

A quorum of board members was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Stam.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

The Minutes of the Jan 9, 2021, board meeting were read. Motion made by Jake Anders to approve minutes, was seconded by Joe Stam and approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The treasurer’s report was presented by Jake Anders. The FY 2022 Project Funding Request was submitted to the MSB. We have been awarded our annual $15,789.00 as expected. Our expiring funds of FY18 and FY19 have been extended for use to Dec 31, 2021. Tim Hale indicated that should another extension be required for expiring funding, it is possible that the MSB will grant it. There is approximately $4,000 in FY18 funding and $20,000 in FY19 funding. Total funds available as of Mar 21, 2021 were $95,179.04. $93,646.08 is in Money Market Account, Share Draft has $1,505.55 and Primary Share has $27.41. Motion made by Kerin Fassler to approve the treasurer’s report and seconded by Joe Stam. MOTION PASSED.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* Joe Stam presented the completed brochure/map of the area to the group. 500 copies were printed for a total cost of $338.00. Lots of good information including maps of Lakes Louise and Susitna. The brochure was well received. Copies will be provided to various locations for public use.
* Neighborhood Watch has done very well according to Ken Soldin. He indicated many trooper involved hunting issues have been resolved because of the information recorded from the installed camera. Ken Soldin suggested splitting the usage of the camera between two locations – Three Lakes Rentals and possible the grocery store based on seasonal changes to public use. It was determined that much of the traffic wouldn’t come close enough to the grocery store to make the change viable. The camera, therefore, will remain permanently where it is now located.
* Snowmachine club request for funding was discussed. Joe Stam motioned to appropriate $10,000 for support to them to assist in costs associated with trail grooming. Kerin Fassler seconded. MOTION PASSED.
* By-Laws Update – Jake Anders reported that he and Mike Fassler are the only two persons working on the bylaws update and expects to have a draft proposal for presentation at the annual meeting as planned.
* Dump Station Proposal to DOT Update – Jake indicated there are two issues involved – one is the lack of a sewage waste dump and the other being a large item dump. We have trash in the gravel pits and RV users are dumping their waste tanks along the roads as they leave the area. The possibility of using signage to deter illegal dumping, a request to DOT to maintain their gravel pits so RV users can’t use, and the re-opening of the old sewage lagoon were discussed. Ken Soldin is going to work with Tim Hale to check on the sewage lagoon that has a lease held by Wolverine Lodge to see if it can be worked. Jake Anders is going to work with Tim Hale to see if there is something the borough can do working with other government entities.
* Community Directory – Joe Stam has talked with Eileen Probasco and will get with her again to complete with Kerin Fassler. Kerin and Eileen have made contact in the past and will provide update at annual meeting.
* Newsletter – Ken Hobbs has volunteered to put together a newsletter for the area using our input. Kerin Fassler will provide a USB stick with the names and addresses of all local landowners (updated Aug 2020) as well as board members providing additional input.
* DNR Firewise Update – Jenny Moore of Dept of Forestry provided background information on the Firewise Program – what it does and how it works. She provided a brief handout explaining the Copper River Community Wildfire Protection Plans for our review. There are ten communities within this plan area. To provide input go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RSZJ25F> to take a 5 minute survey.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Joe Stam reported that there were two resignations from the board since the last meeting. Based on the election from last July, Kristina Murray had the next highest vote count and was nominated to fill the position held by recently elected Bari Gray. Jake Anders motioned to accept and Kerin Fassler seconded to approve. MOTION PASSED Also, Jim Else resigned and since we will be having elections in July it was determined to leave this post vacant since it only had four months remaining on it.
* Ice Road – There has been talk to open the area up to ice roads; however, no one on the board has heard of anyone in the community actually open to having ice roads. Joe Stam will talk to the Snowmachine Club to coordinate some kind official stand on no ice roads in our community.
* Caribou Hunting – Ken Soldin submitted a written proposal for the Board to review regarding the excessive number of problems encountered with hunters over hunting illegally. Each Board member will read and there will be discussion at the annual meeting. Kristina Murray is going to write a letter to Fish and Wildlife requesting assistance in this issue. Anticipation of the October hunting season requires us to look at this carefully or we will have the same problems we had this past hunting season in the fall.
* Tim Hale our new district representative (907-590-8243) introduced himself to the Board at this meeting. His main item of discussion at this time related to school bond reimbursement issues. A report outlining the details will be forwarded to us for our review. He also indicated transfer station rates have gone down slightly; however, we still do not have to pay transfer fees. It is the only perk we get from the MSB. He will also check into school transportation for children attending schools in the area. It is not known how many would use the bus as most of our community consists of adults.
* There are no EMS changes to our area. We have some emergency equipment at lodges, but there is currently only fire service on the lakes.
* Oversize Disposal Weekend – Ken Soldin will work with the MSB to see if we can get a dumpster up here that we will pay for to dispose those old refrigerators, stoves, and larger items that the current dumpsters cannot handle. A dumpster up here in the winter is best for those who must haul out over the frozen lakes.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

A short Executive Board Meeting will follow after adjournment.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be our annual meeting on July 10, 2021 at 11:00 at The Point Lodge. There will be a community picnic afterwards.

Kerin Fassler motioned to adjourn, Joe Stam seconded. MOTION PASSED. Meeting adjourned 12:56.

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Kerin Fassler, Secretary Date

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Joe Stam, President Date