

Seward State Parks Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes

January 12, 2016 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

AVTEC Culinary Arts Building Banquet Room, 518 Third Ave

I. Call to Order

- A. Call to Order: Chair Paul Paquette; 5:05 pm
- B. Minutes-taker: Dan
- C. Roll Call: John Eavis, Carol Griswold, Mark Luttrell, Paul Paquette, Dan Walker, Terry Rude, Benjamin Pister
 - Board members absent: Herb Wottlin
 - State Park Staff present: Jack Ransom, Andy Bacon
 - Public members present: None
- D. Minutes Approval: John/Paul as submitted
- E. Agenda Changes and Approval: none, unanimous approval

II. Public Comments/Presentations: None

III. Reports:

- A. State Park Staff Report: Jack Ransom:
 - Budget issues will get active when Legislature meets.
 - Shared a report on PUC statewide days, revenue part of the decision-making in budget. We are making good money with cabins in our area.
 - RFP is being offered to privatize the 3 for managing Valdez cabins as private business –available individual or in a package.
 - Some state inholdings are available for purchase.
 - Bear Creek Fire department might have space available for Park office and shop, and another place in town is being examined.
 - Road open to upper parking at Lowell Point.
- B. Committee Reports:
 - 1. **Lands and Property (Carol, Mark L, John)** None
 - 2. **Education, Publicity, and Interpretation: (Carol, Terry, Dan)** None
 - 3. **Public Use Cabins (Mark D, Paul, Terry, Herb)** Paul encouraged accessible PUCS and partnering with other organizations to fund, contribute, or build them. Accessibility is the main thing for PUCs, search for a funding source for handicap (vet) cabin in park. Board discussion of options and ideas for additional PUC.
 - 4. **Legislative (John, Benjamin) Carol /John moved and seconded, board approved that we sign the budget letter** being circulated in the state among CAB boards. Paul will sign with small edits and scan and email Brooks Ludwig. The board reviewed and edited a letter to KPB legislators, cc the governor to support increasing staffing in in Seward area. **Moved and Seconded by Dan/Terry unanimous to accept the revised letter.**

IV. Old Business

- 1. Letter to legislators by John re: increasing tech position from 8 to 12 months (see above)
- 2. Bylaws revision

- The board reviewed the bylaws. **Carol/Mark moved and seconded, board and adopted changes.** Most changes clarify language and intent or set dates and timelines to board action. The board will now consist of from 7-11 members and a quorum is four. New Revised Bylaws attached.
3. Goals review: Goals review has been tabled until the next meeting with the understanding that members will review the goals and share their ideas via email.

V. New Business None

VI. Correspondence None

VII. Public Comment None

VIII. Adjournment: 7:59 pm

A. Board Comments: Dan Walker will not be attending the next meeting
John will post public notices on Trails Board and Seward Paddlers
Association Facebook sites, Carol will post to SCN, Log, and Journal if free.

B. Date/Location of Next Meeting: February 9, 2016, AVEC Culinary Arts

Attachments:

- New Bylaws
- Staffing letter
- State parks funding letter
- Documents from Staff report