

Seward State Parks Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes

May 10, 2016 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

AVTEC Culinary Arts Building Banquet Room, 518 Third Ave

I. Call to Order

- A. Call to Order
- B. Minutes-taker: Carol
- C. Roll Call: Carol Griswold, Mark Luttrell, Paul Paquette, Terry Rude, Dan Walker, Herb Wottlin
Board members absent: Benjamin Pister
State Park Staff present: Jack Ransom, Andy Bacon
Public members present: Stephanie Wright
- D. Minutes Approval: Dan moved, Mark second, unanimous with 2 revisions
- E. Agenda Changes and Approval: unanimous with 1 addition to New Business

II. Public Comments/Presentations: Stephanie expressed interest in serving as a board member.

III. Reports:

A. State Park Staff Report:

Jack R: Alaska Conservation Corps (ACC) position readvertised. Due to budget cuts, his recent training was held in Soldotna. No further budget cuts are anticipated this year. Office and boat storage lease with AVTEC still underway. No updates on purchase of USFS boat, but volunteers can once again be transported by state park vessels. Jack did request that the brochure be posted on the website. New directional signs are on order. LPSRS hosts will arrive in about 20 days. There will not be a host for North Beach. Legislature agreed to let state parks sell merchandise, but did not fund purchase of same. Need to continue board recruitment to replace retiring board members. Terry, a retiring founding board member, was honored with a certificate of appreciation.

Andy: 3 trail crew positions filled, work on Tonsina Trail switchback, boardwalk extensions for Tonsina Point, and gravel for pavilion will start the second week in June. Andy built a new set of stairs and a landing for the Derby Cove PUC. Bulletins will be protected with several coats of Krylon as lamination is not an option.

B. Committee Reports:

- 1. Lands and Property (Carol, Mark L) no report
- 2. Education, Publicity, and Interpretation: (Carol, Terry, Dan) no report
- 3. Public Use Cabins (Paul, Terry, Herb): stick frame cabin may be possible in partnership with AVTEC, but approval, funding, and site issues remain
- 4. Legislative (Benjamin) no report

IV. Old Business none

V. New Business

1. Illegal parking: Vans, buses, private vehicles with and without boat trailers, and commercial kayak companies with trailers continue to park illegally along the borough

ROW near LPSRS. This creates life/safety issues for the public, Lowell Point community, and emergency responders due to narrowed roadway and restricted access.

2. Possible parking solutions: provide more parking through lease or purchase of property near LPSRS, the public could request enforcement by Troopers or KPB Enforcement Officer, request “unload and go” by kayak companies through their State Park permit. This is a long-standing problem and discussion will continue.

VI. Correspondence none

VII. Public Comment: Stephanie requested more information on the Tonsina Trail project.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Board Comments: thanks expressed to Herb for his contributions to the board.
- B. Date/Location of Next Meeting: September 13, 2016, AVEC Culinary Arts
- C. Motion to Adjourn: Paul moved, Terry second, unanimous at 6:30 pm