

Seward State Parks Citizens Advisory Board

Minutes

April 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
- B. Minutes-taker John Eavis
- C. Roll Call: John Eavis, Carol Griswold, Paul Paquette, Terry Rude, Herb Wottlin
Board members absent: Mark Luttrell, Benjamin Pister, Dan Walker
State Park Staff present: Jack Blackwell, Jack Ransom
Public members present: Catherine Page and David Leech
- D. Minutes Approval: John moved, Carol second, unanimous
- E. Agenda Changes and Approval: none and unanimous

II. Public Comments/Presentations: none

III. Reports:

A. State Park Staff Report:

Jack Blackwell:

- Budget still in flux
- Absorbing COLA in department budgets
- Grounded fishing boat remains on Sandspit Point State Marine Park. Carol noted concern over lack of notification to State Parks/chain of command issues. Jack B will follow up with DEC.

Jack Ransom:

- Andy coordinated with Doug from AVTEC to install new roofing on LPSRS bunkhouse.
- Will be leasing office and yard space at AVTEC near harbor.
- Still working on getting Forest Service boat, Board letter sent to director.
- Andy hired 3 trail crew workers for Tonsina Trail switchbacks project.
- Volunteer host recruited for North Beach ranger station part time. Primary task will be to track visitation.
- Reprinted bulletins for kiosks arrived; looking into lamination options.
- An applicant has expressed interest in being on the board.
- Paul asked when both sides of outhouses would open; Jack said they would clean and open soon.
- Andy and Jack Ransom are working on cabin openings; will be moving the stairs on the Derby Cove Cabin.

B. Committee Reports:

1. Lands and Property (Carol, Mark L, John) Carol asked about Moose Pass “ball diamond” and possible inclusion in Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA). This area is not in our area of management. Jack Blackwell talked about possible acquisition of private property at Lowell Point with EVOS funding if available for sale.
2. Education, Publicity, and Interpretation: (Carol, Terry, Dan) Jack R. to get brochure on website and check tide info. Carol designed a new sign re: tide danger for south end of Tonsina Beach. Suggestions for website revision would be a good goal for next fall.
3. Public Use Cabins (Paul, Terry, Herb) No report
4. Legislative (John, Benjamin) No report

IV. Old Business none

V. New Business

1. State Park directional signs for Lowell Point: Carol submitted graphics for new directional signs on road system at Lowell Point, vetted by Terry. Jack B said he would get these made in Soldotna as there is some capitol money for signs. A new replacement sign for “No Fires” at Lowell Point beach is needed as original one was removed; Jack R. will get a sign up and consider adding another one at the boat launch.

VI. Correspondence: none

VII. Public Comment: Cat Page asked about the private use cabin at Tonsina. Jack B noted the permit has been renewed for the next 5 years, and it is in compliance.

VIII. Adjournment

- A. Board Comments
- B. Date/Location of Next Meeting: May 10, 2016, AVEC Culinary Arts
- C. Motion to Adjourn: unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.