

Seward State Parks Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10th 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
AVTEC Culinary Arts Building Banquet Room, 518 Third Ave

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:07 by Chair Dan Walker.
- B. Roll Call: Benjamin Pister, Terry Rude, Carol Griswold, John Eavis, Mark Luttrell, (minutes), Mark Dalpes, Paul Paquette, Pat O’Leary, Dan Walker
Board members absent: Herb Wottlin
State Park Staff present: Jack Ransom, Andy Bacon
Public present: None
- C. Minutes Approval: *Approved with minor changes by Carol. Carol moved for approval.*
- D. Agenda Changes and Approval: *No changes and agenda approved.*

II. Public Comments/Presentations:

- *No public present.*

III. Reports:

A. State Park Staff Report:

- *Jack R provided an example of letterhead for the board to consider.*
- *Jack R: Paul Paquette and Herb Wottlin approved by director*
- *Andy has been improving the bunkhouse.*
- *Jack R reported that he and State Parks Pam Russell and DMLW Candace Snow can find no evidence of private landholdings in Thumb Cove SMP. Private land parcel exists within DNR land to the north. John mentioned that DNR was the entity to contact re Miller’s Landing permit application (historic). Presumption that alleged lien on parcel by _____ Yacht Club was for a mooring buoy. The alleged lien came to light via KPB website. John will contact KPB for clarification.*
- *Jack R: PWS ranger position probably eliminated, which will mean more work for Seward based staff.*
- *Historic grant availability deadline has passed. Pat volunteered to revive the effort to get Fort McGilvray on the National Register. Jack R thinks we should still pursue. Carol asked that in light of park budget reductions elsewhere, is there a way to highlight the value of our Park units? Counting user visits, PUC and season permits was discussed as evidence of use and thus value.*

B. Committee Reports:

1. Lands and Property

- *Brief discussion of Kenai Area Plan as important public document that will help support the idea of a northern expansion of Thumb Cove SMP.*

2. Education and Interpretation:

- *Carol and Terry have worked up three new bulletins for Lowell Point, Caines Head and Hiking within CH. Carol has done extensive creation and revision and will continue to improve the signs.*
- *Discussed the value of firm names for trails and trail segments.*
- *Sign plan discussed which would cover class A signs as well as smaller ones. Small signs can be paid for locally and under \$2500. Class A signs require more design, fabrication and installation so higher cost.*

3. Public Use Cabins

- *Mark D and Terry looked at possible sites for a cabin at Tonsina. They developed a checklist to guide selection.*
- *Mark D mentioned parking is a problem at lower Lowell Point lot. Discussed some minor improvements.*
- *Paul volunteered to be on the public use cabin committee,*

4. Legislative

- *John mentioned that he invited Senator Micciche to attend a SCAB meeting. Paul noted that the sewage lagoon issue might be another reason for the Senator to come to Seward.*

IV. Old Business

- A Approval of new board members.
 - *The board welcomed Paul.*
- B Confirm that Dan Walker sent out boat letter to legislators.
 - *Confirmed.*
 - *Carol moved that the board invite Micciche and Chenault to a SCAB meeting.*
- C Mining Camp update
 - *Andy determined that Pollux Aviation charges \$865/hour for helicopter. One of Pollux's helicopters is contracted to Godwin Dogsled and they set the hourly rate. Mark D discussed Hobbs hours (in the air) versus total project hours and mentioned that we might be able to use the helicopter from Adventure 60. Discussion of logistical efficiency. Terry mentioned that ASLC also uses a helicopter occasionally.*
 - *Carol wondered if miner Goreson had posted a bond. He hasn't and wasn't required to.*
- D Poems in Place
 - *Jack R hopes that poems will be available to us before the Aril 2015 SCAB meeting.*
- E Update on brochure
 - *Draft done.*

V. New Business

- A Review of 2015 goals.
- *Dan read each goal:*
 - * *Increase Park staffing. Budget dictates staff position.*
 - * *Maintain trail and cabins. A perpetual need and ongoing.*
 - * *Bear Glacier. Mark L said wasn't sure of KPB status and volunteered to confirm selection status with KPB.*
 - * *Mooring buoys. Jack R mentioned that there may be some local money. He reiterated the importance of the buoys for operations. Jack B is working on the concern. Motion (Pat): In our goal list, change the date of "in the spring of 2014" to "as soon as possible".*
 - * *Site Selection for shop and storage in Seward. Pat wondered if there could be value in joining Seward City Parks and Rec as they look for new office space.*
 - * *Develop historic preservation plan for Caines Head SRA. Discussion of which entity should update and develop the plan. Discussion of current status of plan. Jack R will determine the proper path before SCAB invests more time. Discussion of the distinction between a management plan and a historic preservation plan.*
- B 150th year historic preservation deadline has passed.
Rasmusen grant discussed and recognized that RBCA could be a receiving nonprofit.
- C Letterhead
- *Carol will draft some examples.*

VI. Correspondence

- *None*

VII. Public Comment

- *None*

VIII. Adjournment

A. Board Comments

- *Mark L mentioned that miner Goreson did not need a bond for his mining application.*
- *Carol invited SCAB members to attend a program about WWII in Resurrection Bay at the next Resurrection Bay Historical Society meeting (March 26).*
- *Motion made (Terry) to set the maximum number of SCAB members at 11 and solicit another member. Jack R will investigate policy and procedures.*

B. Date/Location of Next Meeting:

- *April 14 2015 at 5pm in the AVTEC Culinary Arts Building, banquet room.*

C. Motion to Adjourn

- *Made at 6:52 by John, 2nd by Carol and passed.*